LSTA Advisory Council Minutes – August 20, 2014


Welcome and Announcements – Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. and ended about 3:30. Mary Lee Smith, unable to attend the LSTA meeting sent her regrets. Minutes from 10/17/2013 Advisory Council Meeting distributed and approved. Shirley Bailey accepted another position in Fort Collins, CO. New Mexico Library Foundation, Municipal League Libraries and other library groups will convene a session at NMLA in October to discuss the Needs of NM Libraries or the State of Libraries in NM

Review of unbudgeted 2014 LSTA Grant funds– Projected at $213,000 S. Bailey and J. Poole

Project Presentations from State Library Staff for 2014 LSTA Funds.
Explora/Science - Navajo Chapter Houses – A. McGrattan
Makerstate – Digital Literacy, Pitch a Program, Summer Reading Evance software- R. Cooper
Ref and Ill Librarian LSTA funded position; Best Reference Practices with RUSA Reference Trainers – L. Thornton. Presentations were followed by discussion, questions and answers.

Priorities and Recommendations - LSTA Advisory Council
1. Pitch a Program
2. After School Homework Help – Tutor.com or Brainfuse electronic database
3. Explora/Science for Families
4. Makerstate
5. & 6. TiED -Contract for Best Reference Practice RUSA Trainers and hire ILL/Ref Librarian
7. Summer Reading Program Evance software

Statewide Resource Sharing Projects – B. Carrington
1. For a union catalog NMSL could try OCLC again, this time using the WorldCat Discovery framework. 2. For bib records in a carefully defined scope NMSL could offer patrons a link to Interlibrary Loan. This could be a link to the State Library’s ILLiad or a customized WorldShare link. Resource sharing within WorldCat requires the participants to be OCLC members, so there needs to be funding consideration for the small libraries who aren’t OCLC members. 3. For automation help the State Library continues to offer Polaris, which works well for small research collections. Brad will investigate offering Koha to the public libraries. Brad will work on getting quotes and filling in the details.