

Development Bureau

Commission Meeting Points 4/25/2016

- State Grants in Aid NMAC
The hearing was held on 3/15. All went well – we had a productive process with involvement from affected parties. The Dev Bureau is recommending it move forward in adoption – without one proposed change that was controversial. The goal is to have it in place in June -- we look for a smooth and speedy delivery of State Aid next September.
- GO Bonds
We are in the process of closing down the 2012 GO Bonds. There is still many reimbursement requests to be processed – when the dust settles, we hope to have the bonds spent down satisfactorily. The 2016 bond language is expanded to include furniture & fixtures – this will be a huge boost for libraries in New Mexico, and will help with spend-down.
- Certification
This is a statutorily mandated function. We have been working on this key function – it is critical that we build up library directors’ background knowledge, get them prepared for their daily tasks as well as understand the larger concepts. Moreover, we realize many of the mid-size and larger libraries use the certification program to prepare staff. We have begun steps to make this a more rigorous program and are working with a contractor to start developing online delivery of preparation program. It will be delivered via Brightspace, which is the next iteration of Blackboard. This will take some time to get a solid, enduring program in place –we hope to have it up and running by this time next year.
- Annual Reports
Clean-up of the 2014/2015 data is underway and will be completed and submitted to the American Institutes for Research early next week. We are also working on finalizing the template for the 2015/2016 annual report. There are several new federal questions that have been added to the survey regarding circulation, retrieval of electronic information, electronic content use, and total collection use. There were also a few changes to existing questions to allow for more accurate data collection. This year’s survey will open around July 1, 2016 and will run through mid-August.
- Collaborations
As always there is a lot of stuff brewing here. In lean times, collaborations are a way to do more with less. We continue to explore potential programs with the SF Opera, and the FamilyPass is a success. The FamilyPass has been used over 4,000 times at DCA museums and historic sites. Plans are in the works to continue this pilot program and possibly expand it.

- Tribal Libraries

TLP Coordinator Alana McGrattan is busy as always! Speaking of collaborations, Alana has been working with Museum of Indian Arts and Culture to continue the successful summer reading program from last year. She is also supporting tribal libraries as they endeavor to jump into eRate. The library in Torreon is up and running, and Crownpoint Outreach Specialist Jeanne Whitehorse is checking on it routinely.

- Continuing Education Forum

Santa Fe is playing host to this year's Continuing Education Forum. It will be held at the Hotel Santa Fe August 29-31. The CE forum was founded in 1994 to allow Continuing Education Coordinators from each state to interact and collaborate on best practices for developing and providing professional development opportunities for library staff. This year's theme is *People, Programs and Partnerships* and we have scheduled several engaging speakers to discuss how partnerships within the community can benefit public libraries. We look forward to hosting as many members from each state in what is to be an exciting and valuable conference.