



## Highlands Regional Library Cooperative

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### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 6-27-06  
**To:** Ernie Jaeger; Michele Nestory; Joanne Roukens  
**From:** Pat Lawson  
**Re:** HRLC Funding and Resource Development Taskforce

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**Next Meeting:** 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 26, 2006

**Present:** Joanne Roukens, Ernie Jaeger, Pat Lawson, Michele Nestory

#### Best Wishes, Donna

Joanne reported that Donna has accepted a position with the Orange County (FL) Library System. Donna is willing to continue sharing her expertise with the Valuing Libraries project. Thanks and congratulations to Donna.

#### New Member

We decided to see if any members are interested in joining the Task Force.

#### Reports from Joanne

Since Donna has departed for Florida, Joanne will go to the Arizona State Library to present the two-day Valuing Libraries Workshop for the public libraries of that state. Joanne will also present a repeat of the workshop this Fall for Highlands.

There were many favorable comments on the Highlands Membership Meeting. This Task Force will continue, and those present are willing to remain on it.

Joanne also mentioned **Long Overdue** ([www.lff.org/long\\_overdue061306.html](http://www.lff.org/long_overdue061306.html)), the report on a large survey conducted on behalf of Americans For Libraries. The study found that Americans usually rate their satisfaction with library service very highly, but that this appreciation does not always translate into strong support for the funding levels libraries need. We discussed steps we can take to help member libraries bridge this gap.

#### New Foundation Center Cooperating Collection

At the HRLC CE workshop of June 6, Geetali Basu of County College of Morris announced that there will soon be a second Cooperating Collection in HRLC, at Warren County Community College. It will include a print collection, as well as on-site access to the Foundation Center Database. Michele spoke of her positive experience with using the Foundation Center Database. We hope to include information on the new CC in a future member mailing. Pat reported that Geetali has offered to give a CE workshop on searching and using demographic and statistical data to support a grant application.

#### Projects in Progress

We discussed how best to accomplish our goal of tailoring the Valuing Libraries exercise to school librarians. Ernie has had excellent cooperation from colleagues in shaping the survey. The results should provide information that will help school librarians to make their case to their administrations and other constituencies, such as the ability to compare with similar districts and schools. We also discussed possible methods of delivering Valuing Libraries, from CE workshops to virtual meetings. Joanne reminded us that the workbooks necessary to perform the exercise are already available from the Task Force web page. Our efforts should include encouraging school librarians to apply the tools to their own needs. We set targets of September for the survey and MLK Day workshops for publicizing the Valuing Libraries Exercise toolkit to the target segment.



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### To-Do's

Ernie—

- Continue building the School Library Survey instrument, and working on the format
- Update and expand his "Grant Sources for Libraries" document on the web page

Pat—

- Contact David Orenstein of Warren County Community College about the new Cooperating Collection
- Contact Geetali Basu to seek permission to post notes from her CE workshop
- Use the ListServ to seek members willing to serve on this Task Force

Joanne—

- Tailor the Valuing Libraries spreadsheet to the needs of school librarians
- Reach out to Region school library members at upcoming meetings