

CUSP Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Bateman-Hall Board Room
1405 Foote Dr.

Attendance: Michaelena Hix, Catherine Black, Tomm Larson, Aaron Johnson, Marie Giraud, Pat Tucker and Margaret Wimborne

The Meeting was called to order at 6:45

Update on other CUSP committees: The Art committee is no longer together as they could not find a chair. The Transportation committee has not submitted anything yet about their recommendations, but hopefully they will soon.

Overview of Format for the Final Deliverable Written Report: See attached Format

Discussion/Amendments of the Final Interim Recommendations: There was a unanimous vote to combine some of our preliminary recommendations with a result of three recommendations. The bullets under each recommendation will be researched, revised, and adjusted by each sub committee. The overarching goal of these recommendations is to create a well educated and inclusive workforce for Idaho Falls' future.

1) Increase accessibility to, and develop resources for, lifelong learning

*Update and expand the City of Idaho Falls Education Web page

- Promote Idaho Falls as a community that champions and values life-long education
- Advertise higher educational opportunities and link access to those programs and courses
- Advertise K-12 Advanced Opportunities Program through local high schools
- Develop a list of existing educational programs and arts that have current and active links to those programs, such as the Zoo, The Art Museum, ARTitorium, Museum of Idaho, STEAM classes, etc...

*Restore funding to the library to support city educational opportunities through library expansion.

- Explore options that allow students and teachers to access library resources from school or anywhere.

*Establish a standing education committee to foster a relationship and partnership with local educational leadership that will address educational needs of the community.

2) Increase access to high quality early childcare and preschool opportunities that foster literacy and are limited for low and middle-income families.

- *Support and Invest in high-quality early childhood education for low and middle-income families.
- *Draft and Send a litter of support for legislation to support full day Kindergarten.
- *Advocate and work with state policy leaders to support state-funded preschools.
- *Establish an exploratory committee to develop and find funding for a high-quality pilot preschool.
- *Literacy (this section of the recommendation still needs to be developed)

3) Improving Accessibility and support for higher education

- *Expand the Mayor's Scholarship Program
 - Identify and expand funding to support more post-secondary educational opportunities for students.
 - Allocate a portion of scholarship funding for first generation students from a family's household to attend a technical or traditional college
- *Procure a transportation system withing the city to University Place and College of Eastern Idaho for all residents.
- *Create more internships with the City of Idaho Falls

Discussion/Division of Written Report Work:

Recommendation #1- Margaret Wimborne and Tomm Larson

Recommendation #2- Pat Tucker and Marie Giraud

Recommendation #3- Catherine Black and Aaron Johnson

*Michaelena Hix will be assisting each sub committee as needed and will develop a general statement for the overall goal of creating a well educated and inclusive workforce.

Our next meeting will be Saturday November 14th at 10am at the Bateman-Hall Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

CUSP Report Format

Section 1 : Title Page - Committee Title and Membership

Section 2: General Findings and Observations - positive and negative

- Administration/Budget
- Management
- Policy
- Political

Section 3: Recommendations - Listed in a Spreadsheet Format

Section 4: Signature Page

The written reports are the key by-product of this process. Concensus is encouraged, but not mandated. However, if there are divergent views that cannot be reconciled in the committee report, a minority report may be submitted.

Committees may divide workload into subcommittees. Committees will break out and meet to facilitate data gathering and collection stories, and examples of how the subject matter operates in our community.

Below is a list of programs the Library is providing the community.

More information on these programs can be found on the Library website www.ifpl.org or by calling the library at 208.612.8155 and asking for Robert.

This list does not include specifics about our workforce training program due to the short time frame to put this together. (The staff member most familiar with our workforce training was out ill.)

We offer certification and provide classes in Microsoft Office and other software programs.

The Library, pre-Covid, was in the process of creating a makerspace called Stream.

IT would offer 3-D printing, as well as coding classes for children and others, sewing machines for community use, a sound booth, a state of the art video editing station, a green screen, two cricut machines available for public use. As we discussed all of these services have been suspended due to Covid.

The most important thing that could be accomplished for the Library would be to stabilize ongoing funding.

The Library has enjoyed stable and increased funding for forty years, but that was changed in the recent past, and the Library is no longer regularly receiving additional funding. When the Library has to pay for salary increases and inflationary increases with flat funding, it will not take long for us to fall behind.

As you are aware, the Library was to complete a two-story addition this next year. Due to uncertain future funding, the structure has been revised to one story with the second story Teen/Stream (makerspace) area being put on hold due uncertain future funding.

I would be happy to discuss the future of the Library and the things we envision with any of the committee members.

Here is the list of programs that were offered as of March 1, 2020. If any of the committee would like a further explanation of any of the programs, please have them give me a call at 208.612.8155.

Programs and services in the Children's Department: 9/03/20

Current Programs:

- **End of Summer STEM Challenge** (Sept. 5-Sept. 30)
 - Download from website, use Beanstack app., or pick up at the library
- **My First Books** (Oct. 2020-May 2021)
 - Monthly visits to 5 Head Starts to deliver free books to underserved families
- **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

- Track books through Beanstack app or online
- **Early Literacy Challenge** (monthly)
 - Download from website or pick up at the library
- **Kinderprep**
 - Support families in preparing children for kindergarten
 - 9 workshops (online videos)
 - Activity packets
 - Download from website or pick up in the library

- **Grow Your Literacy Skills**

- Download from website or pick up at the library

- **Extreme Book Nerd for Kids** (Jan. 2 – Dec. 19)

- Download from website, use Beanstack app., or pick up at the library

- **Kids DIY** (do it yourself) Videos

- Online videos
- Projects are made from simple household materials

- **Grab-and-Take-Home Craft Kits** (monthly)

- 60-70 simple crafts in a paper bag

During COVID (finished now)

- **Virtual Escape Room** (online)
- **Story Walk/Obstacle Course** (outside activity)

Pre-COVID Programs:

- **Weekly programs** - (Every 3rd week of Story Time includes a fun craft)

- Monday

- Coding for Kids – 4pm
- Block Party – 4pm
- Kinderprep – 10:30am and 6pm
- Family Game Night – 7pm

- Tuesday

- Story Time – 9:30am and 10:30am
- Book Babies – 10:05am and 10:35am

- Tween Tuesday – 4pm
- Coding for kids – 4pm

- Wednesday
 - Story Time – 9:30am and 10:30am, 1pm
 - Book Babies – 10:05am and 10:35am
 - Exploration Station – 4pm
 - Coding for kids – 4pm
 - Chess Club – 7pm

- Thursday
 - Story Time – 9:30am and 10:30am
 - Book Babies – 10:05am and 10:35am
 - STEAM Club – 4pm
 - Coding for kids – 4pm
 - Family Story Time - 6pm

- Friday
 - Little Makers – 10:30am
 - Coding for kids – 4pm
 - Sensory Story Time- 4pm

- Saturday
 - Coding for Kids – 4pm
 - Spanish Story Time (monthly)
 - Family Movie (monthly)
 - Family Activity (monthly)

- **Seasonal:**
 - Summer Reading (June – August)
 - Winter Reading (Dec. - Mar.)
 - Extreme Book Nerd for Kids (yearly)
 - Dr. Seuss Day (March 2)
 - Block Fest (partnership)
 - Spring Break @the Library
 - National Library Week
 - Money Smart Week
 - Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros
 - Children's Book Week
 - May the 4th (Star Wars)
 - End of Summer Reading Celebration

- Banned Book Week
- Library Card Sign-Up Month
- Halloween Parade
- Family Read Week
- Thanksgiving Week activities
- Santa Story Time
- Noon Year's Eve
- Family Fun Day events

Services:

- **Curbside pickup**

- If patrons call and ask for a number of random picture books, we will pull the books when we have time and contact them when they are ready for pickup

- **Early Learning Kits** (coming this fall)

- 28 bags containing 2 books and a manipulative activity to support early childhood learning
- Support parents and children for early learning skills

- **Play Station** (available in children's area for free play)

- Puzzles
- Blocks
- Connects
- Coloring sheets

- **Book Bundles**

- 3-5 picture books bundled together
 - Facilitates easy choice of books for busy moms

- **Annotated book lists**

- **Creative book displays**

- **Reference assistance**

- Help to locate needed/requested physical materials
- Assist in digital resources and databases

- **Patron assistance**

- Update accounts
- Issue library cards to children and reissue lost adult cards
- Request library items for patrons

- **Preschool, Daycare and Elementary School Tours**

- Book care talk
- Explain how to get a library card
- Tour library
- Explain to older children how to use online catalog and databases

- **Periodic visits to schools**

- STEM activities
- Literacy nights
- Health fairs

Adult Programs

Curbside Delivery

Library Card Signup Month drawing

Great Book Giveaway

Extreme Book Nerd year-long reading challenge

Book Club in a Bag sets

Chess Club

Crazy Craft Chicks

Knit Together

Dungeons & Dragons

Go! Club

Trick or Treat-will your wrapped book be a trick or a treat?

Blind Date with a Book

March Madness

Scanning, faxing, and copying

Microfilm

Computer lab

Holds

Lynda.com

Consumer Reports

Learning Express

Heritage Quest

Rosetta Stone

Ebsco

Overdrive/Libby

Coming this fall

Binge Bags-check out an entire series