



BOARD REPORT

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TO: Library Board
FROM: Amanda Card, InterLINK Liaison
SUBJECT: InterLINK Report, October 2017

SUMMARY

This report constitutes the regular update from the InterLINK liaison.

PURPOSE

This report is for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the report for information.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The VPL 2020 Strategic Plan includes a focus on Sharing & Collaboration and seeks to foster a community that shares information, ideas & stories. The VPL board's liaison roles, while part of our standard governance practice, also support this initiative.

BACKGROUND

This report provides a summary of business discussed at the September 26th InterLINK meeting.

DISCUSSION

A review of the 2016-2019 InterLINK Strategic Plan and 2017 Operations Plan, facilitated by Michael Shoop, the Project LLEAD evaluation and assessment, the board self evaluation survey, DOC/2017/326182

and recommendations regarding a number of policies were the main agenda topics at the Board meeting on Tuesday, September 26.

InterLINK Strategic Plan

As part of the 2016 Strategic Planning process, the Board committed to reviewing the plan annually. Michael Shoop facilitated the review discussion with the Board, working through a series of questions on changes to the library sector and emerging trends. The Board reviewed the vision, mission and values statements. After discussion all were reaffirmed, with there being agreement that the description of the “innovation” value should be clarified to refer to InterLINK’s role in supporting innovation in member libraries. There was support for the strategic directions outlined in the plan, with discussion focusing on the need to ensure that capacity building applies to all member libraries and InterLINK continuing to support member libraries regarding measurement of outcomes.

The Board also reviewed the 2017 Operations Plan. M. Burris noted that some action items have been shifted towards the end of the year, primarily due to the workload arising from the partnership with the PNE.

Project LLEAD Evaluation and Assessment

M. Burris and M. Shoop provided a summary of the LLEAD evaluation. It was noted that there is overall a high degree of satisfaction and support for the program. Some adjustments could be considered with the goal of making it more accessible to libraries outside Metro Vancouver, with the caution that those adjustments should not affect the quality of the program.

Board Self Evaluation

After review by the Governance and Planning Committee, the results and any accompanying recommendations will be presented at the December 5 Board meeting.

Policy Development

M. Burris reviewed the policies being brought forward for Board consideration and approval:

- personnel (compiled from past documentation)
- financial controls (edited language)
- credit card (new)
- procurement (new)

It was noted that the personnel policies refer to same-sex partnerships with regard to spousal benefits, but that spousal benefits in general are not covered in the policies. M. Burris noted the oversight and will correct. The Board approved the policies.

Around the Table:

Construction and renovation projects at a number of member libraries, funding and strategic plan development, increasing demand for Wi-Fi access, the end of overdue fines and a new website at WhPL, a new Director search at GDPL, and BPLS's very successful drag queen storytime were among the topics of discussion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINAL REMARKS

InterLINK is a federation of 18 member libraries serving 2.8 million British Columbians (60% of the province's population), and provides an important forum for collaborative activities, member communication and sharing of best practices.