

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT
OCTOBER 4, 2015
Room 112, Penn Stater Conference Center
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES-APPROVED

Present: David Belanger
Marsha Everton
Dr. Robert Gallivan
Mary Garm
Louis LaBar
Allison Mackley
Sharon McRae
David Mitchell
Dr. Larry Nesbit
Cynthia Richey

Ex-Officio: Glenn Miller, Deputy Secretary & Commissioner for Libraries

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Commonwealth
Libraries

Brian Dawson, Bureau Director, Bureau of Library Development
Rita Jones, Administrative Officer, Office of Commonwealth Libraries
Alice Lubrecht, Bureau Director, Bureau of State Library

Guests: Carolyn Blatchley, Cumberland County Library System
Stephen Sarazin, Aston Public Library
David Schappert, Pennsylvania Library Association
Joseph Sherwood, Chester County Library System

1. Welcome & Introductions

Richey called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and welcomed all in attendance. Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes of the June 9, 2015 Meeting

MOTION: Approval of the minutes as submitted (attachment A)
MOVED BY: Marsha Everton
SECONDED BY: Louis LaBar
VOTE: Unanimous

3. Chair's Report – Cynthia Richey

Richey began her report by announcing newly appointed Acting Deputy Secretary for Libraries, Glenn Miller. She thanked the committee for coordination of the search, contributing their time and expertise, and recommending the candidate that was ultimately selected by the Department of Education. Richey summarized an overview of the previous year. The year included the departure of Stacey Aldrich, the creation of a GAC platform supported by the public, and a well-attended Open Forum at the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA) Conference. The PSLA Open Forum brought it to the attention of the GAC that many colleges and universities are eliminating library degree programs. The current situation of the budget impasse leads to many challenges for the newly appointed Deputy. Richey concluded by welcoming Glenn Miller.

4. Deputy Secretary Update – Glenn Miller

Deputy Secretary Miller began by thanking the GAC for the welcome and for their recommendation as he feels honored to have been selected. Miller acknowledges that he has a lot to learn, however, feels he is where he should be. The current situation with the budget impasse has led to meetings with staff and requests from the PDE budget office for reports on the impacts on the library and projects it supports. Miller did not have any good news to report and indicated that the state is not at a crisis point yet. If the Governor gets what he wants in the current budget this will decrease the pressure on succeeding budgets. In the meantime, libraries will continue to deliver services and stretch its dollars as best as they can. Miller also commented on the importance of school libraries and indicated that they should be supported. The impasse has placed many items on hold, including the re-opening of the library code and a draft of suggested changes for review. Miller concluded by reporting that he has met individually with about two-thirds of the full staff working under the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. He commented that they are doing amazing work and commends the fact that many have stated that they feel it is an honor to come to work every day.

5. Commonwealth Libraries Bureau Reports

a. Bureau of State Library – Alice Lubrecht

Lubrecht reported on the progress of the library website, the law library renovations, next steps for Internet Archives, and current programs at the State Library. The website update is still in process as the go live date has been pushed back to sometime next month. The new URL will be: www.statelibrary.pa.gov and will eliminate the need to click on several links beginning at the PDE website in order to find the State Library pages.

The Law Library ceiling has been completed and the next stage of renovations, the woodwork on the walls, will be underway beginning in October. The goal is to re-open the space early next spring, possibly on May 1, 2016.

Internet Archives has received a second scribe station which can travel to libraries to digitize materials. The first trial will be at the “Scranton Scan-a-thon” and applications are being reviewed for other sites to borrow the scribe station. Lubrecht explained that the borrower is responsible to assume the cost of shipping.

The State Library is currently holding one “Lunch and Learn” program per month and is pleased with the attendance of approximately 20-50 per session. Most are attended by state employees who work downtown since parking is an issue.

Lubrecht concluded by explaining that a connection has been made with the Whitaker Center program that offers resources to teachers. The plan is to bring in a group of teachers to the State Library for a visit so they can be made aware of the many resources offered by the State Library.

b. Bureau of Library Development – Brian Dawson

Dawson reported on the professional development programs held over the summer months, the new LSTA reporting process, and the current challenges with personnel in the bureau. The professional development programs included:

- The second year of the PA Library Director’s Institute concluded in September
- The Trustee Institute had 140 participants in attendance
- A program was held for front line staff that included technology competencies
- The current year of ILEAD will hold its final session in October
- Get Storied held 3 sessions
- Summer reading was continued again this past summer

Dawson explained that surveys will be distributed in order to confirm that the needs of those in the field are being met.

Dawson will have information in the future from IMLS on the reporting process for the expenditure of LSTA funds. IMLS is finalizing the documents and will provide updates on the process for filing year-end reports.

A hiring freeze is now in place due to the continuation of the budget impasse. Dawson reported that Claudia Koenig, an advisor in library development, retired effective August 22nd. The other vacancy considered a priority is the school library advisor position. The civil service exam is open and available for potential candidates; which is the first step in the process for filling that position once approvals can move forward.

- Garm had positive comments on the ILEAD program and shared the project that her group is working on.
- Miller commented that Secretary Rivera will meet with the ILEAD participants at the upcoming session.
- Everton commented on a possible partnership with WITF in order to raise visibility for the programs offered.
- Lubrecht commented that PCN has filmed several of the programs and the events are published on the employee bulletin board.

6. Rare Books Fund Update – Larry Nesbit

Nesbit summarized the history of the rare books fund and explained that the \$3 million allocation was set aside in a non-interest bearing account at Mansfield University. The annual appropriation stopped approximately twelve years ago and all reports within the past five years are of miscellaneous supplies and repairs for the Rare Books Library as reported to the Council (attachment B). At the previous meeting, Nesbit requested a collection development statement be created by Lubrecht and her staff. He suggested working on a plan to spend these funds according to a specific collection development plan with a focus on adding rare materials.

Lubrecht presented the collection development plan (attachment C) and explained each of the five focus areas. The final page included a draft budget with figures for each focus area and a line for maintenance replacement and emergencies.

A discussion took place to clarify the parameters of the spending plan. The suggestion was made to have flexibility built in so that State Library staff can act quickly in order to purchase a rare item for the collection. The consensus was to review the spending plan annually to make any necessary changes or updates.

MOTION: Approval of collection development plan
MOVED BY: David Mitchell
SECONDED BY: Sharon McRae
VOTE: Unanimous; with abstention by Nesbit

7. Strategic Plan and Council Platform Updates – Cynthia Richey

Richey reported that the GAC met yesterday afternoon, October 3rd, to discuss and update the strategic plan. The five priorities will continue as goals of the Council, these include:

- Create new support and funding streams for the State Library
- Raise the profile of the GAC as experts and advocates for PA libraries
- Develop sustainable and long-term commitment for Power Library
- Raise the awareness of the role all libraries play in the lives of PA citizens
- Build new, more relevant, flexible and up-to-date library code
- Update all GAC Guidelines & Policies

The GAC will update the platform to reflect the upcoming years 2016-2018. These priorities align with the strategic direction of the Council. The next steps discussed were to create a framework for collecting stories. Data has been collected with figures for library usage but the heart strings stories are what have more of an effect. This step will springboard off of the platform document.

8. Policy Committee Review – Mary Garm

Garm reported that there are two policies that are considered the priorities for review and updating. The first is the statewide library card as issues have been reported across the state. The second is the district library center agreement. Anne Kruger brought to the attention of the committee that this agreement has not been reviewed since 2003. Garm reports that the committee will meet in the near future and review these top two priorities.

9. Public Comments

Joe Sherwood stated that he looks forward to the GAC platform document and has some edits to his comments from the June minutes. He will send his comments for addition.

Prior to adjourning the Council reviewed the meetings scheduled for 2016. It was suggested and approved that the January meeting be moved to Tuesday, January 19, 2016 due to conflicts with ALA and the Farm Show.

MOTION: Approve the meeting schedule for 2016 as listed below:
January 19, 2016 Forum Building, Harrisburg
March 8, 2016 Forum Building, Harrisburg
May 13, 2016 PSLA Conference, Open Forum, Hershey
June 14, 2016 Forum Building, Harrisburg
October 15, 2016 Strategic Planning Session, Poconos
October 16, 2016 PaLA Conference, Meeting & Open Forum, Poconos
MOVED BY: Mary Garm
SECONDED BY: Robert Gallivan
VOTE: Unanimous

10. Adjourn

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 11:06 AM.
MOVED BY: Robert Gallivan
SECONDED BY: Marsha Everton
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Jones, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Libraries
Office of Commonwealth Libraries

Attachment A

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 9, 2015

Green Room, Forum Building

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: David Belanger
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Beth Bisbano, Library Development Advisor, Bureau of Library Development
Rita Jones, Administrative Officer, Office of Commonwealth Libraries
Alice Lubrecht, Bureau Director, Bureau of State Library
Linda Rohm, Education Admin Specialist, Bureau of Library Development

Guests: Joe Sherwood, Executive Director, Chester County Library System

1. Welcome & Introductions

Richey called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2015 Meeting

MOTION: Approval of the minutes as submitted (attachment A)
MOVED BY: David Belanger
SECONDED BY: Lou LaBar
VOTE: Unanimous

3. Chair's Report – Cynthia Richey

Richey began her report by reading a thank you card that Brian Dawson, Acting State Librarian, sent to Council thanking everyone for their support and get well wishes. Richey also acknowledged the efforts of Alice Lubrecht and Rita Jones on behalf of the State Librarian in his absence. Richey summarized the Open Forum which took place on Friday, May 1st during the Pennsylvania School Librarian Association (PSLA) Annual Conference. One item that was discussed was the fact that many library programs are being eliminated at institutions of higher education.

4. Overview and Update on State Library Projects – Alice Lubrecht

See attached report in print (attachment B). Lubrecht reported on the fact that the summer reading program, including STEM, has caught the attention of the press office at the Department of Education (PDE). The new press office contact, Nicole Reigelman, is planning to highlight the program with an emphasis on libraries that also provide food programs over the summer months. Belanger offered Delaware County as a potential library to visit as their program includes STEM and an after-school program with food. Richey commented that this is a positive move and could signal the beginning of a relationship in which PDE highlights library programs for good public relations.

Lubrecht shared a document created in order to explain the process to follow in order to apply for the school library advisor position. As with most positions under the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, there is a process to follow which is guided by civil service rules. Mackley offered to send it to the field and PSLA in order to distribute the information to interested candidates.

MOTION: Approve the distribution of informational document to library field
MOVED BY: David Mitchell
SECONDED BY: Allison Mackley
VOTE: Unanimous

Mackley asked for a status update on the school library guidelines that Sara Gerhart had been working on prior to resigning. Lubrecht responded that she and Susan Pannebaker plan to meet in the near future to look over the document that was recently located. The next step will be to plan a meeting of the committee that was working on these guidelines.

Lubrecht reported on the current status of the Law Library renovations. The Law Library remains closed since Capitol Preservation Committee has plans to do additional restoration work. Lubrecht met with an individual from CPC who provided an update on the status of the project. The bid for contractors will finalize in September with an anticipated October start date. A suggestion was made to hold a grand opening event for the Law Library post-renovations to coordinate with National Library week in May.

Lubrecht presented updates on LSTA and current projects. The broadband project that was very successful and had positive feedback from the field was discussed. More libraries are interested in funding and would like to be included should another round of grants be offered.

MOTION: Schedule the completion of the broadband project using LSTA funded grants
MOVED BY: Louis LaBar
SECONDED BY: Robert Gallivan
VOTE: Unanimous

A discussion took place regarding the funds for the Rare Collections Library currently held in an account at Mansfield University. The funds were initially used for the construction of the facility, to replace system parts, and to pay for any other needed materials. The distinction was made that these funds were not to be used for the annual maintenance contracts necessary for maintaining the systems once in place. With a balance remaining, Nesbit suggested spending a designated amount yearly for purchases for the rare collection. Currently, no guidelines are in place to direct the funds. All invoices are currently signed by the State Librarian and the Chair of the GAC, and then sent to the comptroller at Mansfield who is the designated fiscal agent.

MOTION: Develop a spending policy in writing to include a designated percentage for new materials and the usage of funds for preservation of current items at the discretion of the State Librarian. The policy should also spell out the role Mansfield University plays as fiscal agent for the funds and will continue past practices.
MOVED BY: Marsha Everton
SECONDED BY: Louis LaBar
VOTE: Unanimous; with abstention from Larry Nesbit

Also discussed was to work with Iren Snavely, Rare Books Librarian, to create a wish list of items to purchase as a guide. The Council also discussed looking for an organization to help assist in the future with the maintenance of these funds.

Lubrecht reported on district negotiations including district library center and library system visits made by Anne Kruger and Beth Bisbano. The report is in print with specific emphasis on the outdated guidelines which are dated 2003. Garm asked if there are particular issues that were identified or if it is just the date that is outdated. Bisbano offered that one issue is the date as well as how the funds are being used. Lubrecht stated she would send the charts electronically which demonstrate that the funds are being spent on salaries and benefits with not much else.

MOTION: Proposal to give blanket waivers for state aid again in 2015-16 as was given in 2014-15.
MOVED BY: David Mitchell
SECONDED BY: David Belanger
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: At the discretion of the State Librarian, new librarians should be granted extensions in order to complete the required amount of education for the position.
MOVED BY: David Mitchell
SECONDED BY: Robert Gallivan
VOTE: Unanimous

A discussion took place regarding municipalities and county funding for libraries. Belanger asked about the study on library funding that the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) conducted. Lubrecht stated that she has a copy and will meet with Glenn to discuss. Richey explained that the study was disappointing as it presented only raw data without analysis.

House Bill 1180 was discussed and how the issue is an ethical dilemma. Lubrecht explained that the proposal is to allow parents access to the library records of their minor children. The bill references paper circulation not database searches. Mackley commented that in school libraries this is a gray area. FERPA guides student records but does not make a definitive distinction that covers library records. Mackley further explained that because of state law library records are student records however; current process is they do not readily give out library information unless pressured by a parent they ultimately must share. Lubrecht wanted to make Council aware of the bill as it is currently being watched but does not plan to make noise in the hope that it will die out.

5. Strategic Plan Updates – Cynthia Richey

Richey reported that the main goal of the strategic plan is to raise awareness and increase visibility of libraries. Programs such as Get Storied, mental health training and access to ebooks have made progress toward this goal. Another issue to get in the spotlight is sustainable funding for items such as POWER Library. The strategic plan is currently in a holding pattern until a new State Librarian is named and in place.

6. The Governor’s Advisory Council’s Platform – Cynthia Richey

Richey thanked Council for their efforts in putting together the platform document. A copy was presented to Jones to include in the GAC file. PaLA will present the document at an upcoming meeting for their endorsement. Once endorsed by PaLA, it can be sent out to local organizations.

7. Search Committee Update – Mary Garm

Garm provided an update on the search for a new State Librarian. The committee met and completed the first round of interviews which were selected from a pool of thirty applicants. The goal is to make an announcement by August.

8. Public Comments

Joe Sherwood commented on a new space downtown that will have a ribbon cutting on July 3rd. This is a new addition to the Chester County Library system. Sherwood reported on the Montgomery County library which is not state-supported but receives district funds. The township is considering shifting to a 501©3 as they are looking for ways to cut budgets without adding anything to the tax base.

9. Adjourn

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM.
MOVED BY: Mary Garm
SECONDED BY: Louis LaBar
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Jones, Assistant to the State Librarian
Office of Commonwealth Libraries

Attachment B

UPDATED 9/28/15
RARE BOOKS ANALYSIS

| | FY 2010/11 | FY 2011/12 | FY 2012/13 | FY 2013/14 | FY 2014/15 | FY 2015/16 | TOTAL |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Bal. forward | \$771,405.54 | \$553,000.30 | \$542,981.79 | \$515,704.53 | \$509,719.53 | \$493,327.22 | |
| INCOME: | | | | | | | \$2,995,000.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | | | |
| Postage, UPS | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$204.50 |
| Telecom | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Advertising | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Printing & Duplicating | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$261.16 |
| Travel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$158.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$23,263.04 |
| Specialized Services | \$2,789.34 | \$5,149.00 | \$6,610.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$21,414.54 |
| Other misc services | \$21,200.40 | \$1,539.51 | \$20,667.26 | \$5,985.00 | \$16,392.31 | \$0.00 | \$2,043,364.60 |
| Food | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$60,156.08 |
| Other current charge | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,624.14 |
| Library Books | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Equipment & Furnishings | \$194,415.50 | \$3,330.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$514.50 |
| | | | | | | | \$347,712.22 |
| Balance | \$553,000.30 | \$542,981.79 | \$515,704.53 | \$509,719.53 | \$493,327.22 | \$493,327.22 | \$493,327.22 |

UPDATED 9/28/15

| | Carryforward Funding ** | FY 2014/15 Budget (new funding) | Expenditures 7/1/14-9/30/14 | Expenditures 10/1/14-12/31/14 | Expenditures 1/1/15-3/31/15 | Expenditures 4/1/15-6/30/15 | Year End Payable ck. Not issued as of 6/30/15 | 6/30/2015 Available Balances |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Postage | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Telecom | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| UPS | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Advertising | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Duplicating & Printing | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Travel | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Office Supplies/Educational | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Specialized Services | 17,784.00 | | 7,998.31 | | 7,784.00 | | 610.00 | 1,391.69 |
| Other Miscellaneous Services | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Maint. Supplies & Services | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Equip & Furnishings < \$5,000 * | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Food Service | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Other Current Charge | 491,935.53 | | | | | | | 491,935.53 |
| Library Books | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| EDP Equipment > \$5000 * | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Furniture & Furnishings | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | 509,719.53 | 0.00 | 7,998.31 | 0.00 | 7,784.00 | 0.00 | 610.00 | 493,327.22 |

*Due to an accounting policy change instituted during FY 2002, all assets purchased with a value less than \$5,000 were moved from a fixed asset to an operating expense object code.

** ADJUSTED CARRYFORWARD FUNDING TO REFLECT 2014/2015 BUDGET SPLITS. THE OVERALL AMOUNT IS EQUAL TO FY14 ENDING BALANCE

If you place your computer cursor over the red arrows, you will be able to view the detail behind the numbers.

Attachment C

Collection Development Plan

State Library of Pennsylvania Rare Collections

Throughout its history the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been the scene of many “firsts” in North America. This plan to develop the Rare Collections of the State Library of Pennsylvania over a four year period, from 2015-2019, projects areas of growth and conservation in the following subject areas: 1) Pennsylvania’s role in the American Revolution & Constitutional Convention (1776-1787), 2) Pennsylvania and the Industrial Revolution, 3) the development of early American science in Pennsylvania and 4) the growth of medicine in Pennsylvania. All of these subject areas are represented in the Rare Collections—in monographs, pamphlets and government documents. Current holdings in each of these areas provide a strong basis for further growth that will enhance the value of the Rare Collections and increase its use and enjoyment by scholars, students, legislators and the broader public.

Pennsylvania’s role in the Formation of the new Republic: The American Revolution & Constitutional Convention (1776-1787). Pennsylvania generally, and Philadelphia in particular, provided much of the geographical focus for the American Revolution that forged a new nation on the shores of North America. She also provided a number of the participants, who struggled for American freedom and worked to shape its governance. The Rare Collections of the State Library include writings by founding fathers such as George Clymer, John Dickinson, Thomas Fitzsimons, Jared Ingersoll, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, Gouveneur Morris, James Wilson, and of course, Benjamin Franklin. This list can, no doubt, be expanded. But, we should also endeavor to add to the sources describing the Revolution and Constitutional Convention by scouring the catalogs of rare book dealers in the Delaware Valley, the east coast and nationally.

Pennsylvania and the Industrial Revolution: Pennsylvania with abundant natural resources of coal, iron ore and (later) oil experienced profound changes during the industrial revolution in America. Eager to ship raw materials to urban factories, Pennsylvanians revolutionized its transportation network during the early 19th century with a combination of highways, canals and railroads, especially the interconnected rail and canal system known as the Main Line of Public Works, constructed between the years 1826 and 1834. Pittsburgh long served as a “jumping off point for steamboats, moving goods down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to Cincinnati and New Orleans.” After the Civil War it became an important industrial center, with mines, coke ovens and steel mills, built by magnates and entrepreneurs such as Andrew Lyman Holley, Henry Clay Frick and Andrew Carnegie. The Rare Collections of the State Library already possess important works by inventors such as Robert Fulton, significant business records such as the annual reports of the Pennsylvania Railroad, as well as court transcripts of the trial of the Molly Maguires. These resources have drawn scholars and students from around the country and across the Atlantic to do research at the State Library of Pennsylvania. But these resources, too, should be expanded to cover other geographic areas of the commonwealth.

Early American science in Pennsylvania: Within the British American colonies and the early American republic, Pennsylvania in large measure served as a cradle of American science. Philadelphia, known internationally as the “Athens of America,” was home to the Academy of Natural Sciences, the first natural history museum and research institute in the Americas. The roster of early Pennsylvania scientists and naturalists, including Benjamin Franklin, John and William Bartram, David Rittenhouse, Alexander Wilson, Benjamin Smith Barton, Frederick Valentine Melsheimer, Thomas Say, John Lawrence LeConte, Samuel Stehman Haldeman, Alexander Dallas Bache, reads like a “who’s who” list of modern science. Although the Rare Collections already contain many of their works, these should be augmented.

Early Medicine in Pennsylvania: Beginning with the Pennsylvania Hospital, 1751 (the first hospital in the nation), the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, 1765 (the oldest medical school in the United States) and institutions such as the Philadelphia College of Physicians, 1784 (the oldest private medical society in the United States), Pennsylvanians have laid the foundations of American medicine. Pennsylvanians such as William Shippen, Benjamin Rush, Bodo Otto, and James Hutchinson were instrumental in founding these key institutions that provided the bases of American medical education and practice. Subsequent generations of Pennsylvania physicians and surgeons, including Samuel George Morton, James Tyson, Theodore Wormley, and Victor Heiser made important contributions to the fields of psychology, pathology, toxicology and public health. Although the Rare Collections of the State Library of Pennsylvania contain some of their published writings, this area of the collection needs to be strengthened to make it a better resource for scholars and students.

Pennsylvania Imprints Collection: Pennsylvania presses have played an important role in the history of the United States from the colonial period forward. As such, a key general component within the State Library’s Rare Collections Library is the Pennsylvania Imprints Collection. Comprised of publications from the presses of Pennsylvania’s towns and cities, these imprints span the 18th through the 20th centuries. The State Library attempts to increase its holdings of Pennsylvania imprints annually; so that any spending plan must consider regular increases to this vital part of the Rare Collections.

1) Pennsylvania’s role in the formation of the new [American] Republic, 2) Pennsylvania and the Industrial Revolution, 3) Early American science in Pennsylvania, and 4) Early Medicine in Pennsylvania are each significant subject areas within the State Library’s Rare Collections. Along with the Pennsylvania Imprints Collection, they document the historic contributions of Pennsylvania residents to the political, industrial, scientific and medical development of the Commonwealth and the nation. Nevertheless, each collection has gaps to fill and important authors not represented. Our aim is to systematically search for and purchase rare materials that strengthen the Rare Collections in these key subject areas. The result will be a Rare Collections Library that better describes Pennsylvania’s long and complex story.

A rough estimate of purchasing follows. Titles can be provided for the July 2015-June 2016 period by March 2016.

Maintenance replacement and emergencies will cover costs not included in the maintenance contracts covered by state budget dollars. In the coming year, that will include working with several contractors to implement changes recommended by the Rare Books consultant report.

| | | Total |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| July 2015-June 2016 | | |
| Maintenance replacement and emergencies | \$ 7,500.00 | |
| Pennsylvania imprints | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| PA role in new Republic | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| PA in the Industrial Revolution | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| PA in the development of science | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| PA and early medicine | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 33,500.00 |
| July 2016-June 2017 | | |
| Maintenance replacement and emergencies | \$ 7,500.00 | |
| Pennsylvania imprints | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| PA role in new Republic | \$ 3,000.00 | |
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| Pennsylvania imprints | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| PA role in new Republic | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| PA in the Industrial Revolution | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| PA in the development of science | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| PA and early medicine | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 33,500.00 |
| Overall Total | | \$ 134,000.00 |