

b) The Quarterly statistics were presented. Traffic was down at Central and the Regional libraries, but circulation continued to show positive increases. Public PC use was down but the Wi-Fi sessions increased exponentially. Although WiFi is used by customers coming to the library with their own computers, over 40 laptops are available for checkout at 13 branches. It has been a very popular program but has been impossible to distinguish between Wi-Fi usage on our TCCL laptops from customer laptop or smart phone usage. This obviously has had some impact on the Public PC use numbers, but when looking at the combined statistics the overall numbers are pleasing.

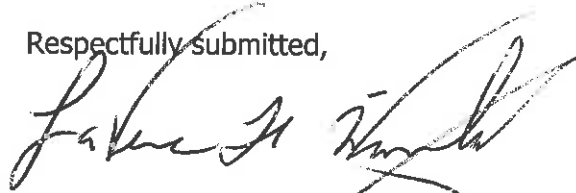
12) Laurie Sundborg gave the Legislative report. It included the following:

- Oklahoma Department of Libraries has been notified of a 7% budget cut for FY 2012. This translates into a budget of \$5,898,633 or a decrease of \$443,983 for the next fiscal year. In addition to continued loss of staff positions at ODL, effects of this cut in reduced state aid grants to public libraries and cuts in support for literacy services across the state are expected to be seen. Oklahoma will receive fewer federal grant dollars as the state funding decreases the amount of "maintenance of effort" falls. This 7% cut follow on the heels of approximately 13% in the past two years.
- The recommendation in SB 2140 to move the Archives and Records Division of ODL to the Office of State Finance appears to have been reversed and that department will remain at ODL currently. SB264 is legislation permitting school district deregulation is also of concern. This bill allows school districts to request exemption from regulation and function as a charter school removing the requirement to provide school library/media centers.
- CEO Gary Shaffer recently attended the American Library Association National Legislative Day in Washington DC. Gary joined a small delegation of Oklahoma librarians visiting with federal legislators. Susan McVey, Mr. Shaffer, and others met with Representative John Sullivan and Senator Inhofe's staffers. Mr. Shaffer advocated that "Libraries Change Lives," pointing out that libraries are everywhere with more national locations than either Starbucks or McDonald's. Compared to most social services they are open more convenient hours, and feature highly educated workforces. In addition to elected officials, Gary met with the director of the Institute for Museum and Library Services and members of her staff as well as policymakers of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- Commissioner Perry reported that no progress was made in this state legislative session to allow the County Commissioners to select a commissioner designee to serve on the Library Commission. Thus for the foreseeable future, he will continue to serve as the County's official commissioner to the Library Commission.
- New federal changes that will affect school libraries:
On May 17th the US Department of Education decided not to fund the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program for FY2012 funding. This program was the only federal program solely for the nation's school libraries supporting library materials, school libraries and professionally certified school librarians. This funding was withdrawn in order to launch new initiatives to bolster science, technology, engineering and math education, known as STEM education.

The next Regular Meeting of the Tulsa City-County Library Commission will be at **12:00 noon**, on **THURSDAY, June 16, 2011**, at the **Central Library** in the 4th floor conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "La Verne Ford Wimberly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

La Verne Ford Wimberly, Chairman

The final agenda was posted at the Central Library and on the Tulsa City-County Library Web page on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and a meeting notice with the City and County Clerks, at the Central Library, and on the Library web page announcing the meeting on May 5, 2011.