

# New York State Library Sponsored Central Library Directors Meeting March 12, 2008

**Meeting Room 3, Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY**

**Facilitator:** Bruce O'Connell, retired professional development director from Washington-Warren-Saratoga-Hamilton-Essex BOCES and currently a consultant/facilitator working in the education field. He will produce a written summary of meeting suitable for sharing with central library directors, public library system directors, key NYSED staff, others.

## Agenda:

**9:00 – 9:30** Sign-in / information

**9:30 – 10** Welcome – Carol Desch, Coordinator of Statewide Library Services

- Introductions/Go Around – Bruce
- What is the Central Library Directors Association? – Jim Sleeth
- History and Background of New York State Central Library Program – understand key purposes of Central Library Program – Janet Steiner
- Purpose of Meeting/Review what is to be discussed and desired outcomes – Bruce

**10 – 11:30** Breakout Session Number One – Reflection, discussion and report out

- Identify key target audiences of Central library program today
- Identify successes and failures
- What services/audiences are no longer relevant?
- In your opinion, what critical services are the New York State Central Library Program providing today (and to whom?) that are relevant in today's networked environment?

**11:30 to 12:30** Lunch on your own

**12:30 to 2:00** Breakout session Two – Reflection, discussion and report out

- Given current funding levels, what services/audiences will be achievable in 5 years? 10 years?
- With increased State support, what new services could Central Libraries deliver and to whom? Identify possible new services, audiences and strategies for reaching those audiences
- What is the relevance of the Central library program in today's networked environment?

**2:00 to 2:30** Summary of the day – go around, brain-storming, possible next steps

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