

Director's Council Notes

Meeting - Thursday, Jan 5, 2017, at MVLS; following workshop

Attendance: COB (D. Hedges), GLV (B. Madonna), JOH (E. Wing), MID (T. Pavoldi), NOR (M. Burnett), SHS (G. Wilday & K. Prada), SCP (K. Bradley)
MVLS (L. Gordon, S. O'Brien, S. Rokos, E. Trahan); JA (M. Largebeau)

Agenda

1. MVLS Board of Trustees meeting

Eric reported we still need trustees from Schoharie County, and provided an update on the planning process. All planning documents have been approved by DLD. Eric reviewed 3 new initiatives that grew out of the planning process:

- The new Member library Trustee Newsletter
- The new MVLS Communications Committee
- A potential new staff person to assist members with community engagement, communicating impact and advocacy.

2. Grants & MVLS Staff Info

Lois reported on Project Outcome, instituted through the NYSCA grants and designed to help with telling the library story. Webinar

Thursday, Jan 12 2 -3 PM, register at

<http://www.ala.org/pla/onlinelearning/webinars/projectoutcomeeasy>

NYSCA funding has been approved for 4 years. Send Lois book discussion titles by January 30. Please contact Lois with patron short and long term goals on Authors Among Us.

Sue reported on the Early Literacy grant. Beanstack will be paid for through the grant and Sue encourages libraries to participate. MVLS will have county wide meetings for libraries to discuss community resources & involvement. The March 2 workshop will be on how to do story times. Read it Forward will continue - 7 libraries participated last year.

Eric reported on the Advocacy Grant, deadline is 1/17.

3. Workshops & Meetings 2017
 - 2/9 - Summer Reading planning at SCP
 - 3/1 - NYLA Advocacy Day
 - 3/2 - Early Literacy Storytime training at CAN

Eric reviewed the Trustee Training opportunities that libraries are encouraged to host.

4. Central Library Issues
 - A Central Library workshop will be planned for April, with a topic related to community engagement. Karen encouraged members to communicate with Rob Lang about topics needed in the CBA collection. Eric mentioned the Central Library plans are on the MVLS website under Plan of Service.
5. JA Council / Polaris
 - Michele reported on the planned upgrade to be done in early March. The Parton Address project, patron purging and LEAP testing are ongoing. The new Security Policy will be approved soon. Fees in 2017 will increase to 10 cents per item and 11 cents per circulation transaction. A further fee increase to 11 cents per item is planned for 2018.
6. E-Resources
 - Sharon reported Overdrive use was up 4% in 2016, with audio use up 32%. There was a general discussion on promoting use and communicating value
7. Rotating collections
 - Holiday books survey is going out
 - DVD & Audio are being upgraded
 - Preview collections schedule have been updated - encourage having quick turnaround when collections come
8. Delivery system
 - Don't overfill bins!
9. Other business