

Director's Council Notes

Meeting - Thursday, June 1, 2017, at MVLS; following workshop

Attendance: AMS (N. Hemsley), COB (D. Hedges), GLV (B. Madonna), JOH (E. Wing), MID (T. Pavoldi), NOR (M. Burnett), SCP (K. Bradley)
MVLS (L. Gordon, S. O'Brien, S. Rokos, E. Trahan)

Agenda

1. MVLS Board of Trustees meeting

Eric reported we still need trustees from Schoharie and Schenectady Counties. Wade Abbott, the new MVLS Community Relations & Communications Specialist, will begin on June 12. Eric reviewed the 21st Century Libraries Initiative documents, and announced that he and Wade would be requesting time at member library board meetings to present the initiative to board members.

2. Grants & MVLS Staff Info

Lois reported: AAU info is due today! Adult Literacy grant applications are due on 6/12. Project Outcome will again be used for NYSCA evaluations. Lois will assist in setting this up. All libraries, whether participating in NYSCA or not, are encouraged to use Project Outcome resources for all evaluations. Lois also shared resources from the Fake News workshop.

Sue reported on the Early Literacy grant, Joyce will be doing the follow-up visits in the next month. The next workshop will be in the fall in Schoharie County. Sue is holding county meeting to help with early literacy planning. For the SRP, libraries have access to: more baseball cards, MiSci coupons, book raffle, new die-cuts and the Read it Forward program. Beanstack is also available with new resources.

Eric reported on the new round of the Advocacy Grant.

3. Workshops & Meetings 2017

6/14 - Sustainable Libraries at ROT

9/7 - Community Engagement

10/5 - Hi/Lo Book Discussions

11/2 - Youth Services for grade school age children

11/8 - 11 - NYLA at Saratoga Springs

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

4. Central Library Issues

A Central Library Advisory Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the fall.

5. JA Council / Polaris

The Security Policy has been approved and will be implemented with all account holders and users of generic accounts having to read and accept the policy sections for the resources that they have access to. The Patron Address Project is still in development. The goal is to have accurate data on the County, Town/City, School District and Library Service Area for every registered user. This will allow for more consistent responses to unserved and out-of-system borrowers.

The Novelist issue with the Polaris upgrade was discussed. Library staff is encouraged to the value of the Novelist database.

Sharon reminded everyone of the monthly patron purges: all with no activity for 7 years and fees under \$100 and not in collections are purged.

Email upgrade - no issues all went well

LEAP is available and is being used at ROT and JOH

6. E-Resources

Eric presented the chart outlining cost options for 2018. A Google survey will be sent out this week, with a reply deadline of Monday June 12. A general discussion of other e-resources options followed.

7. Rotating collections

AMS - any interest in a Civil War rotating collection using AMS resources?

8. Delivery system: No discussion

9. Other business

Discussion of fines and fine free, also hot spot lending.

AMS - maker space working well - 3D design & printing have a big learning curve.

COB - accounting practices re: accrual accounting.

Discussion of the 21st Century Library project

Discussion of LED lighting incentives