

## Director's Council Notes

Meeting - Thursday, September 7, 2017, at JOH; following workshop

**Attendance:** AMS (N. Hemsley), COB (D. Hedges), FTP (W. Hubbard), GLV (N. Hauser), JOH (E. Wing), NOR (M. Burnett), SCP (K. Bradley), SHO (C. Caiazzo)  
MVLS (W. Abbott, L. Gordon, S. O'Brien, S. Rokos, E. Trahan)

## Agenda

### 1. MVLS Board of Trustees meeting

The MVLS Board will next meet on 9/21. The October meeting (10/19) will be at COB.

Eric reported we still need trustees from Schoharie and Schenectady Counties.

Three topics discussed at recent meetings were reviewed:

NYS Paid Family Medical Leave must be provided by all Association libraries starting 1/1/2018. Your NYS disability insurance carrier will set this up for you. Public and school district libraries may opt in, but are not required to participate.

Seven MVLS libraries need to bring their Charter/Bylaws into line with current practice concerning number of trustees and trustee terms.

NYS DLD is working to develop new Minimum Standards for libraries.

The proposed standards are online at:

[http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/excerpts/finished\\_regs/902-revision.htm#revision902](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/excerpts/finished_regs/902-revision.htm#revision902)

### 2. Grants & MVLS Staff Info

Lois reported: There are six applicants for construction funding, and \$635,290 to distribute. The committee is meeting on 9/11

NYSCA - Lois encouraged participants to explore ways to increase attendance at programs.

Sue reported on the NYS Family Lit - NYS ready to read projects,

including Beanstack. Libraries are encouraged to work with Sue in getting the full benefit from this grant-funded resource. A workshop is planned for mid November. As with past Family Lit workshops, participants are eligible for follow-up activities and materials Science programs are still available - although the Mi-Sci partnership grant is ending. MVLS STEM kits are available & growing

Eric reported on Dream & Do & NYLA Conference grants. Dream & Do grants are due on 9/19.

The laptop lab is close to the end of its life. Eric asked everyone to think about their current technology needs.

### 3. Workshops & Meetings 2017 - 2018

9/20 - Adult Programming Roundtable

9/23 - Play & Learn workshop in Rochester - MVLS van

10/5 - Beyond an Apple A Day - Engage for Health

10/19 - Hi/Lo Book Discussions

11/1 - Infomingle

11/2 - Middle Childhood Matters - 6-12 year olds

11/8 - 11 - NYLA at Saratoga Springs

1/4/18 - Best of the Best

2/1/18 - SRP (SCP)

3/1/18 Everyone Serves Young Children (SCP)

4/12/18 Teen Meetup at East Greenbush

### 4. Central Library Issues

A Central Library Advisory Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the fall. The group discussed several options for the spring 2018 workshop, including Customer Service, Human Resources/Relations/Personnel Management

### 5. JA Council / Polaris

Council will meet on 9/13. Several budget-related issues were discussed, including the Novelist costs and use, increasing annual fees from III, and the JA member fees. Security policy implementation was also discussed.

6. E-Resources

The allocation will be \$75,000 for 2018. Bills will go out in December. Thoughts for new resources were briefly discussed.

7. Rotating collections

Sue is ordering audio & graphic novels. VOYA is again available.

8. Delivery system: Drivers at libraries at off hours are security (FON).

Be careful not to overpack bins! Please send preview collections around in a timely manner!

9. Other business

JOH shared their Kindergarten readiness calendar, now in its second year.