

Director's Council Notes

Meeting - Thursday, May 3, 2018 at COB: 9:30 AM

Attendance: COB (D. Hedges), FTP (W. Hubbard), GLV (B. Madonna), JOH (E. Wing), MID (T. Pavoldi), NOR (M. Burnett), SCP (K. Bradley), SHS (H. Thomas), SHO (C. Caiazza)
MVLS (W. Abbott, L. Gordon, S. O'Brien, S. Rokos, E. Trahan)
JA (M. Largebeau)

Agenda

1. MVLS Board of Trustees meeting
Eric encouraged everyone to register for and attend the May 9 Annual Meeting, and reviewed the trustee vacancies and election that will take place at the Annual Meeting.

2. Grants & MVLS Staff Info

Lois reported: Authors Among Us has a June 1 deadline for initial program series information. Project Outcome will be a bigger part of the evaluation this year for both NYSCA series. There will be more state construction money available this year, and libraries may be able to include initial architectural/engineering work. Matching funds may include money spent before the project start date. Contingencies may be included in quotes. The state Adult Literacy grant will be announced soon. Literacy and job search/career development projects are typical. The Outreach information on the MVLS website has been updated.

Sue reported: The Family Literacy Grant currently pays for Beanstack. There will be a fall workshop on Early Literacy Storytimes. Libraries are now booking for Science at the Library. The annual preview book giveaways for summer reading are coming.

Libraries are encouraged to participate in the book raffle and Read It Forward - let Sue know. The 1000 books bags are being updated and missing bags replaced. MVLS will be hosting a Sustainability in Youth Services meeting in May.

Wade reported: 21st Century Initiative is progressing in Gloversville. Over 100 attended community planning meetings. Other libraries are exploring joining the initiative. Wade is putting together a communications plan for libraries planning budget votes. Members had a general discussion on advocacy efforts, with emphasis on developing infographics. The library stories project is growing. Wade encouraged libraries to contact him with potential stories.

Sharon reported: CDLC RBDB grants are again available. Libraries are encouraged to look for eligible digitization and cataloging projects.

3. Workshops & Meetings 2018

5/9/18 - MVLS Annual Meeting

5/24/18 - Adult Program Swop

6/6/18 - Communications Across Barriers Presentation

9/27/18 - Adult Program Swop

4. Central Library Issues

Karen asked members for ideas for workshops and resources.

The committee will meet in the fall to review 2018 and plan for 2019.

Eric shared some information on the PULISDO survey on the use of central library aid.

5. JA Council / Polaris, Michele reported:

Machines ordered through the spring group order are being received and images. Libraries are reminded that HP 6305 machines are going off service.

The Security Policy authentication app is coming. All users of Polaris and JA email will be required to read and sign annually.

Replacing Novelist with Syndetics was discussed. Syndetics will provide more content at a much lower cost. Information will be provided on finding alternate strategies for current uses of Novelist. The change will take place as of July 1.

The Quipu patron registration project is moving forward. Staff will need to use the Quipu ECard application to register patrons. The ECard system will automatically populate the patron demographic fields.

JA is making progress in implementing OneDrive: the Microsoft cloud storage system. This will allow for remote access to library files, with automatic backup.

6. Fine Free & Other Barriers

A lively discussion was held. Eric will work on scheduling a workshop/panel discussion of libraries that have experimented with fine-free borrowing.

7. E-Resources

Eric presented the chart for 2019 budget options. The annual system poll will go out in May, with a June 8 deadline for responses.

E-resources use continues to grow.

8. Rotating collections

The Comics Connect collection is being dismantled. Libraries may request materials. More STEM equipment items are being added.

9. Delivery system:

Libraries may discard broken/unuseable bins

10. Other business

Eric shared the advocacy stories technique presented at Research Institute for Public Libraries training.

Libraries reported:

GLV - The building project is going well; the building will reopen in the fall. The art show held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce attracted over 70 pieces. The library is working on hiring new staff. A general discussion of civil service woes followed.

SHS - Hosting the local dance studio for many months has been a challenge, but has attracted new borrowers. June - August the library will host 2nd Saturdays vendors in back lot in conjunction with library programs.

SHO - Steady as she goes.

COB - Planning for facility upgrades is ongoing and producing good results. Devon will reveal plans and give tours after the meeting.

MID - The library is holding a major event on May 19: a Battle of the Books in the morning and a 2:00 PM Anniversary Celebration with live music.

SCP - The groundbreaking for the new Mont Pleasant branch will be May 8. Repair Cafe has been very successful - the next session is in July. The library is participating in the Schenectady Moves partnership. Comic-Con will return in July.

JOH - The library is trying to add a librarian and fill other vacant positions. The School District Public Library vote is on June 5.

NOR is placing more emphasis on programming.

FTP - The building project is progressing well, phase 2 should be complete soon. The library needs more staff. The new Teen Room is a highlight!

Sharon O'Brien reminded libraries about the CDLC user groups and committees. CDLC Director Kathy Gundrum wants to visit public libraries.