

Director's Council Notes

Meeting - Thursday, January 10, 2019 at GLV; following the workshop

Attendance: AMS (N. Hemsley), CAN (H. Stahl), COB (D. Hedges), GLV (B. Madonna), NOR (M. Burnett), STJ (D. Lamphere)
MVLS (W. Abbott, L. Gordon, S. O'Brien, S. Rokos, E. Trahan)

Agenda

1. MVLS Board of Trustees

Eric reported on new Montgomery County representative Rosemary Barger. Trustee training is scheduled for Gloversville, and can be provided to any library.

2. Grants & MVLS Staff Info

Lois reported: As the result of the participant meetings, the NYSCA grant will be one program that can encompass both reading and writing. It could also include any related literature programs that libraries are already doing. A survey will be coming.

Library Moon Walk: Everyone can log miles in the website, regardless of library participation. Programs should be scheduled soon.

Adult Literacy programs need more promotion.

Sue reported: Read it Forward info was sent to members. Science @ the Library is scheduling 2019 programs now, several libraries are signed up, more spots are available. An Early Literacy workshop will be coming, as well as an update of Start with Science kits. We can get more STEM equipment if people have recommendations. CDLC ILL staff has changed; service continues. Take Your Child to the Library Day is on February 2. The Great Giveback, a program started in Suffolk County, is going statewide with events scheduled in October. Several libraries have expressed interest.

Eric Reported: Notice for the winter Advocacy Grants is forthcoming.

3. Workshops & Meetings 2019

1/17 Adult Program Swop

1/17 CDLC Webinar: 15 Free Tech Tools

1/23 Patron Registration Training at SALS

2/6 CDLC webinar on Makerspaces

2/7 SRP planning workshop at Colonie

4/10 CDLC Oral History

4/11 GOAT Meetup - tri-state teen services

5/16 Early STEM workshop

4. Central Library Issues

Eric brought up three issues from Karen Bradley. Members should forward CBA requests or recommendations to Rob Lang. Karen is looking for ideas for the spring central library workshop. Libraries are reminded that Doug Bixler can provide design services for member library projects.

5. JA Council / Polaris

Sharon reported on e-Card patron registration. E-Card has been tested at Saratoga for the past several months, and is being rolled out to MVLS libraries. Once all sites are trained, all patron registration will take place through e-Card. This provides accurate information for library service area, town/city and school district for all registered borrowers.

Eric reminded directors that JA fees will increase by 3.5% in 2019, and by 3% in 2020. Directors were also reminded to have the annual JA agreements approved and returned to MVLS.

6. E-Resources

Bills for the 2019 library shares have been distributed late - in January. The overall member-provided budget for 2019 is \$80,000.

7. Rotating collections

Audio and DVD collections are being updated, as are the large type and graphic novel collections.

8. Delivery system:

Northern route driver Eric's last day is Friday. His replacement, Alex, will begin next week.

9. Other business

Hannah Stahl initiated a discussion on CD audiobooks and how new cars no longer have CD players. She is exploring providing walkmans with aux connections as an alternative for patrons.

Nicole Hemsley talked about the Amsterdam DRI grant. The library is hoping for \$2 million for construction. The proposed project is to replace the current single-floor addition with a three-floor building on a similar footprint.