

Minutes: GID Business Meeting
Frederick County Public Library
August 1st, 2006
10:30 am

GIS Program for the MLA Conference (Carl)

Carl gave an overview of the program he was envisioning. He would like to show examples of projects that librarians have helped with, the applications of GIS in libraries for faculty, staff and students, and to cover what a GIS Librarian does.

Tentative outline

A program on GIS:

- 30 minutes, Carl Olson to talk from a “newby’s” perspective. He would cover basic level resources: online resources, free viewers, data sets
- 30 minutes to Kim Ricker for more advanced levels and to talk about a full service GIS department
- 30 minutes to Jim Gillispie or Jay Morgan to talk about the professional level or real life examples of GIS in use, ie disaster planning, locating libraries

Maryland.gov Program (Ashley)

All attempts to contact the state archives have failed. It is understood that they are overloaded and understaffed over there. We discussed perhaps not covering the Maryland Archives online, and instead focusing on Maryland.gov, with options like the Maryland platt maps...

Co-Sponsoring of programs with IFAP (Ashley)

GID may potentially co-sponsor one-two programs on intellectual freedom and an update to the USA Patriot Act. A couple of leads have been contacted, but we are waiting for a response from them.

What we are aiming for in an Update program would be:

- Meet John Doe (Connecticut librarians that challenged a NSL) is an idea
- what do the updates to the Patriot Act mean,
- what can be asked of us,
- what are our rights
- what are some techniques in place to help librarians deal with situations
- let's see examples of policies/procedures.

-Homework for participants: bring your institution's policy on the patriot act and/or other search warrants, or a phone tree, or a "what to do if you are presented with...." sheet.

-Assess what we all are doing and whether our policies are solid enough or not.

GID Workplan- due September

Attendees gave their input into the next year’s workplan, which Ashley will submit in August.