

Future of Libraries Interest Group

June 1st, 2020, 11am-12pm

In Attendance: Kim Day, Katie Dehmer, Nini Beegan, Carrie Sanders, Jennifer Hopwood, Michael Blackwell, Conni Strittmatter, Kate Sigler, Tracy Miller

MLA Updates

The 2020 conference is still being planned for October 19-21. The 2021 conference is currently being planned for May of 2021.

Margaret is in communication with the hotel about the October conference in case more scheduling changes need to be made.

Conni is stepping down and Tracy Miller is stepping in as chair of FoLIG.

Structuring FoLIG for the Coming Year

Focus – we will continue to focus on looking outside of libraries for trends and practices we can apply to the library world. However, we'll also look inside to what changes have been happening already to see what the new normal might be. We will also look to governmental bodies that will have a large effect on how libraries operate in the future.

Topics – Public service, Staffing/workforce, Technology, Social justice, Mental health, Economy, Disruption/managing change

Structure – we will meet every other month to discuss these topics. The other months will be a way for us to share our findings through webinars for Maryland libraries. We will use the original FoLIG slack to share articles throughout the month leading up to the meeting.

Sharing – after each discussion, we will assign FoLIG members to be in charge of the following webinar to share what we learned from our meeting. We will consult with PDP to determine the best way to structure these webinars moving forward.

Actions

Conni will share the slack information with FoLIG members -

https://join.slack.com/t/fofig/shared_invite/zt-59gro29v-0_IPh3vHTu3iVYQRWsq63g

Conni will place the link to the original slack in the Maryland State Libraries slack channel to encourage people to start using the original one.

We will meet again in July to finish planning the structure of the year before jumping into our topic meetings.