

FoLIG Minutes

July 1st, 2019

1. MLA Updates:

- Open google docs for each session on Sched so there can be community notes!
- Preference for Roaring 20s
- Inclusivity – presenter on micro-aggressions, one came to LBPH and was very well received. Ashley Biggs could provide that information and will send it to Conni

2. Document of tips for scanning/sharing for non-FoLIG members

Put up a document/sheet on the google drive to start collaborating (Anna will create this)

Start with Resources to Summarize Futuring Philosophies

- Subscribe to the Center for the Future of Libraries newsletter
- ALA Website section
- Facebook groups to link to (Future Ready Libraries)

Tips for Scanning/Sharing

- When scanning for articles, look in all fields, not just at library related articles
- Check your sources – make sure your source is reliable or an industry leader as much as possible.
- Try for sources that don't have paywalls
- Use your library's resources! Digital collections!!
- Pick 1-3 topics to focus on at a time – what's relevant to your community? What are you passionate about?
- Subscribe to newsletters you're interested in
- Investigate citation trails – you might get more depth into that topic
- Give yourself "digestion time" between articles. This helps prevent blurring of articles and gives you time to pick up on nuances in what you're reading.
- Don't hesitate to share something – just because you know it, doesn't mean other people have seen it. It might lead another person down a path.
- Add comments/questions when sharing – by soliciting a response, people are more likely to engage with the article.
- Be open to information regardless of where you find it

List of Resources to consider looking at (FoLIG will populate)

- Twitter feeds
- LinkedIn
- Facebook Pages
- Blogs
- Resources without paywalls online
- Hobby groups
- Reddit
- TED Talks
- YouTube
- Podcasts

Links to Slack Channel with Schedule

- ***Should we make a channel for each topic?***
- OR should we ask people to tag their post in the FoLIG channel?
- OR should we investigate another sharing platform?

Facilitating a Meeting

- Meet with your co-facilitators ahead of time if possible to coordinate (at least talk!)
- Create an annotated/summary list of articles shared on your topic
- Read the articles before facilitating about them!
- Try to get article count up to around 15 – if not enough has been shared, be sure you are also looking for articles!

After the September meeting, look for feedback. Add/take away from this document as needed.

3. Possible program touring remote Maryland libraries and their innovations

- Could we get a vehicle? (Library party bus?)
- Or could we just encourage carpooling?
- What are we providing that they can't get for free?
 - What innovative things could they talk to us about?
 - Just talking about what Western Maryland Libraries are like
 - Could it be an innovation share? We bring our stuff too?
 - "Library Cultural Exchange" - we do one workshop in Western, one in Southern, one in Eastern. Maybe do one or two/year
 - Maybe have a panel from that area at one location
 - Invite speakers, too?
- Talk to Thomas – what could this look like? What topics could they include
- Could we ask another entity to host this? We feel charging is a barrier

4. Adding facilitators to topics if needed

September - Children and Teens: **Annie, Michelle**

October - Gov't and Legislation Panel, Intellectual Freedom, Library Advocacy interest group: **Michael**

November - Public Services and Support Services, Technical Services, Maryland Adult Programming: **Alli, Kate**

December - Leadership, New Members and Professional Development: **Ella/Ashley**

January - Marketing, Membership and Social Media Users Group: **Maddie/Olivia**

February - ACRL: **Anna/Tracy**

March - Collections: Author Award, Reader's advisory: **Kelsey, Sara, Adam**