

Future of Libraries Interest Group
August 3, 2020
Via Blackboard Collaborate

MLA Business

We discussed the conference, which will be taking place digitally over several weeks this fall. FOLIG is presenting 2 programs:

Futuring for the Library, Tuesday 10/20 from 1-3 pm
Ignite Session, Thursday 12/10 from 1-2 pm

New members of the interest group are specifically encouraged to attend the “Futuring for the Library” session which will give an overview of how to scan trends and imagine how they will affect library futures.

MSL sponsored “Trends in Covid 19” by Miguel Figueroa. The slides are shared on the FOLIG slack.

Discussion Topic: Education

Agenda is attached to this document.

Structure going forward:

We reviewed our plan to meet every other month and report out on our “off” meetings. Everyone agreed that the valuable part of our meetings is the opportunity to discuss the topics and hear other’s perspectives and we weren’t sure that the proposed structure would allow for that. We did want to give non-MLA members the opportunity to attend as well.

It was decided that we would continue with an every other month format, but break the meeting up so there is a business portion of the meeting portion for MLA/FOLIG members and then we would open up the other part of the meeting as a Discussion/Roundtable and advertise it that way.

It was suggested that we share the articles prior to the meeting. Tracy will work out a timeline to follow regarding making the information available to the wider library community.

OCTOBER TOPIC : Mental Health/Social Justice
DATE: October 3, 2020
Facilitated by: Jennifer Hopwood and Kate Sigler
10-10:30 Business Meeting
10:30-11:30 Roundtable Discussion

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Discussion Articles: K-12

1. Digital Divide & Equity in the COVID19 Era
 - a. Koumpilova, M. (2020, 06. 25). [Chicago launches groundbreaking initiative to connect up to 100,00 student to the internet](#). *Chalkbeat Chicago*.
 - b. Lake, R. & Makori, A. (2020, 07. 16). [The digital divide among students during COVID19: Who has Access? Who doesn't?](#) *CRPE*.
 - c. Kois, D. (2020, 07. 19). [If you want us to reopen, you cannot leave your house from now until September](#). *Slate*.
 - d. McLeod, E. (2020, 07. 19). [Students, city lawmakers call on Comcast to expand fee wi-fi, hotspot access](#). *Baltimore Business Journal*.
 - e. Oster, Emily. (2020, 07.23) [Private 'school pods' are coming. They'll worsen inequality](#).
2. Facilities & Health
 - a. USDA. (2020, 05. 07) [Feeding Kids When Schools Are Closed](#) *Time*.
 - b. Ujifusa, A. (2020, 06. 04). [As schools prep for COVID era return feds estimate 36,000 have air system problems](#). *Education Week*.
3. Proposed Solutions & Guidance
 - a. Kamenetz, A. (2020, 06. 24). [What parents can learn from child care centers that stayed open during lockdown](#). *NPR*.
 - b. Cohodes, S. (2020, 07. 07). [A better fall is possible](#). *The Atlantic*.
 - c. Editorial Board (2020, 07. 25). [Schools need to reopen. The question is how](#). *Washington Post*.
 - d. [Consideration for schools](#) from Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
 - e. [COVID-19 planning considerations: guidance for school re-entry](#) from American Academy of Pediatrics

Discussion Articles: College Education

1. Long Term Trends
 - a. Cohen, D. (2019, 05. 26). [The books of college libraries are turning into wallpaper](#). *The Atlantic*.
 - b. Schwartz, N. (2020, 06. 24). [In a former shopping mall, Austin Community College sees a new way to learn](#). *Education Drive*.
2. COVID Era Trends
 - a. Fisher, C. (2020, 06. 30). [Microsoft is offering low-cost certifications to job seekers](#). *Engadget*.
 - i. <https://opportunity.linkedin.com/en-us>
 - b. Tanzi, A. (2020, 07. 07). [More US young adults return home as pandemic reduced options](#). *Bloomberg*.
 - c. Dishman, L. (2020, 07. 13). ["No college degree required': Google expands certificate program for in-demand job skills"](#)

Resources

1. [COVID-19 resources for Maryland schools](#) from Maryland State Department of Education
2. [Maryland Together: Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education](#)
3. [State standards and frameworks](#) from Maryland State Department of Education
4. Opening School Libraries Guide - *Forthcoming* - from Maryland State Department of Education
5. [Home Instructions Regulations](#) for the State Maryland (with BaltCo application)
6. Common Ground Community Center: Videos on Homeschooling in Maryland
 - a. [Grades K-2](#)
 - b. [Grades 3-5](#)
 - c. [Grades 6-8](#)