MINUTES

Attendees

Andrea Dowling, Monica McAbee, Cathi Dunn McRae
Via Google Hangouts: Mou Chakraborty, Hannah Erickson, Dianne Whitaker

Minutes

October 2016 meeting minutes were approved. December 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

Reports

• Executive Board – Monica:
  ◦ The Executive Board is working on a new strategic plan.
  ◦ MLA president elect Denise Davis signaled a desire for IFAP to become more visible in advocacy efforts.
  ◦ As reported at the MLA Legislative Advisory Panel meeting on January 6, 2017, Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries (MACL) and Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators (MAPLA) are sponsoring a bill to reposition the administrative structure of the State Library Agency (DLDS within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to provide greater visibility and autonomy. The bill is currently in draft form.
  ◦ Conference Committee – Monica:
    ◦ Registration for the conference is now open.
    ◦ Monica contacted Margie Cyr from DLA about partnering on our program on online privacy and managing one's digital footprint.
    ◦ There are three other digital privacy/security programs. Monica suggested possibility of cross promoting programs.
    ◦ Monica will write Spring article for The Crab newsletter promoting conference programs.

• Facebook – Andrea: The page currently has 141 “likes.”

Programs and Projects

• FFF – We will table the regular Freedom First Fridays on Facebook feature, but will accept occasional guest posts.
• IF Manual Revision
  ◦ IF Manual needs light revision, updates of dead links.
  ◦ We want to expand sections on digital and access issues.
Monica wants to form subcommittee to work on updates. Dianne will start working on updates.

We can revisit Mou's tutorial idea next year.

Banned Books programs with teens (for September)

We can invite Tiffany Sutherland with Teen interest group to a future meeting to get input/involvement.

Perhaps we can have a panel with experts such as teen librarian, author, teens

Cathi suggested possible involvement of former teen participants she has worked with in past – ie. having someone write a letter about impact of participation in banned books program.

Perhaps Mou's daughter can write an article.

A week day would work best to hold program during Banned Books Week.

We need to look for potential speakers and set a date.

Standalone program – the idea has been tabled. Monica will do an IF program at a Prince George’s County branch during National Library week.

Program on Fake News? – Mou mentioned Chris Egan, a communications professor from Salisbury University, to do a podcast about alternative facts/fake news issues.

Advocacy Opportunities

We want to start taking a more visible and active role in advocacy.

Should we endorse the ALA statement opposing new administration policies that contradict core values?

We will look for issues to support.

Future Meetings

April 5, 2:00-4:00 pm at Anne Arundel Public Library Headquarters

June 7, 12:30-3:00 pm at Broadneck Grille, 1364 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis