Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting
Friday, March 26, 12:30 pm
Pasta Plus, Laurel

Present: Andrea Dowling, Annette Goodman, Steve LaBash, Monica McAbee, April Perlowski, Mary Somers (IF Officer), Barbara Webb

• **Round Robin.** Informal discussion centered on the growing “tea party” movement.

Minutes of February 2010 were approved.

Preconference 2010 (Privacy 101).
Annette reviewed Cathay’s summary of the pre-conference plans.

- Mary will post some publicity on Marylib next week.
- Mary will ask Pat to put some publicity on the blog, if she hasn’t already.
- Our backup plan is now adequately filled out: we can ask Carrie to speak longer, and/or add an extra discussion/Q&A session in the morning, and/or do an activity from a trainer’s book supplied by Cathay.
- Annette will supply prizes for winners of her IF quiz.
- Monica will find out when the audio recordings of the sessions will be posted. We can provide a sign-up sheet for people who want to be notified when program recordings and handouts are available online.
- Mary will supply index cards for questions.
- Andrea will be our “greeter.”
- Pat ordered gifts for the speakers.
- Pirate wear is allowed.
- Barbara recommends Smile on a Stick for fun (and as a disguise? for privacy??): [www.smileonastick.com](http://www.smileonastick.com). [Monica just looked them up and thinks they’re weird. She wants a Smirk on a Stick instead.]
- Monica will contact Carrie and Angela about their arrival times and will send out details about Tuesday’s dinner. Monica will make the reservation at the Hobbit.

Mary reminded everyone going to the Conference to sign up to help at the tables. Url is [www.mdlib.org/conference/forms.asp](http://www.mdlib.org/conference/forms.asp)

There was no consensus on whether to get together Wednesday evening after the pre-conference; if you have ideas, email the group. MLA is sponsoring a musical “jam session” in the hotel restaurant/bar that night.

**New ALA OIF Director.** Barbara Jones, ALA’s new Director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom, has agreed to be a keynote speaker at the 2011 Conference.

**NEXT MEETING:** to be determined; one location suggested was Hellas Restaurant in Millersville (Anne Arundel County)

Monica McAbee