Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Anne Arundel Public Library Headquarters  
5 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401-7042  
2:00-4:00 PM  
MINUTES

Attendees
Mou Chakraborty, Andrea Dowling, Naomi Kepler, Steve Labash, Monica McAbee, Cathi Dunn McRae, Gaylord Robb
Via Google Hangouts: Julie Ranelli, Tiffany Sutherland

Minutes
February 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Reports
• Executive Board: Monica  
  ◦ MLA unanimously voted to endorse the ALA statement “responding to recent actions by the new administration and specifically addressing issues regarding access to information, discrimination and intellectual freedom.”  
  ◦ Monica brought up the need for faster processing time for MLA letters of support; she will talk to Denise about changes to current procedures.  
  ◦ The bill to reorganize DLDS has become law.  
  ◦ There has been a lot of recent activity on list servs trying to keep funding for IMLS.

• Conference Committee: Monica  
  ◦ The committee will meet this month (April).  
  ◦ Sign-up for volunteers will be available.  
  ◦ IFAP badge ribbons will be available.

• Facebook: Andrea  
  ◦ The Facebook page currently has 142 “likes.”  
  ◦ We are no longer doing the Freedom First Friday posts, but anyone is welcome to submit items to be posted on the page.

Programs and Projects
• IF Manual  
  ◦ Dianne, Hannah, and Monica formed a sub-committee working on updating the IF manual.  
  ◦ Monica set a goal of May 1 for light revisions.
Banned Books Week 2017 program
  ◦ We are hosting a program to discuss the rights of teens to access literature.
  ◦ Each panel discussion will include one or two local teens, plus any of the following: a YA librarian, an author of a banned or challenged book, school librarian.
  ◦ The length of the program should be around two hours.
  ◦ We will have two panel discussions in different areas of the state.
  ◦ One possible YA author is Kathy MacMillan.
  ◦ This will be a program aimed at librarians and we will charge a fee of perhaps $20.00.
  ◦ One panel will take place in Southern Maryland.
  ◦ One panel will take place in Carroll County.
  ◦ Late afternoon on a week day seems the best time to draw the most participants.
  ◦ Monica, along with Naomi for Carroll County and Tiffany for Southern Maryland will be the program planners.

Future Meetings
  ◦ Wednesday, June 7 – 12:30-3:00 pm at Broadneck Grill, Annapolis
  ◦ Wednesday, August 2 – AACPL Headquarters
  ◦ Wednesday, October 4 – ACCPL Headquarters
  ◦ Wednesday, December 6 – restaurant meeting, location TBD
  ◦ February, April, June 2018 – location and times TBD