Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting
Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters
5 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

Wednesday, April 4 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM

MINUTES
Action items are in red.

Introductions
Welcome to our new members Scott Businsky and Ryan Shepard!

Julie Ranelli (Queen Anne’s County), Sara Brown (Baltimore County), Monica McAbee (Prince George’s County), Nay Keppler (Carroll County), Gaylord Robb (Salisbury University), Mou Chakraborty (Salisbury University), Hannah Wilkes (Frederick County), Scott Businsky (Harford County), Ryan Shepard (Univ. of MD University College)

Minutes
- February 2018 minutes were approved, with one spelling correction (James LaRue).
- Monica will take minutes for this meeting.

Reports
- Executive Board (Monica)
  - Maryland Day at U. of MD College Park, April 28; contact Joe Thompson if you want to help promote MLA - jthompson@carr.org
  - MLA will raffle a handmade shawl to support Puerto Rican libraries
  - Lib. of Congress’s credit union membership soon available to MLA members
  - MLA raising funds for office equipment to help w/videoconferencing
  - Watch for emails about library funding advocacy at federal level
  - Leadership Day tentative date June 14
  - Possible new Future of Libraries Interest Group - contact Joe Thompson if interested in joining
  - Conference contract w/Hyatt extended to 2020

- Legislative Panel (Julie)
  - No report on an April meeting.
  - On behalf of IFP and her library system, Julie attended MD Library Legislative Day on Feb. 20 in Annapolis.
  - We could go as a group next year.

- MLA/DLA Conference 2018 (Monica)
  - Still time to register!
  - Presenters need to go to Registration table for their badge, meal tickets, schedule.
  - Anyone picking up program packets needs to check all info in packets.
  - MLA Office can make handouts if notified 2 weeks in advance of Conference.
  - Conference Website yet? Watch for news about this.
Our three sessions are:

1. Library privacy session with Denise Davis, Erica Karmes-Jesonis & Kristin Pekoll (replacing James LaRue) - Thursday morning, 9-11
2. Fake News in a Fact-Averse World with Andrea Boothby Rice - Thursday morning, 10:30-11:30
3. LGBTQ & YOU(TH Access) with Joy Fisher, Erin Snell, Nay Keppler & Hannah Wilkes- Friday morning, 10:45-12:45

Also of interest, Advocacy Bootcamp pre-conference on Wednesday.

IFP members get together Wednesday evening at All-Conference Reception.

Auction basket ready; Out of Print donated the items - no need to reimburse Nay.

Poster Session:

- Application approved. Mou will work on it at the end of April.
- Send Mou content for LibGuide by 4/20 to be featured on the poster.
- Monica will put together IFP history/timeline highlights.
- Julie will add info about our social media presence.
- Julie will contribute an easel.
- Monica will ask Megan Jones what size the poster should be.
- Everyone think of ideas to make poster session interactive – survey, petition, letter-writing campaign?
- Do a poll on our Facebook “Your Favorite Banned Book” to be made into a Word Cloud of titles for poster.
- During poster session, ask “what questions do you have?” related to IF issues.
- Julie, Gaylord can help Mou present – anyone else?

Social Media (Sara)

- Total likes- 245, down slightly from 250.
- Most popular recent posts- Orange City, Iowa’s decision to arrange its fiction by subject; and website showing where representatives stand on Net Neutrality.
- Discussed dropping Facebook or mirroring it to other platforms; decided to do a Twitter account. Julie will ask Bob Kuntz for a dedicated email to use with the account. (For Conference tweets, use the Conference’s hashtag.)

ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom (Julie)

- Julie attended the State of the States meeting in Feb.
- Discussed Net Neutrality, reporting censorship.
- Banned Books Week 2018 materials now in ALA Store. Top challenged books list will be posted Monday.
- Fellow from New York becoming known as privacy expert; Julie will get his name and consider him for IFP programs; New York is leading the country in drafting contracts with third-party vendors that protect patron privacy.

Old Business

- Review of work plan
  - We are on track to complete our work plan activities
• LibGuide
  o Need more volunteers besides Sara and Monica to submit content.
  o Can use content from IF Manual, LATI wiki.
  o Tabs to use: Censorship, Access, Privacy, Resources, and maybe About Us.
  o Submit content by 4/20 to Mou or to the Google drive.

New Business
• Fall webinar on IF basics
  o To be presented by Sarah Jane Miller and Jamie Watson.
  o Use Blackboard Collaborate unless a better platform can be provided: Ryan will look into making his system’s WebEx platform available to us.
  o This will probably be a free program and not need to go through PDP.

• 2018-2019 leadership
  o Julie will continue as IF Officer, with Sara Brown as Co-chair.
  o Nay agreed to be Social Media Coordinator, with Ryan helping.
  o Julie will ask Katelyn to continue as Secretary; Nay will be backup.
  o Hannah Wilkes agreed to represent us on Conference Committee.

• Schedule for August 2018-June 2019
  o We discussed changing day of week, alternating days, keeping 2 restaurant meetings, moving venue around.
  o No strong consensus for changes; Julie will send out a poll.

Future meetings
• Wednesday, June 6, Broadneck Grill for 12:30 lunch & meeting