Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting - Virtual - Wednesday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m.

In attendance: Julie Clark (FCPL), Monica McAbee (PGCMLS), Sara Brown (BCPL), Mou Chakraborty (Salisbury U), Hannah Rosekrans (BCPL)

Minutes

- February 2021 minutes approved without amendment

Reports

- Executive Board and Legislative Panel
  - IFP not represented at most recent Leg Panel, many bills passed or dropped right around the time of this meeting. Sara will share updates via listserv as they are available.
  - Exec Board
    - Ryan O’Grady interim director, goal to have position filled by June 1
    - Goal for search team to be representative of whole state
    - Current SP extended through July ‘22 for new exec director
    - Conference registration open
    - EDI group has drafted new inclusive programming guidelines, should be shared soon
    - Discussion of moving forward with affiliate membership to Black Caucus of ALA

- SIFNet
  - Lots of discussion of Dr. Seuss books that recently ceased publication and how different libraries are handling concerns/acquisitions/etc
  - ALA resolutions opposing facial recognition software in libraries and misuse of behavioral data surveillance in libraries
  - Sara will send out SIFNet minutes for those interested

Old business

- Urban Reads (etc.) donations
  - More donations than expected but many not meeting criteria; people should contact Sara before sending donations, as this helps those making donations only send items that can be used
  - Another batch will be delivered to Urban Reads soon
  - Appalachian Prison Book Project can take some of the books Sara has received that don’t meet Urban Reads’ criteria. Others, Sara is checking with other locations to try and get them all donated

- Spring Crab article
  - Article about Maya Angelou and Maryland challenges to I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings submitted in honor of National Poetry Month

- The Privacy Divide program
  - Cosponsored with SSD
  - Program occurred March 24, about 13 attendees

- FY22 – chair
Sara will not be able to stay on as chair or Sarah Jane to co-chair as previously intended, so we are in need of a chair for FY22

- Please email Sara if interested; she can share document spelling out time commitment, duties, thoughts on the experience
- Former chairs have offered to support the new chair as much as they can
- Ultimately the MLA President assigns the chair but has asked for us to put forward someone who is interested

2021 conference: roles and silent auction

- Out of Print has generously donated another basket for this year
- Thank you to all who will moderate/PA virtual conference events
- 5/3: virtual happy hour event for MLA/DLA, Sara will be part of second half to give an overview of IFP

New business

- Conference panels
  - Sara is working on questions for the panels; let her know if interested in brainstorming questions together, or feel free to just send her some ideas of questions.
    - Digital Equity program panel of 5 people, some from libraries and some otherwise involved with Digital Equity in other industries
    - IF in Prisons panel of 2 people, more Q&A discussion than presentations
    - Goal to have questions ready by 4/16 to send to panelists ahead of time
- June meeting
  - We will meet our regular 2-3:30 time for the June meeting, but with socialization from 1:30-2
  - Outdoor in-person gathering TBD, based on Covid metrics and comfort levels; discussion on email as we get closer to June
- Summer Crab article
  - Sara will email listserv to see if anyone wants to submit anything
  - We have already met our workplan goal regarding Crab articles, so it’s fine if we don’t submit anything
- Fall 2021 LATI
  - We are in need of a co-teacher for the LATI session on 9/2
  - Hannah will send more info via listserv
- Social Meeting
  - Mou will post about banned poetry for April w/ Crab article teaser
  - Sara will post about the 2020 Top 10 Banned and Challenged list
- MLA Conversations
  - Sara will be participating 4/16, giving overview of IFP and of our conference programs

Next meeting: June 2