Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting
Friday, October 7, 12:30 pm
Broadneck Grill, Annapolis

Present: Terri Boddorff, Mou Chakraborty, Mark de Jong, Andrea Dowling, Michael English, Monica McAbee, Ann Reed, Mary Somers (chair)

Welcome Terri Boddorff!

Minutes of August 2011 were approved.

Preconference planning.
Half-day preconference (4 hours) on “The ABCs of Intellectual Freedom.” Presenters are the 3 who did the IF 101 sessions for SLRC – their PowerPoint is on our Wiki, so take a look – plus (probably) Peggy Dillner from DE, on school issues. Mary will send Ann contact info for Peggy. She passed around examples of Peggy’s presentations.

Mary will email us the proposed objectives for the program. Please review them ASAP and let her know of any needed changes. Preliminary Conference Approval Form is due Oct. 14.

Mark suggested that this be the first of a 3-stage “IF Institute,” each year to present a more advanced level program. Anyone attending all 3 gets a certificate (designed by Mark). Mary will ask OIF if they’re willing to add their signature to it.

Banned Books Week – who did what?
Mary’s college has a display case accompanied by easel pads inviting responses to book challenge issues.
PGCMLS did displays and one Teen Advisory Board had a meeting in which the librarian introduced various reasons that books get challenged.
Howard County did a display of challenged books that could be checked out.
Terri celebrated the week by reading the top 10 banned books!

IF Manual and other online issues.
Monica and Mary will review the document to see what areas might need revision. After that, the doc will be divided among the group for editing. Mark was “volunteered” in absentia to do the Patriot Act section when the time comes.

We discussed ways to increase our Facebook site visibility and activity. Andrea will send out a notice on Marylib.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Dec. 7 – Ram’s Head Tavern at Savage Mill (Savage, MD): www.ramsheadtavern.com/savage/
Note that their motto is “Where Great Minds Meet.” Obviously, we belong there.

Monica McAbee