Intelectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting
Friday, October 3, 2014, 12:30 pm
Annie's Paramount Steak and Seafood House
500 Kent Narrows Way North
Grasonville, MD 21638

Minutes

Present: Mou Chakraborty, Andrea Dowling, Becky Hass, Cathi MacRae, Monica McAbee, Ann Reed, Gaylord Robb

Minutes from August 2014 were approved.

Executive Board Report

• Monica submitted our unit report and annual work plan to the Executive Board. The work plan includes a pre-conference, a conference program, an online mini-course, social media enhancements, and a quarterly happy hour networking/recruiting event.

• Social media policy – we have made sure that we are in compliance with MLA’s policy for social media. We provided required information about the Facebook page to Kate Monagan and have added Monica as the third administrator on page.

Conference Programs: Defending Access, DataMiningCraft

• Mary had made initial contact with DLA about possibility of collaborating on a conference program, but has received no response as of yet. DLA is hosting program on The Miseducation of Cameron Post controversy.

• Our pre-conference program will be Defending Access With Confidence. It will be a 3 hour/half day program facilitated by Mary and Monica.

• Preliminary conference approval form for the pre-conference has been filled out on the conference wiki.

• DataMiningCraft: Who is Collecting Your Information and What Can You Do About It? John Courie is the program planner. He will fill out the required forms and contact Carrie Gardner about speaking. We are requesting a 2 hour time slot on Thursday. Format will be a lecture with Q & A.

  ◦ Program will define scope of the problem – What is it? Who does it? Why is it a problem? What can be done about it? Objective is to give the audience tools. The topic should be tied in to libraries. Monica will email the objectives to IFAP committee and to Carrie Gardner.
Online Mini-course: Progress Report

- Tabled until next meeting; Mou will be connecting with Alex and Sarah Jane about the possibility of creating an online mini-course on intellectual freedom.

Facebook Report

- Andrea reported that Intellectual Freedom Friday IFAP Member Spotlights have been successful in increasing interest in our Facebook page. The Banned Books “Shelfie” contest was also successful in generating interest. The winner of the $25 gift card was Debra K. from Columbia, Maryland. In September, the number of “Likes” increased from 66 to 78, representing an 18% increase over the previous month. Additionally, the average total reach for the month was 89, compared to 16 in August. Total reach peaked at 763 during the week of the Shelfie contest.

IFAP Article for Crab

- Andrea's article about Facebook will appear in the fall issue of The Crab. For the winter Crab, Cathi will submit an article about Nancy Gardner. Deadline for submission is December 5. Monica will also submit a short blurb about our conference programs.

New Business

- Previously, Sarah Jane suggested that we host a happy hour networking event. Becky proposed that we hold the event at Mick O'Shea's Pub in Baltimore. Monica will send announcements to Marylib list and we will create an event page on Facebook. The Happy Hour event will be in November. Becky will make arrangements.

Next meeting
Brown Bag/Bring Your Lunch
Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 12:30 pm
AACPL Broadneck Community Library
1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409
(410) 222-1905