

MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Division/Committee/Officer Annual Report

2013

Due June

Unit: IFAP

President/Officer: Mary Somers

Officers and Active Members:

Monica McAbee, Secretary

Mark DeJong, Incoming Chair

Andrea Dowling

Donna Ballard

Ann Reed

Michael English

Mou Chakraborty

Dianne Whitaker

Sarah Miller

Gaylord Robb

Scott Boren

Steve LaBash

Terri Boddorff

List the activities your unit addressed in the past fiscal year:

- ◆ In September, the Chair participated in a radio interview on Banned Books Week. This interview later became Maryland's contribution to ALA's "50 State Salute to Banned Books Week".
- ◆ In October, members of the panel presented the program "Defending Access With Confidence" at Pratt Central. There were 8 attendees, and the program evaluations were all excellent.
- ◆ The Chair participated in 2 phone/online meetings of IF Chairs from around the country. At one meeting she presented on the topic of Filtering in Libraries.
- ◆ The panel co-sponsored the program "Beyond 50 Shades" at the annual MLA/DLA conference. A member of the IF panel was also a presenter at the program.
- ◆ Another member of the panel participated in a different program, "MAD About Libraries" at the conference.

- ◆ The panel decided to discontinue its blog and focus on its Facebook page. The page looks spectacular and is already “well-liked”.

Describe the accomplishments and methods:

- ◆ Mary Somers research Banned Book activities in Md. And discussed them with the reporter. The recording of the interview was posted to ALA’s OIF page as part of the 50 State Salute.
- ◆ Monica McAbee and Mary Somers revised and streamlined the program they have previously presented, and offered it again on October 16, 2012/
- ◆ Mary Somers researched and prepared a presentation on filtering in academic libraries. The IF Chairs of many of the 50 states attended this online meeting.
- ◆ Monica McAbee presented at the RAIG/IFAP co-sponsored program “Beyond 50 Shades” at the annual conference.
- ◆ Steve LaBash co-presented with Joe Raiola of MAD magazine (and a keynote speaker). The title of the program was “MAD About Libraries”.
- ◆ Andrea Dowling took “ownership” of IFAP’s Facebook page and regularly posts IF related issues to it.

What is your overall evaluation for the year, and what suggestions would you like to see carried over in the future?

This has been a busy year for the panel, with several presentations. We will continue to provide programming. Dianne Whitaker, a panel member suggested a future program on ebooks and library values, especially in the light of Amazon and other ebook vendors practice of tracking readers and their book choices.

The Chair of several years, Mary Somers, has retired. The new Chair, Mark DeJong, will bring new purpose and a different focus to the group. The group continues to be passionate about all things IF related, and will continue to be so.

Other comments:

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