MLA Public Services Division Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2019  

In attendance: Pam Taylor, Alan Simpson, Jennifer Jones, Sam Eddington, Sabine Simonson, Yvette May, Liz Slack (virtually attended), Melissa Lauber, Monica McAbee  

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were motioned to be approved by Sam Eddington and seconded by Sabine Simonson.  

MLA Strategic Plan, PSD Work Plan, President Responsibilities/task list  
- Unit report has been submitted  
- Jennifer attended the board meeting  
- We are doing well with our work plan  
  - Goal 1: 2 Stand alone programs: Complete  
  - Goal 2: Sponsor a networking program: tried to sponsor program in the fall but had to cancel due to weather, will possibly use the debrief at MLA Conference to fulfill this requirement  
  - Sponsor 3 conference programs: We are currently sponsoring 9 programs at Conference  
  - Reaching out to potential new members: We are posting to Facebook and we are sending out emails both on the PSD and MLA list servs, We also have pins to wear at conference that Jennifer got printed for us as well as our informational handouts.  
  - Maintaining documents: Bylaws have been submitted, minutes are being sent to the archivist as well as being posted online.  

Conference  
- Who is going? Liz, Yvette, Sam, Alan, Jennifer, Pam, Sabine and Melissa are going  
- Silent Auction is dog themed this year please get any donations in as soon as possible: we have a collar and ball, books, bowls etc.  
- Packer Picker Uppers: (We still need one more person to pick up packets for one of our programs please contact Pam if you are interested)  
  - Pre-Conference:  
  - Art Program: Melissa  
  - Self Publishing program: Liz  
  - Media 101: Yvette  
  - Panel Program: Pam  
  - Medical Jargon Program: Sabine  
  - Adult Learning: Alan  
  - Table Games: Jennifer
Hotel is currently full people are having to book rooms at surrounding hotels
Conference website is up and running: mladalcon.com and the site has all of the
speakers up on it and the debrief is listed on the schedule and you can create
your own schedule this year with sched.

OSIG & MAPIG & RAIG

- OSIG Posting regularly to Facebook, Unconference has 7 people registered so far.
  Jennifer has snacks that can be used for the program.
- MAPIG Lisa was unable to make the meeting today and has nothing new to share but
  has been posting on Facebook
- RAIG: has an instagram account now, meeting used to have the format where there was
  a designated genre and you had to read a book in that genre and do an annotation.
  They have 2 programs at conference the Local author program on Friday and the
  Publisher book guys. They have a program coming up on 5/30 and would still like help
  with the Urban fiction genre. Their next meeting is scheduled for 4/11/19 at AACPL
  Headquarters from 10-12. Meetings may move from mornings to afternoons.

Programming
- Facility and Emergency Preparedness program: went really well Michael was
  outstanding and the MEMA presenter was very good as well and we had a packed
  house
- Outreach program on April 4th please promote in your branches
- Fall program deadline is June 1
  - Security program: Yvette and Sandy still need to meet up. Forms are due 6/1/19.
    The Arbutus meeting room is booked all day as there is a PSD meeting first so
    bring a lunch for afterward.
  - Communicating with customers program: Nothing has been done as of yet.
    Jennifer has contacted Mango about the possible grant and has heard nothing
    back from them. Jennifer will touch base with Mango again as they are part of
    Sailor now and would be an ideal time to push them on this. Possibly push this
to a winter program.
  - Developing in Place: Possibly Maurice Coleman as a speaker. Pam is going to
    look at LDD notes and touch base with Alan. This will more than likely either be a
    winter program or a Conference program that we could partner with LDD on.
  - Possible Conference Program Ideas
    - How to do an unconference (possibly a pre-conference program)
    - Social Workers in the Library
    - Moving from Quantitative to Qualitative analysis of programs

- Social Event: Will not occur in April, will be the debrief at the Conference as well as possibly
touring the Elkridge branch of the Howard County Library this summer with a lunch afterward

Round Robin
Harford County Joppa: Position for Children’s librarian has been filled. Abingdon is closed for renovation and staff has been sent to other branches. Two upcoming programs: Puppies and Pies program for animal adoption and Empower Girls Programming

Howard County: Open positions have created a domino effect as people move up. Medical Cannabis Commission is doing a program on June 1st.

BCPL Essex: AARP tax programs are very successful, lots of people have signed up. The Cash Campaign Tax prep program is totally booked

ESRL: Experimenting with creating a program in house that travels to all of the branches in the system. Casey is doing the trial run with a container program. Children’s Author visit with Naomi Shihab Nye is 2 months away. Feminist Issues in Children’s Literature is going to be held on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Talbot County Free Library: 4th Annual Children’s Book Festival on 6/8/19 25 Authors will be there as well as Star Wars Storm Troopers.

BCPL Sollers Point: Obtained a Micro Grant for bike locks and helmets and bike safety and is in the process of working on another grant to get bikes to give away to the kids. System is down 3 assistant library managers and they are in the process of renovating the Reisterstown branch and preserving the historical parts of the branch.

Harford County Aberdeen: Children’s area refresh in progress they are getting abingdon’s middle school shelves. They are pushing Choose Civility programs, currently running a Sit and Knit program, and Lego Build days. Learn to Sew program is coming up in the future and can have 8 participants. County is going to non shared collections.

Charles County: Director is now Director of Queen Anne’s County Public Library. Vita Tax Prep program is going very well and slots are filling up fast. Dark and Grimm Battle of the Books Program featuring Young Adult Author Adam Gidwitz Author Visit was well attended.

Virtual program with us meeting at the MLA office and people connecting from other branches was successful.

Next meeting is June 13th at the Arbutus Branch of BCPL