Public Services Division Steering Committee
Minutes
June 14, 2012
Linthicum Branch Library-AACPL

In Attendance: Doug Beatty, Melissa Hepler, Yvette May, Tina Pickens, Jesse Roth, Elizabeth Slack

I. There were no changes to the March 2012 minutes.

II. Interest Group updates
   • OSIG (Outreach Services) – Tina will forward the name of the new chair.
   • TIG (Teen) – Held their bi-annual meeting at the MLA Conference. Please refer to the two e-mails from Liz Slack (6/15) that include links to agendas, handouts, presentation slides, and minutes from the Teen Interest Group sessions.
   • RAIG (Readers' Advisory) - Next meeting is scheduled on June 27. The focus will be on travel fiction.

III. MLA/DLA Conference
   A. Review
      • Total conference registration – 619
        Preconference – 100+
        Total number of vendors: 41
        Profit from vendors: $26,485
      • Programs were very well attended. PSD members shared highlights from a few of their favorite programs: Street Lit, Cartoon Heroes (Graphic Novels), Google Plus & Google Minus, and Great Graphics on a Shoestring Budget.
      • Numerous programs were recorded and are available for viewing on the MLA website. For anyone interested, here is the link to Conference Videos: http://www.mdlib.org/conference/2012/videos.asp
      • Some handouts are also available for downloading: http://www.mdlib.org/conference/2012/handouts.asp
   B. Ideas for next year – brainstorming
      • Liz has forwarded a message to PSD members on the listserv, soliciting ideas for the 2013 conference.
      • Possible half day preconference program: General improvisation for business/how improv can be applied to our library jobs. Doug Beatty, who has been taking improvisation classes, spoke about the interactive nature of improvisation and its value with regard to team building and developing listening skills. We should be able to pay for the presenter’s travel expenses and hotel.
• Other possible programs:
  ➢ Focus on Summer Reading (i.e. best practices, keeping kids encouraged and motivated beyond SRC, etc.)
  ➢ Outreach for public libraries (including school tours, etc.)
C. Liz thanked current officers and welcomed incoming officers:
   Melissa Hepler – President
   Donna Sebly – Vice-President/President Elect
   Tina Pickens – Secretary
D. Fall program – *Overcoming Communication Barriers*
• Thus far, we don’t have any contacts who might be willing to present on any of the identified communication barriers (language, hearing impaired, visually impaired). Liz has forwarded an appeal to the listserv for any potential contacts. In order to plan a program for October, we will need to have a commitment from presenters and submit the forms by the end of June. Otherwise, it will be necessary to change the date (possibly look at November).
• Possible contacts:
  ➢ Doug Beatty will contact Christine Kamt to see whether she would be interested in presenting a portion of the program (focusing on diverse populations).
  ➢ Kathy McMillan (serving the Deaf Community): kathleen@carr.org
      http://www.kathymacmillan.com/
  ➢ Mollyne Honor (Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped)
  ➢ Delrey School – serves children with multiple disabilities. Liz will contact the school, since they may have someone on staff who can address this topic.

*The next PSD meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. - Linthicum Branch of AACPL.*

Respectfully submitted by:
Yvette C. May, Secretary