PSD Meeting June 1, 2023

Online meeting via Zoom
In attendance: Liz Slack, Jenn, Jones, Pam Taylor, Lisa Swain, Yvette May, Melissa Lauber, Sabine Simonson, Tina Pickens, Arthur LaRue, Joy Williams.

Lots of good content on MLA Connect. Check it out!

Fall program is a go. Jenn will be unconference host. Scheduled for Sept 14 at Sollers Point Branch (BCPL) after PSD meeting. Jenn wants to use this program as a train the trainer.

Sabine suggested we have Sandy Meyers do her recent Delaware reference interview presentation at conference next year.

Suggested standalone and/or conference programs:
- Networking post-pandemic.
- Speed mentoring.
- Combination of Zoom/in-person program.
- Futuring program, possibly with FOLIG. (Pam will talk with Tracy)
- Offer another sign language program for adults (standalone?)
- How to communicate with non-English speakers in the library.

Conference:
Sabine thought it was one of the best in a while. Really enjoyed sign language program. The Jane Austen program rocked; Had 30 attendees, got lots of positive feedback afterwards.

Workplan Status:
We were to sponsor 2 programs during the year. We’re doing hybrid meetings/programs. Sponsor at least 3 programs at conference. Have active presence on MLA Connect. Keep documents up to date online. (Tina check with Bob about posting latest minutes on MLA website)

Affiliate Membership:
Eight systems have signed on to be Affiliate Members of MLA, which means that their employees are automatically members of MLA.

Round Robin:
- some BCPL branches have teen resource corners in their teen areas (oral hygiene, socks, period products).
- “New Americans” program at Randallstown, west side social worker has been wonderful.
- MLA Centennial bash at the Bush Library.
- The children’s area at Pikesville has been redone, although some parents want more things in the area.
- The Essex branch has a social worker from Healthcare for the Homeless until they get a new permanent social worker; doing a LOT of in-branch programs and outreach.
- Charles County now has a Detention center branch; has a new mobile branch that will bring tech to underserved areas.
The Mobile Food Pantry has started up in Harford County again, there were 30 people at the Aberdeen stop that partook of library and food pantry services.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 when Tina’s phone battery died.

Submitted by:
Tina Pickens, Secretary