RAIG quarterly meeting notes (via Blackboard)
January 8, 2021, 1pm

In attendance: Meg Faller, Amy Jenkins, Crystal Tracy, Monica McAbee, Ashley Fedele, Bettina, Ida Zago, Lynn Harlan, Bina Pittman, Megan Coleman

Book talks:

Bina: Recipe for a Perfect Wife by Karma Brown, A New Earth by Eckhart Toll, Too Much and Never Enough by Mary Trump (on audio)
Crystal: Widow of Rose House by Diana Biller, Paper Bullets by Jeffrey H. Jackson
Ida: Say Nothing by Patrick Radden Keefe, The Milkman by Anna Burns
Krista: The Comeback by Ella Burman
Lynn: Man in the Empty Suit by Sean Ferrell, In the Garden of Promises and Lies by Paula Brackston
Meg: My Favorite Thing is Monsters by Emil Ferris, Strange Love by Anne Aguirre
Megan: Apple: Skin to the Core by Eric Gansworth, Shed No Tears by Caz Frear
Monica: Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips

Conference 2020 wrap up:

Great job! We exceeded expectations, and what feedback we got was very positive!

Lynn will be repurposing her Austen part of the Fandom program as an online Valentine’s themed program for Calvert county

Conference 2021 planning:

All paperwork has been submitted to MLA for our planned conference programs: Book Buzz and Booktalking to the Void (Meg’s program on how to do virtual booktalks on mediums like social media).

The conference will be held May 3-7.

Standalone program: Soothing Reads for Stressful Times

Lynn, Crystal, and Ida have volunteered. Lynn will cover choose-your-own books, Crystal, literary cookbooks, and Ida and Meg C, graphic memoirs. Amy will introduce and offer Hygge tips between segments. They will be in contact separately to plan consistent programming, to include:
what the genre is, why it is soothing, and some title recommendations. May also include ideas for displays, how to improve readers’ advisory skills for hygge, and ways to combat burnout.

To be held in early April after Easter and Passover have passed.

Paperwork had not yet been filed at the time of the meeting, but is expected to turn over quickly.

**Spring Social: Where Am I? Unsung Disability Representation in Stories**

To be held in late May, after the conference.

To be formatted like our #BlackAuthorsMatter social, as a round table, with attendees able to sign up for one of the book talks.

**Social Media: Instagram account**

Should be biweekly posts, but haven’t heard updates from Suzanne.

Tentative plan going forward, to confirm later with Suzanne, who was not able to attend this meeting: 4 members, each posting on 1 week of the month, to keep content fresh and reduce individual burden. Meg F., Megan C., and Crystal have volunteered to assist Suzanne. Crystal will send a joint email to coordinate efforts.

**Next meeting is on March 5 at 1pm via the same Blackboard meeting room.**