Maryland Library Association  
Support Staff Division  
6/3/21 virtual meeting

In Attendance: Robin Soma-Dudley (President), Teonja Jung (Vice-President/President Elect), Lou Sica (Secretary), Moneik Frazier, Maria Jacob, Gabriel Jones, Nicole McLain, Georgeanne Montanari Amy Moser, Sharon Proakis

Guest: Debbie Gill from Queen Anne’s County Public Library

Intro
- We welcomed our guest, Debbie, and all introduced ourselves.
- Sharon informed the group that she was retiring in June and this would be her last meeting. She was thanked and congratulated with a round of applause for her many years as an active participant of SSD.

Presidents Report-Robin
- Ryan O’Grady continues to serve as Interim Director of MLA until a new Executive Director is selected.
- Robin is working on her final report and will share with the group.
- She thanked us all for her hard work and participation.
- She asked us to be thinking about ideas for standalone and conference programs, and for officers for FY23.
- Robin mentioned a lead on a speaker for a program on conflict resolution.
- Executive Board notes:
  ♦ MLA President Morgan Miller proposed offering a free one year MLA membership to all recent LATI graduates. This proposal generated a good deal of discussion at the Executive Board meeting, as well as at the SSD meeting. Concerns were raised that while this is a nice gesture for LATI graduates, what about support staff?
  ♦ Leadership Orientation for new officers will be virtual.
  ♦ The MLA Emerging Leader Award will be named after Margaret Carty.
  ♦ Sarah Biddinger is leaving the MLA Office for a job at Carroll County Public Library.
  ♦ The MLA Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Task Force (EDI) has proposed that MLA have a Black Caucus that is affiliated with the American Library Association (ALA) Black Caucus. There is a fee for this affiliation.
  ♦ See this link for more information on the Build America’s Libraries Act. [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/buildlibraries](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/buildlibraries)
  ♦ All MLA meetings will remain virtual through FY22.
Conference Report - Teonja

- Our panel on curbside services had 43 attendees.
- Our LGBTQ+ program had 46 attendees.
- Our grant writing program had 13 attendees.
- The evaluation forms have not been received yet but anecdotally they were all well received.
- Our silent auction basket sold for $120 and Amy delivered it to the winning bidder.
- There were 493 conference attendees.
- MLA does not issue CEU forms for viewing a recorded session. CEUs for recorded sessions are handled by individual library systems/libraries.

When the conference returns to an in person conference there is hope to bring back ignite sessions.

Program co-sponsor with LDD - Teonja

- We are co-sponsoring a two-part program with LDD, at their request: Make The Workplace Your Stage. Part one will be offered on 7/18 and 7/13. Part two will be offered on 7/15 and 7/20.

Secretary Report - Lou

- Our SSD email list is up to date as is our page on the MLA website.

Facebook Update - Gabriel (as of 6/3)

- Our page currently has 137 followers.
- Our post reach for the preceding 28 days was 45 (down 1 from the previous 28 day period).
- Our post engagements for the preceding 28 days was 21 (up 7 from previous 28 day period).
- We received one new page like in the 28 day period preceding 6/3

Other

- Robin, Teonja & Lou will update the SSD officer descriptions prior to the end of their terms.
- We will continue to meet virtually for now.

Next meeting Thursday 8/5 at 1:30 on Zoom
Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Sica