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Introductions

Resource Sharing

- **The Electric Kingdom** by David Arnold
- **Black Out** by Tiffany D. Jackson, Nicola Yoon, Angie Thomas, Dhonielle Clayton, Nic Stone, Ashley Woodfolk
- **The Magicians** by Lev Grossman (the show is better)
- **There's Someone in Your House** by Stephanie Perkins
- **HorrorStor** by Grady Hendrix
- **Felix Ever After** by Kacen Callender
- **Any Way the Wind Blows** by Rainbow Rowell
- **The Girl in the Sea** by Molly Ostertag
- **My Eyes are Up Here** by Laura Zimmerman
- **Under the Whispering Door** by TJ Klune
- **The Girl Least Likely** by Katy Loutzenhiser
- **Incredible Doom** by Matthew Bogart, Jesse Holden
- **The House in the Cerulean Sea** by TJ Klune
- **The Daughters of Ys** by MT Anderson, Jo Rioux
- **Be a Work In Progress** by John Cena, Valeria Perone
- **Star Crossed!!** By Junko
- **Teenage Bounty Hunters** (Netflix)
- **The Expanse** by James S. A. Corey
- **Maisie Dobbs** series by Jacqueline Winspear
- **Blue Flag** by Kaito
- **BL Metamorphosis** by Kaori Tsurutani, Jocelyne Allen
- **Haikyu!!** by Haruichi Furudate
- **Our Dining Table** by Ori Mita
- Video Games: Overcooked, Mario Kart, Mario Party, Cooking Mama, Animal Crossing, Smash Brothers
- The word **chuegy**

MLA Updates

- **New Co-Chairs for 2021-2022**: Jake & Kevin will be co-chairs for the new year. We are excited to increase membership and create engagement opportunities.
- **President’s Goals for 2021-2022**: This year will be focused on recruiting and onboarding a new executive director. Other items include formally establishing a equity,
diversity and inclusion task force and establishing a Maryland chapter with the Black Librarians Caucus of ALA.

● **2022 MLA Conference:** The 2022 conference will be May 4-6 at the usual location in Cambridge, MD. Plans are for the day to be in-person. Be on the lookout for more information, but if you have any ideas of what you’d like to see from TIG for the day please let us know.

● **LBGTQ Interest Group** - A LGBTQ Interest Group is being proposed. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Teresa Mill at teresa.miller@pgcmls.info and cc lgbtq@pgcmls.info.

**Discussion**

● **What does the future of TIG look like?**
  ○ Jake and Kevin want to build more membership and focus on bringing in staff from library systems we aren’t usually seeing.
  ○ A Discord server has been created to help maintain conversation outside of meetings. You can join the server by going to this link: https://discord.gg/tKqYA4KC
  ○ This Discord link will be active between 7/21-7/27. If you want to join after the fact please reach out to Jake & Kevin!
  ○ If you haven’t used Discord before but are interested in joining, let Jake or Kevin know - we can do a quick run down for you! Also feel free to share it with library staff you think would be interested in having these discussions.
  ○ We will also try some informal hang outs in between official TIG meetings. The first will be September 14th from 2-3pm on Discord. More information to come.

● **What do you want from us?**
  ○ A place to talk about ideas for:
    ■ Service learning hours outside SRC
    ■ How to work with diverse teens
    ■ How to balance virtual and in-person engagement
    ■ Rebuilding teen groups
    ■ Creating positive engagement and connections
    ■ How to have fun for the sake of fun (no other agenda)
    ■ Addressing social issues teens face
    ■ How libraries are dealing post-COVID
    ■ How to welcome teens back into public spaces after being closed
    ■ Ways to provide support for mental health without that being the focus
  ○ A consistent and updated feed of what Maryland libraries are doing for teens
  ○ Sharing resources, ideas and tips for systems that might not have had the same support for initiatives during COVID (i.e., Discord)
  ○ Professional Development opportunities
  ○ Guidelines on how to create a safe space for teens (virtually and in-person)
  ○ Ways to connect outside of meetings that don’t focus on complaining. This could also be in-person somewhere!
  ○ Support for common teen issues - getting teens to programs, transportation, etc.
How can we encourage more engagement?

- We want to be able to address equity and diversity. Some ideas were:
  - Giving teens a space to have a voice in decision making
  - Being intention with our displays and merchandising choices
  - Creating comfortable spaces
  - Providing freebies like pronoun / pride buttons
  - Incorporating diverse books into regular book clubs
  - Looking for grants to support these conversations - Tough Topic Conversations
  - Creating teen leadership opportunities in branch like the PLA Inclusive Internship or Baltimore County Youth Works

- We talked about getting feedback from teens by:
  - Forming a Teen Advisory Group / Board
  - Hosting an ‘orientation’ to the library
  - Making sure we build relationships and put names to faces
  - Observing trends and behaviors
  - Offering parameters when asking for feedback (less ‘what do you want’ and more ‘what do you want from these options’)
  - Creating passive opportunities like post-it note poles or an anonymous journal
  - White boards
  - Creating a google form for other staff to submit observations or things they overhear the teens saying

- Creating dynamic program like cooking / food programs, horror virtual reality events, Career Chat speed date, and outdoor tie-dying

**Agenda Building**

- First Brown Bag Lunch: September 14th, 2021, 2pm-4pm
- Next Official Meeting: October 12, 2021; 2pm-4pm

**Action Items**

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