TIG Meeting Notes  
August 30, 2018  
Bowie Branch Library

Introductions:

- Each shared a book they are enjoying and their past involvement with TIG. Very few of us have been involved with TIG in the recent past, so we are all starting fresh.

Discussion of training needs and interests for MLA:

- Share-outs can be really helpful and of interest - people like to know what other libraries are doing and what challenges they are facing.
  - From that, might think about doing “lightning talks” - people share their great ideas
- How to get teens in the door and engaged
- YALSA Institute participants asked for: mental health, social/emotional needs of teens
  - This is being covered at Teen Connect, so can probably leave that
- Developmental assets and competencies
- Teen Services 101: what to know if you are just starting out in teen services
  - YALSA 101 - preconference idea
  - This tended to be a crowd favorite/area we indicated of high need
- How to communicate with teens
- How to make partnerships that make a difference
- Social justice - but this happened last year at YALSA institute and MLA
  - Related topics: power mapping, Free Library of Philadelphia’s social justice symposium, teen empowerment
- Idea of allowing teens to represent themselves - would go well with the preconference
- Teaching teens about privacy + how to make it feel relevant and of interest
  - Question of whether schools are covering this and to what extent

Updates from Maryland State Library:

- Statewide book study - starting from November to April - will be reading “Putting Teens First in Library Services” - every month a chapter will be read and MSL will do a webinar hopefully with the author.

Capitol Choices:

- Easy to join group for discussing books for birth through teen. Capitol Choices creates best book lists for different book age groups each year.
- Great opportunity to connect with fellow librarians in the area and improve your Readers Advisory skills
Meet each month at the Arlington County (Virginia) Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street. Next meeting Sept 21.
More info here: https://capitolchoices.org/faqs/

Future plans for TIG:

- Agreement that there is an interest in having future meetings virtually to be more inclusive
- Interest in having TIG be a social/sharing/connecting group rather than focusing as much on trainings/formal skillbuilding
- Facebook groups could be utilized more to promote TIG community
  - Possibility of starting discussion questions via scheduled posts
- Think about doing a social event during MLA and/or possibly ALA when in DC
- Carrie will take a census of who is doing work with teens and might be interested in being part of TIG so that we can invite them in.