MLA TSD Quarterly Spring Meeting

03/28/2019

Called to order at 10am, with a 10 minute recess for technical difficulties.

Sharon Reidt moderated.

Crystal Tracy filled in for the secretary.

Attending in person:

   Mary Beth Kocijanic (St Mary’s—Lexington Park), Karen Ogletree (St Mary’s—Leonardtown), Kristin Green (Queen Anne—Kent Island), June Courtney (Prince George’s County), Mariana Sprouse (Charles—P.D. Brown), Sharon Reidt (Southern Maryland Regional/SMRLA), Crystal Tracy (SMRLA), Priscilla Thomas (SMRLA)

Attending remotely:

   David Brennan (McDaniel College), Ashley Fedele (Kent), Andie Craley (Harford Community College), Aya Martin (Prince George’s), Martha Zimmerman, Jennifer Martin, and Cynthia Nyirenda (Salisbury University), Loretta Staal (Harford County Public Library), Miriam DesHainis and Shana Gass (Towson University)

1. Introductions were made for each person around the room and online.

2. Then we shared member news—new and possibly exciting developments at the various institutions.

   a. Loretta: Harford County Public Library will stop sharing collections between branches as of July 2019. Much discussion about the work involved in that transition.

   b. Andie: Harford Community College is developing visionary groups for becoming a learning community.

   c. David: McDaniel College is working on program reallocation and collection development, to build a reallocation model.

   d. Martha: Salisbury is facing budget cuts.

   e. Sharon: SMRLA is the first institution in the state to earn NACO (Name Authority Cooperative Program) membership, creating new name authority records.

3. TSD to TSIG: The Technical Services Division will be transitioning to the Technical Services Interest Group as of March’s MLA executive committee meeting, due to the challenges in recruiting for leadership roles. As such, we will only need 1 chair instead of 4 officers, and have more time to instead focus on creating technical services content.

4. The TSIG Chair for FY2020 will be Susan Grant, Technical Services Manager at SMRLA. Although she was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments, she can be reached at sgrant@smrla.org.

5. Traditionally TSD send out a survey annually to MD libraries. We did not send one out last year, but Sharon is assembling one for this year, with feedback from the steering
committee. It will be distributed via the MARYLIB listserv in the next week. Please participate in the survey and encourage others you work with to do so as well.

6. The MLA/ DLA 2019 Conference will be held in Cambridge, MD in May. TSD will be sponsoring TWO programs this year. We hope you will attend one or both if you can:
   a. Susan Grant (SMRLA) & Colleen Cano (Calvert County Public Library) will be presenting on the new demand driven acquisitions pilot program for the three Southern Maryland counties. This program is the first of its kind in Maryland.
   b. Andie Craley (Harford County Community College), Susan Grant (SMRLA), & Jennifer Martin (Salisbury University) will be leading a panel discussion on cataloging non-traditional materials and offering perspectives from their own experiences.

7. We need to start planning TSIG program ideas for FY2020. Please send ideas to Sharon Reidt (sreidt@smrla.org) or Susan Grant (sgrant@smrla.org). We also need to consider geographic distribution within the state as relates to meeting locations for presentations. If you have an idea for a meeting location or would like to host one, please contact Sharon or Susan.
   a. Marianna Sprouse suggested a Train-the-Trainers program modelled on SMRLA’s MARC Demystified training.

8. We also discussed methods to increase outreach to acquisitions, collection development, and other non-cataloging Technical Services staff in MD.
   a. June Courtney (Prince George’s) suggested subgroups for institutions with specific ILS systems, like the now defunct Polaris Users Group, or PUG. PUG was subsumed by the Mid Atlantic Innovative Users Group, but it’s primarily focused on Innovative products. This gap in service could be an area of outreach opportunity for us. Polaris specific ideas seem to be the most in demand.
   b. The Idea Lab from Innovative was discussed, with a request to share the address with all participants (iii.com/innovative-users-invited-to-vote-on-new-features-for-Polaris-Sierra)
   c. Marianna Sprouse (Charles) suggested sharing favorite reports (ex—Simply Reports), which was a well-received suggestion. David is willing to lead that session.
   d. Sharon Reidt discussed SMRLA’s Shadow Us Days, when staff from other locations are invited to visit and shown what we do on a regular basis, followed by a group lunch. June Courtney said that Prince George’s County often has staff from different branches visit each other, although with a new CEO they are uncertain what might change.
   e. Marianna Sprouse discussed book talks and book sharing as a way to incorporate acquisitions staff into our activities. Someone suggested co-sponsoring events with the Readers’ Advisory Interest Group.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am, and was followed by two presentations. Sharon Reidt and Crystal Tracy presented “We’re all in this together: bridging the professional/paraprofessional divide at a regional public library,” followed by Marianna Sprouse’s presentation of “Collection assessment: not as scary as you think.”