MLA/TSD Business Meeting -- November 12, 2014
Blackwell Library, Salisbury University


Action Items:
- Steering Committee:
  - Identify/select articles for vote for December activity
  - Develop a program this spring for HR or collection assessment program
- Martha:
  - Crab article on the survey and how we are using the data to inform decisions/programming
  - Send out February dates to the Steering Committee to get that nailed down
- Maggie:
  - Welcome email to individual in survey results.
  - Contact Bob and have “Resources” page taken down.

Website Updates: Finished events transition to “Archives”, and new info to “Events” page. “Resources” page - not sure it's viable. Neither Martha nor Maggie was contacted after posting a message on the page regarding its impending removal. All agreed to have the page taken down. Maggie will contact Bob.

Next Business Meeting: Kate in the MLA office wants the rest of our dates for Happenings. May 2015 meeting will be at MLA on that Thursday (Lynette is taking care of the details). We discussed holding a virtual meeting in February. Look at the 4th or the 11th of February (both Wednesdays). Martha will send out a survey after the meeting to the entire committee to nail down the date. Due to the success of our last virtual meeting, this will be an open meeting on Adobe Connect.

December Activity (Martha):
Jessica proposed a happy hour or social event? "Provide networking opportunities" is part of the MLA Strategic Plan. Proposal of having multiple events in different regions, but there is a concern that we might not have enough people in certain areas. Perhaps we can host a centrally located dinner? Do a Friday or a Saturday? Due to the holidays, it might be too difficult to make this work in December, but definitely something to keep in mind for the future.

Maggie/Paula - Try to do something like the ACRL-MD article discussions, but pick articles that are of interest beyond academic reference/instruction. Pick three or four articles, have people vote, and then do a virtual discussion in December. If we get it out soon, Lynette purchased a month's access to Survey Monkey and we can use that for the survey. The Steering Committee will develop the shortlist in the next week or two and then put that out to vote to the membership.
Conference Update (Lynette):

TSD is sponsoring three programs this year.

- **Preconference: Basic Repairs for the Circulating Collection**, presented by Jill Deiss of Cat Tail Run Hand Bookbinding. Will be on Wednesday, May 6th.
- **Documenting the Lives of Maryland’s Veterans: How to Provide Access**
  - Speakers: Mary Mannix; Melissa VanSchaick, Jill Craig, Kathryn Ryberg
- **Bring Out Your Dead: Accessing Genealogical Materials That Are Afar**
  - Speakers: Mary Mannix, Dennis Meldrum
- Programs will be in the morning, one on Thursday the 7th and one on Friday the 8th.
- As we’re partnering with NASA, the conference keynote speaker is Derrick H. Pitts. There are currently 67 programs on the slate at MLA this year (and there will only be a digital conference program this year, not print). Doing a lot of virtual planning meetings or moving it around the state and then using a Wiki to plan.
- **Business Meeting**: Thursday, May 7th from 1:45-2:45 pm in room 317.

Survey Update (Lynette):

A couple of people offered to host, but didn’t leave their names for us to follow up. A couple of people asked again for the book repair program (now a pre-conference event) and centralized locations for sessions with the TSD. Nearly evenly split between public and academic libraries, but we want to get more public librarians involved with us on the steering committee.

Regarding Question 7 on programming and what people would like to see -- we’re addressing the book repair needs. There’s a shared sense that we’ve not offered a collection analysis program in a while. There's still a program to be done on cataloging genealogical materials.

We also have a program on March 20th on “Give Them What They Want When They Want It” (discussion to bookstore models, patron driven acquisitions etc.). We have to move from our original location due to cost. Those running the program suggested that we consider working together with Cecil County Public to do a longer program, as that library is looking at similar programming. Another program idea is doing something with an HR bent/management - managing change/ how do you work with people when your environment is in flux? . Perhaps plan that in the spring for summer? Develop either an HR or collection assessment program for the spring. Another suggestion is to ask someone from a library science school to ask what’s next in the field?

In order to share our survey results with the larger TSD and MLA community, Martha will write a Crab article on our survey and how we’re using that to inform our programming and outreach.

Meeting then transitioned into discussion on Demand Driven Acquisitions.