2017
ITEM/MLA
Legislative Forum
Becoming Strong Library Advocates
Morning

Summary of Legislative Session--Sam Walseth, Capitol Hill Associates

Minnesota Libraries in a Nutshell--Ken Behringer
  ● Organization, funding, relationships at local regional state level

Minnesota Legislature 101--Understanding the legislative process--Sam
  ● What does a lobbyist do

Understanding the State Budget--Jennifer Nelson, Director, State Library Services
Gathering Data--Joe Manion, State Library Services
Lunch!

Check your dot! Join the group!

Your opportunity to:

- Ask an experienced person questions about legislative process
- All those acronyms
- What happens at Legislative Committee & on Legislative Day
- Begin to build an advocacy network
- Other questions/discussion in lunch group
Afternoon

The Platform for 2018
- Survey results
- What goes on the MLA/ITEM Platform & why
- Platform Planks

New Legislative Working Committee

Keeping Up

- MNLibLeg mailing list
  - http://mnlibraryadvocacy.org/mailman/listinfo/mnlibleg_mnlibraryadvocacy.org
- First Wednesday Legislative Updates (10am via Zoom)
- Lobbyist updates (via MNLibLeg)
- Webinars--TBA on MLA/ITEM lists, MNLibLeg, Roundup
2018 Library Legislative Day

March 6, 2018
State Capitol
Ideas, Thoughts, Volunteers!

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**Survey Results: Who Responded**

**Are you a member of MLA or ITEM?**

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Total Respondents: 40
Level of Legislative Activity
2017 Platform Review
From the Survey

Matching 2107 Platform Planks

- Funding for regional library systems--public & multitype
- Bonding for public library buildings
- Broadband for public libraries (RLTA)
- K-12 Broadband Equity Aid
2018 Platform Planks

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New Ideas

- HF 2698--Media Specialist Grant Pool
“Shadow Platform”

Matching 2017 Shadow Platform Statements

- Support of library media programs in MDE-ESSA Plan
- Continued funding of ELM & MNLINK
- Growth of EBooks MN
- Role libraries play in afterschool programming
- Role of libraries in early literacy
“Shadow” Platform”

New Ideas*

● Statements of support for LGA & CPA

*Not really new, but not on the 2017 Shadow Platform
Platform Planks by Consensus

- Funding for regional library systems--public & multitype
- Bonding for public library buildings*
- HF 2698--Media Specialist Grant Pool

*Assumes a bonding bill in 2018 session
‘Shadow’ Planks by Concensus

- Continued funding of ELM & MNLINK
- Support OHE request for funding for EBooks MN
- Role libraries play in afterschool programming
- Role of libraries in early literacy
- Statements of support for LGA & CPA
- Continuation of Broadband for public libraries (RLTA)
- Support funding increase K-12 Broadband Equity Aid