

Public Libraries Division Business Meeting, Thursday, October 5th 2017, 1:00 PM

- I. Meeting called to order
- II. Our Mission: to support public libraries/librarians across the state and provide training and education
- III. Executive Committee and positions up for election
 - a. Current Executive Committee
 - i. Stacey Hendren, Chair – Branch Manager at Anoka County Library
 - ii. Jill Smith, Chair Elect – Director, Bayport Public Library
 - iii. Allison Girres, Secretary - Readers Services Librarian at Rochester Public Library
 - iv. Stacy Lienemann, Member at Large – Director at Waseca Public Library
 - v. Megan Olson, Member at Large – Branch Manager at Washington County Library
 - b. Chair is a 3 year term – 1 year as chair elect, 1 year as chair, 1 year as past chair
 - c. Chair and Member at Large positions opening up, (Stacy L. is rotating off), details on nomination process will follow shortly
 - d. Monthly meeting held via Google Hangouts
- IV. Review of 2017 (Stacey Hendren)
 - a. PLD Day 2017
 - i. Held in Northfield, a deliberate choice to allow for attendance from those outstate
 - ii. Added breakout sessions based on feedback from 2016
 - iii. Keynote speakers were Michelle Garnet Mackenzie from Advocates of Human Rights and Valerie Horton from Minitex
 - iv. 61 attendees, over our goal
 - v. PLD 2018 is set for April 2018, probably in Northeast suburbs. Final date and location TBA
 - vi. Received grants from CRPSLA and Minitex
 - b. Trying to revamp our Facebook page so please follow us!
 - c. Stacey Hendren thanks everyone for all their work and support this past year, especially the executive committee.
- V. Upcoming Elections (Jill Smith)
 - a. Open positions for Chair Elect and Member at large, hope to have a new executive board in place by Thanksgiving
 - i. Member at Large position (Stacey Lienemann) – Fewer administrative duties, but you get to brainstorm ideas and provide input. A great position for people who are outstate.
 - ii. Chair Elect (Jill Smith) – PLD is the main project for the executive committee. It's a great opportunity to build project management skills. Meetings are short and not overwhelming and it's a fun experience!
 - b. October 20th is the deadline for announcing/nominating candidates
 - c. Bylaws – bylaws and position descriptions were updated at the 2016 Business Meeting. They are on the website, please check them for more information on executive committee positions.
- VI. Member Sharing – What's radical at your library?

- a. Katherine L. at Rochester Public Library – We have a telescope that will be able to be checked out to patrons!
- b. Tom J. at Dakota County – NASA Education will lend moon rocks for people to borrow, for use in programs, etc. They were very popular!
- c. Stacey H. at Anoka – Anoka County now circulates board games. They are very popular and all have lots of holds – we will be adding more.
- d. Brian L. at Rochester Public Library – We offer Improv workshops
- e. Chris M. at Arrowhead Public Library System – We are about to merge our catalog with Duluth Public Library’s. It is a big project but exciting.
- f. Amanda E. at St. Paul Public Library – We have an adult maker space and are now succeeding at getting homeless patrons to use it as well. They are even using it to create work to sell. (Per questions – the maker space has sewing machines (with fabric provided), recording equipment, etc.)
- g. Will H. at Hennepin County Public Library - A new digital streaming program MNSpin will debut in December. It features streaming radio with music from all genres, highlighting artists from Minnesota. Music is selected by a panel of 4 music industry professionals and 2 librarians. It will be available to anyone statewide via web streaming and artists are compensated \$200 for their music.
- h. Julia C. at Dakota County Library – We now circulate fitness kits with exercise balls, exercise bands, etc. and Nature Backpacks for Kids. Cataloging and Acquisitions do an amazing job of figuring out how to catalog and process these items! Maker Space kits are also coming soon.
- i. Carol J. at Ramsey County – We circulate Caregiver Kits for patrons with memory loss. We also have “Binge Boxes” which have lots of DVDs on a theme.
- j. Sarah at East Central Library System – We circulate Brain Fitness kits which have games for memory help, and Reminiscence kits, which have items for sparking conversations with elderly relatives and people with memory issues.
- k. Barb at Dakota County Library – We hosted a political discussion through a group called Better Angels out of New York. The discussion featured people on both sides listening to each other and really hearing each other. It was very structured and hosted by a professor from the U of M. People reported that they felt better equipped to having conversations outside of the library with people on different sides of the political spectrum.
- l. Sue S. at Duluth Public Library - We have early literacy classes at the federal prison for soon-to-be released prisoners (dads and grandpas) – everyone loves it! On that note, Hennepin County also offers a program for incarcerated parents to record stories for their children. Parents attend an early literacy class and then get to record themselves reading a book. The book and CD are sent to their child.

VII. Meeting Adjourned