Fall Summary Report

March for Libraries Updates
- Great turnout for the Southern Festival of Books
- March for Libraries Instagram up to 70 followers, this is good since we have been doing minimum promotion
- Going to start a Go-Fund-Me for Giving Tuesday (11/28/23)
- Looking for event volunteers from other committees
- New Year’s Goal is to begin outreach to large metro/academic/public school library systems
  - Committee Chair, Cassandra Taylor, is actively working on the Permit Application with assistance from Gordon Richard at the Metro Nashville Mayor’s Office.
    - Need funding for security for the event.
    - Looking for the cheapest/best options for security
    - Route has changed
    - Will be reaching out to Metro Parks and Nashville Public Library for event space
    - The new route will circle the block around the library

Please see the new Media Toolkit for March for Libraries and share/promote it on your own social!

Please read through the most recent Meeting Minutes proceeding with this update.

Tennessee Library Association: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2023
Time: 2:00-2:30 PM
Topic: Monthly Meeting
Present: Cassandra Taylor (Chair), Tiffeni F., Marie Peeples, and Callie Vaden

2:00 PM
- Southern Festival of Books updates
  - Keep an eye out for an email from TNLA soliciting volunteers
  - Planning on having posters and handouts to publicize March for Libraries
- March for Libraries updates
  - Cassandra Taylor is working with the TNLA webmaster to create a registration link; the event is free and open to the public but registration lends a digital presence
  - Cassandra Taylor has a meeting Tuesday with the metro mayor’s office, which grants permits; let her know if you’re interested in sitting in on the meeting
  - We will likely need to fundraise to cover some of the permit/security costs
Cassandra Taylor is working on a social media toolkit, as well as 11x17 posters to send to libraries; we will also have an Eventbrite page with a link to the TNLA website.

2:15 PM
• March for Libraries speakers
  o Be thinking about potential speakers or criteria for speakers
  o Cassandra Taylor has reached out to Andrea Blackman (Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer for the City of Nashville) as a potential speaker

2:20 PM
• March for Libraries on social media
  o Instagram: @marchforlibraries
  o We are collecting content to share on social media—e.g., a personal story or blurb about why DEI is important to you, how you or someone you know has been affected by censorship; we can share prompts or a mini survey with other librarians to collect stories; can be anonymous
  o Feel free to make your own Instagram story (e.g., in Canva) and share with Cassandra Taylor to post
  o Check out @teachersdisruptcensorship on Instagram for a similar concept

2:25 PM
• We would like to make a DEI toolkit in Google Drive, but are waiting to see if the DEI committee will get its own Gmail account
  o Share any tools you have with Cassandra Taylor

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Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2023
Time: 2:00-2:10 PM
Topic: Monthly Meeting
Present: Cassandra Taylor (Chair) and Marie Peeples

2:00 PM
• March for Libraries Update
  o Cassandra Taylor met with the metro mayor’s office, who provided a packet on security for the event. We are planning to change/reduce the intended path—hoping to gather at Church Street Park in downtown Nashville.
• March for Libraries Social Media
  o Instagram: @marchforlibraries
  o Reminder to send Cassandra Taylor your library stories for use on social media—e.g., a personal story or blurb about why DEI is important to you, or how you or someone you know has been affected by censorship. These can be anonymous.