

MLA Public Libraries Division: Business Meeting 2015

October 8th, 2015

Meeting Minutes

- I. Officer introductions
 - a. Frances Veit, President
 - b. Sarah Ethier, Secretary
 - c. Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Member-At-Large

- II. Updates and announcements
 - a. Did you know? We have a Facebook page!
 - b. PLD Day 2015 recap
 - i. First PLD Day was held immediately before MLA in 2014
 - ii. 2015 was the first stand-alone PLD Day in the Spring
 - c. PLD Day 2016 ideas
 - i. Email ideas and suggestions to Frances or other board members
(email reminder to follow)
 - d. Nominations for officers
 - i. Seeking nominations for Chair-Elect and additional member-at-large
 - ii. Email nominations for officers to Frances or other board members
(email reminder to follow)

- III. Multitype Panel Discussion
 - a. Panel Presenters
 - i. Patricia Post, CMLE
 - ii. Kathy Enger, NLLN
 - iii. Shelly Grace, SAMMIE
 - iv. Orrin Ausen, TDS
 - b. Multitypes in MN overview
 - i. 7 Multitype Systems throughout the state
 - ii. Been in existence about as long as the regional systems
 - iii. Receive 1.2 million in funding to spread throughout all systems
 - iv. Work with all types of libraries and library systems – regional, academic, school, special, etc

- v. Established through state statute
- c. Northern Lights Library Network
 - i. Consists of 3 regional systems
 - ii. Applies 60% of funding to programming, etc and 40% to admin
 - iii. Main responsibility is to support and develop professional staff
 - 1. Improves collections
 - 2. Weeds school collections
 - 3. Helps get school catalogs online
 - 4. Examples of work:
 - a. New White Earth library received IMLS grant for 121K and could open new library in the center of the reservation
 - b. Peg Warner of Viking brought bookmobile from Lake Agassiz to Campbell Schools
 - 5. Sponsor and Support funding for librarians
 - a. Meet with legislators on Library Legislative Day
 - b. Promote libraries publicly
 - c. Create development and management program
- d. Arrowhead
 - i. 7 counties
 - ii. Publish newsletter with latest in library news
- e. CMLE
 - i. Covers central portion of state
 - ii. Focused on what libraries and librarians need, including media specialists
 - iii. Covers 12 counties, 2 regional systems
 - iv. Main responsibilities
 - 1. Weekly newsletter with latest library stories, practices, and trends
 - 2. Partners with special programs
 - a. Edible Books

- b. Grant writing assistance for any librarian
 - 3. Scholarships for professional development
 - 4. Support nightly events at conferences
 - f. Metronet
 - i. 7 County Twin Cities area
 - ii. Responsible for Jobline
 - iii. MILI program to teach information literacy skills to classroom teachers, including the 3 R's
 - 1. Research
 - 2. Reliable Resources
 - 3. Responsible use
 - iv. Scholarships
 - 1. Many receive \$500 or \$1000
 - 2. Last year 38 professionals were sent to area conferences with this money
 - g. SAMMIE
 - i. 18 counties, 2 regional systems
 - ii. Scholarships
 - 1. Up to \$400 per quarter for professional development
 - 2. Can be used by any library professional, including media specialists
 - iii. Sponsor Special Events
 - 1. Camp Read-A-Lot
 - 2. Summer Reading Programs
 - 3. Teen programming
 - a. Movie nights
 - b. Pizza parties
 - c. Book voting for new collections
 - iv. Newsletter with topic of the week and special events
 - h. SELS
 - i. Supports ILL between all types of libraries

- ii. Catalog and circulation training
- iii. Continuing education and workshops
- i. Traverse de Sioux
 - i. 9 counties
 - ii. Multitype and regional system are the same
 - iii. Provides services for all types of libraries – public, school, special, etc
 - iv. ILL delivery to all types of libraries
 - v. Support small school libraries
 - 1. Contacted by small rural district that wanted to join automation system
 - a. District without a media specialist
 - b. First step:
 - i. Weeded – old collection!
 - ii. Moved library to high school
 - iii. Set up the library
 - c. Helped find online resources for students to use
 - d. Currently writing grants to get them automation system
 - 2. Help train school staff
 - 3. Central catalog for schools
 - 4. Provide ebooks and emagazines
 - vi. Continuing Education workshops
 - vii. Scholarships for professional development
 - 1. 35 professionals attended conferences with support
 - viii. Technological Support
 - 1. Recently migrated 90+ libraries to new ILS system
 - ix. Advocate for libraries
 - 1. Grassroots Level
 - a. Meet local legislators
 - b. Go to Capital

c. Fundraising for summer reading

x. What has Orrin learned?

1. Libraries have a strong connection with the state
2. Best ILL and delivery in the country
3. Librarians need to better promote to our communities and legislators better
 - a. If they don't understand what we do, we won't get support and funding we need
 - b. All multitypes are different, but we need to find connections to help legislators see our value

j. Regional vs Multitypes

- i. Multitypes typically have a larger audience
- ii. Both serve the same citizens, but multitypes bring all types of libraries together
- iii. Multitypes – the librarian's library
 1. Support staff to do more and better at what they do
- iv. Both collaborate and share, but sometimes the multitypes can be in a better position to offer solutions

IV. Wrap-Up

- a. The questions for the panelists precluded sharing time at the end of the session. This will be incorporated into PLD Day 2016.