

Diversity and Outreach Section Minutes
September 21, 2015 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Paterson Free Public Library/ Adobe Connect

Attendance:

Review of Minutes from Aug 27, 2015 – Cherry Hill Public Library/ Adobe Connect - Andy moved to approve the minutes.

Reports from

Executive Board – Jill D’Amico discussed the following:

- All memberships must be renewed by Oct 15 or you will be dropped from listserve.
- No real liaisons to the sections anymore.
- Rutgers is no longer offering a Master of Library Science degree. It is unclear whether Thomas Edison College, who takes care of NJ Librarian Certificates, will issue certificates for the Master of Information degree.

State Library – Mimi Lee discussed the following:

- Literacy Boot Camp
- Youth Services Forum - October 7.
- Director’s Summit - October 7.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid training has opened two more sessions.
- Mentor NJ Network Partnership with Dept. of Children & Families

Social Media Team – Nola - Meeting on Sept. 22 and will hopefully start tweeting.

Active:

D&O Idea Survey - results (the link will be shared)

- Partner with the Rutgers School of Social Work - Long Branch PL is already doing this and partnering with Montclair State U. The intern supervisor is the point of contact.
- D&O could feature a “Successful Program of the Month” newsletter of successful programs targeted toward minority communities. Mimi talked about the winners of the Multicultural Programming grant and that there are definitely libraries doing successful programming. Ocean County Library System won in 2014
- Donating weeded non-English books to organizations in need. One example is First Friends of NJ and NY.
- List of NJ librarians who have areas of expertise and are willing to help. For example, someone who has experience reaching out to a certain group, or who speaks languages other than English. What

are the ramifications of volunteering and doing this on work time? This is a project that needs more thought. This could be included on the Diversity Resource web page.

Combining with UL for November 19 meeting has been cancelled - League of Municipalities is having their conference in Atlantic City the same week. Many people who would attend this meeting will be attending the conference. They will no longer participate in a joint meeting and asked D&O to move their November meeting to also participate in the conference to advocate for libraries. **Meeting will be moved to November 12, 2:00-5:00 PM, Paterson Public Library.**

Other People's Holidays calendar - Will revisit next meeting

Library card registration awards - People are not responding via email. Tabled for now.

Upcoming Events

- Youth Services Forum - Oct 7, 2015 - 9:30am to 2:30pm at Monroe Twp. Public Library
- NJ Anti-Poverty Summit - table for NJ libraries Oct 13, 2015. Looking for people to staff the table.
- Snapshot Day Oct 21, 2015 - One day in the life of NJ libraries. Images and statistics are gathered for advocacy purposes.
- Adult Services Forum Oct 26, 2015 - 9:00am to 3:30pm at Monmouth County Library - Allen will be giving a presentation during lunchtime to highlight the Diversity Resource page. D&O will also have a table at the event. Need people to staff the table. People are also needed to staff the registration table.
- NJLA Conference program submission deadline Nov 20, 2015. A form soliciting ideas will be sent.
 - Idea of interpersonal skills to work well with others.
 - Discussion of how-to of having social work interns at your library, or the next step
- League of Municipalities conference, Atlantic City Convention Center, the week of November 18-22.
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Reminders:

The Resources Page is live at <http://librarylinknj.org/DO-diversity>

Upcoming meetings – we are returning to Thursdays – specifically the 4th Thurs of each month except during the month of the NJLA Conference

October 22, 2015 – Location: NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center

November 12, 2015 - 2:00 PM at the Paterson Public Library

December 17, 2015 – Mullica Hill Branch/Gloucester County System

January 28, 2016 – Toms River Branch/Ocean County System