

ET Section Minutes from 4/13/18

Next Meeting will be Friday, 7/27 from 2:00-3:30 at the Point Pleasant BEACH branch. They call it the “little red library” and this link has a photo of the building: <http://theoceancountylibrary.org/Branches/P/p.htm>

We will grab an early dinner afterwards. If you can't attend we will have a virtual link, and we will have a meeting in early September.

Megan will be at the Starbucks at 8:30 on Thursday, May 31st at NJLA if anyone is interested in chatting about the Bootcamp.

- Discussed changing the name of Emerging Technologies to Technology Section or Tech Connect. Will be sending a google form out for name suggestions. Section will then vote on what name to change the section to.
- Discussed a slogan for the Tech Boot Camp. Megan will be sending out a google form for this as well.
- Megan Kociolek will be looking into our bylaws, and whether they need to be updated or changed. Megan Kociolek will contact NJLA to request our bylaws.
- We discussed our section's official mission and core values. And if we do not have these, creating new ones.
- The section discussed a Tech Bootcamp happening in March of 2019. We discussed possible sponsors, including an IT company, the State Library, NJLA, and other library organizations. RVCC was discussed as a possible place to have the bootcamp at.
- The amount to charge attendees was discussed and ranged from 35 to a sliding scale. And allowing Library Science students to attend for free. If we have a sliding scale or cheaper rates we might attract school media specialists as well.
- Bootcamps or tech conferences from other states were mentioned. Maryland, Philadelphia, and Georgia. Maryland did a lot with VR. Free Library of Philadelphia has Computer Boot Camp. Also University of Pennsylvania, in partnership with New York's Trilogy Education Services, recently announced the launch of the Penn Arts and Science Coding Boot Camp. IMLS was at the MD bootcamp as well. Under that umbrella Carina would also like to see sessions on how to teach students/patrons and/or give workshops on how to be safe online. Doug thought a mix of speakers and hands on components would likely be a bigger draw.
- Tanya agreed that good mix of speakers and workshops will make it appealing. Andrea wondered if part of security/privacy would be how to educate patrons as well. Carina mentioned that the workshop could include cyberbullying, catfishing, avatar psychology, and clickbaiting.
- Do you think a whole day tech conference covering one topic will draw the audience the section would want? The topic of security and privacy was discussed but all agreed as a group that it should only be one component of the bootcamp. A hands on component was agreed upon as well.
- We discussed that we currently only have one officer, the President, and would anyone else be interested in serving as the Secretary or Vice-President. Megan will send a list of those to the section.
- Various structures were discussed for the bootcamp: ranging from tracks, thematic tracks, affinity groups, rotating different sessions on different topics, unconference model, edcamps,

and wordpress camps were mentioned. <http://www.edcampnewjersey.net/> An edcamp is a participant-driven conference - commonly referred to as an "unconference". Edcamps are designed to provide participant-driven professional development for K-12 educators. Edcamps are modeled after BarCamps, free participant-driven conferences with a primary focus on technology and computers. Hackathons was mentioned as well. Our conclusion is that we should create a hybrid of of these various ideas.

- We discussed that this will be our first tech bootcamp so we do not need to include all the ideas mentioned. Tanya mentioned the structure of the Bootcamp will also depend on the venue. Doug said we should reach out to other sections and committees since tech crosses all of them.
- Our next meeting will be Friday, July 27th.
- Andrea Levandowski from the state library wants everyone to contact her if a library is working on a library website redesign or is thinking that they need major changes to their library website. If interested, please send me an email: alevandowski@njstatelib.org