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Directors' Association

Date: April 2, 2021

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; J. Thornton; Mary Fellows; Natalie Hurteau; Carol Melewski
RCSC

Meeting called to order by M. Tacke at 9:02AM

Update from UHLS

Tim

- Advocacy reminder: a couple of emails were sent out over the last week, please remember to pass along to anyone that will take action. Budget wasn't passed by April 1, so we will have longer to wait for the final results.
- Reminder to keep the hours/services spreadsheet updated on the UHLS website, he expects a lot of changes over the coming weeks

Jona

Big thank you to everyone who acted fast and helped her reach the April 1 deadline for the NYS Annual Reports.

Natalie

An email will be sent out soon from the ATF Collection Subgroup on how to complete a diversity audit of your library's collection.

New Business

Proposal: reduction of item quarantine to a minimum of 24 hours

The Ad Hoc Pandemic Response Committee is now recommending that as of Monday, April 5 that there be a reduction from 48 to 24 hours for quarantining of library materials. Heads up, the committee will likely be recommending eliminating the quarantine as of Monday, May 3, but it will be discussed at the DA before then. G. Kirkpatrick asked what this was based on and committee members responded with current research data and CDC guidelines (several article links were shared in the chat log. M. Tacke will also email out what the committee has been reviewing to the entire group. Note - no vote was taken on this, because it is just a recommendation from the committee and the committee members realize that each library has to make its own determination about safety protocols. That being said, all libraries are encouraged to follow this recommendation.

S. Clark asked the group what they were doing for items that are handled by patrons within the library. Many responded that they were either wiping them down before reshelving, or immediately reshelving because patrons are asked to either wash their hands or use hand sanitizer when entering the building.

Vaccinations - impact on health screening protocols

M. Tacke would like to know if anyone is changing their daily health questionnaires now that staff are becoming vaccinated. Per the CDC, you aren't required to quarantine unless you are exhibiting symptoms if you're at least 14 days post vaccination. G. Kirkpatrick's staff was just discussing this - it is suggested to have all employees still complete the health questionnaire so that it's not viewed as discriminatory, but maybe just modify the form to include a first question asking if the employee is exhibiting symptoms. C. Gibeau asked if everyone was still taking

employee temperatures at the library - no, the group agreed that it's asked of the employee to complete and report on the questionnaire prior to their shift and most library's forms did not ask for exact temperature, but simply verified that the employee had taken their own temperature before reporting to work.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Pandemic Response Committee

E. Neale reported that a survey will be sent out soon to gather information from libraries on their outdoor programming plans for this summer / programming for the remainder of the year. M. Tacke read the categories from the survey to the group - no one had any further suggestions. The survey will go out to the DA list shortly.

Antiracism Task Force

M. Fellows reminded the group that very soon a survey will be emailed re: training for board members. Please complete by the end of April. The next learning circle will be held on 4/20 at 10AM - no registration is required. Further information for a system wide community read will be coming soon!

eContent Advisory Committee

J. Wines emailed out the contributions spreadsheet and the Hoopla information yesterday.

Open Forum

K. Stempel shared with the group that AZ State University is collecting stories re: lack of broadband throughout the country if you'd like to participate. In addition, BERN will be hosting a kite flying program in the park on April 11.

APL held a pop-up vaccination clinic last Saturday at their Arbor Hill location, where 633 county residents were vaccinated. Monday APL's Pine Hills branch will be open as a vaccination site as well.

C. Gibeau is looking for resources for SRP, as this is her first year. M. Fellows can send out some information from their Youth Services meetings.

WSTR, joined by a number of other member libraries, sang the praises of the [Bulk Book Warehouse!](#)

C. Gibeau asked the group re: custodial help - they only have someone coming one hour a week and the City isn't being flexible. Several directors made suggestions. J. Chirgwin suggested she talk to the Head of Facilities for the City - tell them you'll now be required to hire another staff member at the library just for cleaning purposes and bring it to the Mayor if needed.

Next meeting will be held Friday, April 16 at 9AM. Adjourned at 10:02AM.