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Antiracism Task Force meeting, 5.13.21

x	Chair – Mary Fellows, UHLS
x	UHLS at Large Member – Natalie Hurteau
x	DA at large Member – Tim Wiles, GUIL
x	Medium library representative: Tracey Pause, VOOR
x	Large Library representative: Tor Loney, APL
x	Adult services representative – Liz Maynard, RCS
x	Children’s services representative - Amy McCarthy, GUIL
x	Teen services representative – Cathy Brenner, BETH
x	At large member – Tracey McShane, BETH

Antiracism Task Force meeting minutes, 5/13/2021

Meeting called to order by M. Fellows at 2:02 pm

Minutes: The 04/22/2021 meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed before the meeting and are now available on the UHLS website.

Time-keeper: T. Wiles

Part I

- Opening Remarks and Updates
 - M. Fellows led the TF in opening remarks and the review of the agenda
 - M. Fellows led the TF on a round of updates:
 - Gretchen Sorin will be speaking at the UHLS annual celebration on June 9th @ 6:30 pm
 - N. Hurteau reported that there have been lots of updates to the website/thank you everyone for using the scheduler
 - Programming will need to meet separately to go over the systemwide program for Gretchen Sorin. N. Hurteau will send out a doodle poll.

Part II

- Breakout sessions
 - Collections and CE
 - Marketing and Story Circles

Part III. Sharing of information and progress reporting of subgroups

- N. Hurteau reported that collections has made a lot of progress with the diversity audit. They are tweaking some information and will be working with Rob Carle to create a training video. N. Hurteau met with the E-content Advisory Committee to go over purchasing recommendations.
- N. Hurteau reported that marketing has also made some progress. The subgroup has targeted some 4-5 Canva artists within the system that would be happy to create templates for libraries to share out marketing materials. The subgroup will be working on a google sheet to list out what they need.
- T. Wiles reported that Gretchen Sorin would be interested in doing a system wide program in August, giving patrons the time to read the book in July. N. Hurteau and T. Wiles will be working on purchasing books for the libraries, and programming will meet up to discuss finer details once the doodle poll is complete.
- M. Fellows reported that the CE subgroup worked on brainstorming the points that they are looking for trainers/presenters to teach to library staff and board trustees.
- M. Fellows reported that the next Story Circle will be on June 8th at 10:00 am and is titled Conversations on Race. It will feature three different videos. M. Fellows reported that this time the questions will be shared ahead of time.

Part IV. Other

- N. Hurteau shared a recent conversation regarding the ATF website which posed the question, How do we make sure the library community is aware of the website?
 - M. Fellows suggested that in the ATF emails try to do a screenshot of the homepage as well as a link.
 - M. Fellows suggested that each ATF member shares the ATF website with colleagues where appropriate, i.e Adult and Youth Services meetings and possibly DA.

Part V. Learning Together

- T. Loney updated the ATF on the racial tensions in the South End of Albany. Discussion will be continued at the next ATF

Part V. Talking points

- M. Fellows asked the TF to summarize the talking points from today's meeting
 - Story Circles: Discussions on Race, June 8th at 10:00 am
 - Gretchen Sorin will be the speaker at the UHLS Annual Dinner
 - Lots of updates to the Website

Next Meeting: May 27 @ 2pm

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm

Respectfully submitted, N. Hurteau