

## **Interest Group: L.E.A.D. Interest Group**

### **L.E.A.D. Interest Group Report 2017-18**

This was a great year for the L.E.A.D. Interest Group! We had online meetings, to 1) consider questions, development and strategy for our group and 2), to schedule and plan programming events for WLA!

#### **Activities for 2017-18**

- Throughout the Fiscal Year, L.E.A.D. members were all very active on our Interest Group ListServ. We communicated back and forth on a consistent basis.
- As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2018, we have 13 active members
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Online Interest Group Meeting:

On Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, L.E.A.D. Members had an official online conference meeting for all members. We discussed a number of things. The main focus of our Interest Group is developing and supporting Leadership, especially through programming at the annual Wyoming Library Association Conference. We discussed bringing in a larger scale speaker for WLA, focused on leadership, diversity, and timely issues that especially faced modern librarians in the western region. After a lot of discussion on our ListServ before our meeting in February, we came to the conclusion that having someone who was informed, influential, female, who could speak on diversity and inclusive issues in the wake of the #MeToo movement, was important. Librarians wish to understand our communities, help them, be a part of them, but also feel supported ourselves in our abilities to be great librarians. With these ideas in mind we contacted Dr. Emily Monago, Chief Diversity Officer at the University of Wyoming.

At our meeting on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, we also discussed the importance of Marketing, Listserv activity, Membership, and possible future Social Media opportunities. Members further discussed the importance of involvement and support of leadership development and mentorship. Members shared with each other the importance of excellent customer service skills, research skills, and abilities for new librarians as they come into the field. A second conference call was organized with L.E.A.D. Members and Dr. Emily Monago at UW.

- On April 3, L.E.A.D. Member Brian Green had a conference call with Dr. Emily Monago, organized by L.E.A.D. leader Anna Street. This led to some great conversations, and her agreeing to come to WLA, waiving her host fee! L.E.A.D. members communicated with Emily throughout the process, and worked on program proposals, WLA details, etc.
- L.E.A.D. presented and submitted program proposals by due-dates.
- At WLA 2018, there are two programs officially facilitated/sponsored by L.E.A.D. – “Customer Service in the Library? Really?” led by Anna Street and Richard Landreth, and Librarians as Rural Community Multicultural Change Agents,” which will be led by Dr. Emily Monago of UW.
- We will be having an in-person meeting at WLA, specific time TBD

#### **Upcoming Activities for 2018-19**

For the upcoming year, L.E.A.D. will have Online Meetings and an in-person meeting at WLA 2019. We will maintain and stay active on our ListServ. We will discuss membership, our name (new acronym?), marketing ideas beyond programming, and how to expand and actively participate in mentorship opportunities. Another program(s) will also be explored and planned by Interest Group Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Street,

L.E.A.D. Interest Group Leader

### **Interest Group: Library Instruction**

The Instruction Interest group is/has been inactive for approximately 6 years. Our plans for the coming year *may be* to propose that the Wyoming Academic Librarians, who are already organized in an interactive Google Group, replace the Instruction Interest group by simply listing ourselves as a WLA interest group called something like, Wyoming Academic Librarians. Though the Academic Librarians do discuss instruction in our Google Group, we discuss other issues relevant to academic libraries such as assessment and articulation and thus the name change. Janice Grover-Roosa and Amanda Lehman from UW facilitate the Google Group—there is no designated “chair”—they consider themselves sort of grass roots.

### **Interest Group: New Technology in Libraries**

7/27/2018

During the past year the New Technology Interest Group members and I have posted very little on the site. I highly suspect that it is because of severe state budget constraints and staffing constraints. I am interested in having a Co-Interest Group Leader like we had several years ago because in my role as the Head of Library Information Technology at the University of Wyoming, I have very little time to contribute to or managing the group. I welcome suggestions and would welcome having a Co-Interest Group Leader.

This year there are a number of technology-based offerings at the WLA Conference.

1. Information Power
2. MakerSpaces & STEM Labs;
3. Use of LibGuides and LibAnswers;
4. Coding in Your Library;
5. Libraries Enhancing Access for Rural Neighbors
6. Libraries as Rural Community Multicultural Change Agents
7. What the Tech

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Boss

### **Interest Group: (SLIG) School Library Interest Group**

No Response

## **Interest Group: Youth Services**

At the 2017 Annual WLA Conference, Darcy Accord finished her term as leader, and Michelle Humber, incoming leader, stepped in as leader. Kennedy Penn-O'Toole won the election against Jessika Waldron Girod for incoming leader. The YSIG group was in charge of the author luncheon at the WLA annual conference and booked Garth Stein.

Michelle and Kennedy attended CSLP in Denver, Colorado in April of 2018. There are many positive changes going on in CSLP. The new goal of CSLP is to be in control of everything rather than the vendor (DEMCO). By 2020, CSLP will allow different vendors to bid on t-shirts, print contracts, and prizes. Also beginning 2020, all elections will be online. This year was also a little different because we ran through three years of slogans in order to catch up to the new timeline. The new slogans are: 2020 Imagine Your Story, 2021 Tails and Tales, and 2022 All Together Now. Also, CSLP will be moving their annual meeting to the fall rather than the spring. The next meeting will take place in September 2019.

The 2018 YSIG Spring Meeting took place at the Albany County Library in Laramie. We had around thirty-five members attend. Artist June Glasson spoke about her journey with art and community and presented on collaborative art projects we could bring to our library communities. Chris Van Burgh and Paige Brendenkamp from the state library presented as well. Chris shared information about useful literature databases, and Paige presented information she gained at the YALSA forum regarding teen services competencies, the paradigm shift in teen services, and getting admin/community buy-in.

During the business meeting portion of the spring meeting, Kennedy stepped down as incoming leader due to her taking a full time cataloging job at the Albany County Library. We asked for someone to volunteer to step into her spot and asked that it be a veteran of the YSIG group. We then reminded everyone we will also need a new incoming leader in August of 2018. We also discussed the changes within CSLP, specifically the switching of the CSLP annual meeting. Switching the meeting changes the timeline of YSIG leadership and presents a concern because we could potentially have two people at the 2019 CSLP meeting who have never been before (typically, YSIG leadership switches over at the WLA Annual Conference). We discussed possibly having to send three people to the 2019 CSLP meeting in order to have someone there who has previously attended. Also, we decided to have some sort of digital conference after the fall CSLP meeting so members do not have to wait until the spring meeting to hear about CSLP news. We also discussed the desire to have some sort of youth services consultant at the state library. Most states that attend CSLP have youth services consultants, and they are greatly beneficial to the public youth services librarians. I talked with Jamie Markus at the Wyoming State Library, and a youth services consultant is on his radar. Because of funding, a position cannot be created now, but hopefully will become a reality in the future. Lastly, Abby Lancaster was the recipient of the YSIG Spring Meeting scholarship.

Monica Owens, Albany County Library's youth services librarian, volunteered to step in as either incoming leader or leader. The Johnson County Library in Buffalo has offered to host the 2019 YSIG Spring Meeting.

Our plans for the future include switching over leadership at the 2018 WLA Annual Conference and electing a new incoming leader. I am also hosting a workshop at the conference which will consist of a small YSIG business meeting and a roundtable discussion of summer reading best practices. I also plan to begin a working summer reading performers list. CSLP has moved their annual meeting to the fall, so there will not be a CSLP meeting this spring. The Johnson County Library in Buffalo has offered to host

the YSIG spring meeting which will take place sometime in late April or early May. The CSLP meeting will take place in September of 2019.

YSIG currently has 45 members.