Atlanta Emerging Librarians Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2017

Purpose of Meeting:

Plan more meetups based on experience gained from first meetup and attendees’ poll responses.

Topics Discussed:

• We need to host at least three more meetups
  o Mingle with the Admins in January
  o Formal Event
  o Library Tour

Cuatro de Mayo

• 16 people (not including members of AEL planning committee) attended event
• High academic librarian attendance/interest
• Reviewed the polls provided at event to find out what libraries the attendees preferred to tour and what topics the attendees were interested in for formal and informal events
• Post polls to Facebook and Twitter for additional feedback
• Post pictures to Facebook and Twitter

Upcoming Meetup: Escape Room/Holiday Party

• The event space (Big Escape Rooms) will cost so we can have attendees pay for their tickets via Eventbrite to cover some of the cost
• Combine event with Holiday Party
• Have a photo booth in order to have more pictures for AEL’s public-facing outlets
• Provide food

Upcoming Meetup: SLA Panel

• One of our formal meetups can be at the Georgia Libraries Conference since Stephen of the Special Libraries Association will host a panel and agreed to work with us.
• GLC will be the first week of October in Columbus, GA
• Panel about options outside of working for library for people with a MLIS
• More information coming soon


• There was interest in new/untraditional library positions
• Would like to offer the topic for both public and academic libraries
  o Presentations should be offered on the same day rather than hosting two different events
- Member of planning committee can reach out to director of a public library system to speak on public libraries in the 21st century
- Member of planning committee can reach out to dean of academic library to speak on academic libraries in the 21st century

**Upcoming Meetup: Formal Event-Book Repair Workshop**
- Member of planning committee knows someone who does book repair and may be willing to offer a hands-on workshop
- Offering a book repair workshop would be new for AEL based on records we have collected so far
- An event we should be able to offer soon, unlike the other formal events
- Can purchase damaged books from thrift stores to use for workshop

**Upcoming Meetup: Rollergirls Derby**
- An event that was offered last year
- A member of AEL is a part of the team and we would love to show support
- Can be offered as an informal event
- Members of planning committee can all attend the July 15th game
- Will go ahead and start working on the invitations and marketing for event

**Upcoming Meetup: Library Tour**
- Most attendees of Cuatro de Mayo were interested in the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum
- Other interesting library selections were added to the poll’s “other” section
- Member of planning committee will post a poll to Facebook and Twitter to hear from those who were unable to attend
- Will hold off on selecting a library to tour until results are collected from polls

**Upcoming Meetup: Mingle with the Admins**
- January meetup
- Bring in 2018 AEL Planning Committee by then so that they have an idea of how to plan events in 2018