

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
 - Mingle with the Admins in January
 - Formal Event
 - 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

Upcoming Meetup: Formal Event-Libraries in the 21st Century

- There was interest in new/untraditional library positions
- Would like to offer the topic for both public and academic libraries
 - 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