

## **Georgia Libraries Association Midwinter Meeting**

Collection Development Interest Group

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### **I. Call to order**

Joan Merijanian called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

### **II. Introduction of new officers**

### **III. Old business**

- A. Update bylaws due to new voting procedures
  - 1. Joan will send out the current bylaws and suggested changes to the listserv for review.

### **IV. New business**

- A. Ideas for presentations at GLC
  - 1. Panel presentation on weeding. Virginia volunteered to participate to represent children's collections in public libraries.
- B. 2020 budget requests
  - 1. Budget requests need to be submitted by January 31, 2020.
- C. Interest group membership

1. Sign into Wild Apricot to ensure that you are listed as a member of CDIG so you are eligible to vote in CDIG elections.

## V. Discussion

### A. Selection sources

- Virginia: Contract with the school system is beneficial to see what's happening in schools and what subjects kids are learning about and when. Collection should reflect demographics and community; no one size fits all.
- Belle: Created profiles for different branches with vendor (B&T) to reflect demographics. AY Notify carts that B&T builds then reflect those demographics.
- Angel: Utilize staff members' interests. Staff are talking to the patrons who also read similar items, so they know what patrons are looking for. Staff can add items to vendor carts, and Angel reviews before ordering. Saves a lot of time.
- Rebeka: Useful to look at other libraries' circ numbers and look at your library's hold shelf. Whatever patrons are requesting, that's a good thing to buy.
- Tiffany: In PINES there is a Quick Report for holds ratio. There is also a report for seeing what your patrons are requesting from other systems because you don't own it.
  - ACTION: Tiffany will send to the listserv where to find these two reports for PINES libraries.

### B. Lease books

- Joan: Holds ratio was out of control at the same time that budget shrank. Started filling holds with lease books.
- Virginia: Using lease books for lucky day collection. Started using lease books with *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* to keep at least one copy on the shelf. Lease prices kept increasing. Sometimes can't lease children's materials.

### C. Purchase requests

- Virginia: Have a paper form at the desk. Sometimes staff will add the item to a vendor cart without filling out the form, but that way Virginia can see why the patron wants it (for fun, for a project, etc.)
- Belle: Currently using an online form, but getting an overwhelming number of requests.
- Suggestions from group included if form is online it's very easy for frivolous requests; printed form encourages patrons who truly want to add

the item. Form should include language that requests will be compared against library's collection development policy.

- Joan: Working on a form to provide to authors if they want their book included in the collection.
  - ACTION: Joan will share her form on the listserv.

D. Choosing formats to collect

- Sarah & Belle: Avoid blu-rays; patrons don't have blu-ray readers or don't have ability to repair them.
- Physical audiobooks don't tend to move and are expensive. E-audio numbers are better.

**VI. Adjournment**

Joan Merijanlian adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Little