

TLN Outreach Services Committee Meeting October 11, 2017 @ Rochester Hills Public Library, Karen Wiedman, Host

Meeting began at 10:00.

In attendance:

David Stokes, Milford Public Library
Sarah Roe, Taylor Community Library
Bridgette Felix, The Library Network
Tara Scott, Canton Public Library
Kathy Rudes, Auburn Hills, Rochester Public Libraries
Anna Brougher, Allen Park Public Library
Karen Wiedman, Rochester Hills Public Library
Mary Davis, Rochester Hills Public Library

The meeting started with David Stokes announcing we need to approve officers for our group. This should have happened at our previous meeting. Gina Crowther, our President elect, is ill and cannot fill that position. Karen Wiedman agreed to take the minutes of this meeting. We need a chair, chair elect, and a secretary. David Stokes agreed to be chair for 2018, Karen Wiedman will be chair-elect, Sarah Roe will be secretary. A motion was made to approve this and was approved by acclamation. An email will be sent to all members of this TLN group to inform them of this arrangement.

Approval of July Minutes

A motion was made by Karen Wiedman to approve the minutes of the July 19 meeting and seconded by Sarah Roe.

2018 Meeting Dates and Locations

Wednesday January 17 - Auburn Hills Public Library
Wednesday April 25 - Milford Public Library
Wednesday July 18 – Rochester Hills Public Library
October – date to be decided when confirm date for MLA - Taylor
We discussed sending a note of these dates to the TLN list serv in hopes of getting more people to attend our meetings.

Building Bridges Through Disability Awareness Presentation

Mary Davis, librarian, along with Lisa Kowalski, an advocate for people with special needs, gave a presentation about ways libraries can collaborate with their community to raise disability awareness. Six hundred 5th grade students came to RHPL to learn about the Disability Rights Movement by exploring the library's accessibility and use of Universal Design. The field trip included touring the RHPL Outreach Department, indoor and outdoor curriculum-based measuring and mapping activities, guest speakers describing daily challenges, and walking Downtown Rochester to explore private businesses and municipal access. Outreach staff shared some services the library provides including large print materials, adaptive materials and technologies, and the talking books for the blind service. Lisa is available to go to any library in the area to help set up a similar Outreach program.

Round Table Discussion – What’s Happening at Your Library?

Kathy Rudes – Kathy coordinates with the city Senior Center to arrange delivery of library materials to about 15 customers. She meets the resident and has some volunteers help with the deliveries.

David Stokes – David visits three facilities once per month and does readings. Titles used include “Everyman’s Little Pocket Poems” and the Chicken Soup books. He discussed problems coordinating visits with facilities that have a revolving door of staff.

Sarah Roe – Sarah is the new coordinator for Outreach and volunteer services. Taylor library is adding a second accessible computer in the children’s area. They are the local resource for the national Braille and Talking Book service. They are adding computer classes to their programs.

Bridgette Felix – A program called “Barriers to Our Libraries” will be offered by the Library of Michigan on October 19, 2017.

Tara Scott – The Adult Services department at Canton is providing computer help to seniors. They are also coordinating story times for special needs families.

Anna Broughner – The library is promoting class visits, coordinating with the Detroit Institute of Arts and the city an Inside Out Program which highlights art works from the DIA, providing voter registration help for customers, doing a social security information program, and offering a shredding program in their parking lot.

Mary Davis – Oakland Talking Book Service hosts two book discussions. One is held in downtown Pontiac, the other is held via telephone. The English Language Learning program is held three times per week and a new program on American culture has started. The Book Peddler (the library’s bikemobile) has been very active in the community, appearing at a trick or treat program at the police station, a pumpkin festival, and at Rochester Posed where staff were mannequins posed with the vehicle for an evening.

Tour of Rochester Hills Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Karen Wiedman, acting Secretary