American Library Association
Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter ________

Report for Annual Conference ___X_____

Name of Committee: Office of Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee

Committee Chair: Fantasia Thorne

Committee Members Present: Fantasia Thorne, Jerri Heid, Saroj Ghoting, Roberta Craig Reasoner, John C. Sandstrom, Donna Shannon, Maija Meadows, Michelle Harrell Washington (Director, ALA’s Office for Diversity, OLOS)

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Maria Cahill, Lisa Crisman, Dr. Nancy Pack, John Amundsen (Staff Liaison), Amanda Foster (Intern), Melody Nissley (Intern), Michael Porter (ALA Executive Board Liaison)

Others Present:

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:

• Initial discussion of programming and sessions for the 2014 Annual conference.
• Discussed creating some sort of product for 2013-2014, perhaps a toolkit.
• The committee received an update of the OLOS’s accomplishments in 2013 from Director, Michelle Harrell Washington.
• Continued discussion regarding restructuring OLOS subcommittees.
• Discussed creating a support tool for those writing a grant-particularly for the American Dream project.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

• Create a toolkit on services to the homebound.
  o Send out a survey to see what libraries are already doing
  o Create a toolkit
  o Host a webinar about the toolkit
• Discussion and a vote will occur regarding restructuring OLOS subcommittees.
• Contact will be made with the developers of the “Little Free Library,” in efforts to have some sort of collaboration during Annual 2014.
• The committee will discuss and decide on OLOS sponsored programs that will occur during the Annual conference.
• Conference calls at least twice so conference planning can take place more efficiently.
Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:

Submitted by: ________Fantasia Thorne_____________________

Date Submitted: ______________July 25, 2013________________________

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