Librarians Build Communities: Initial Report 2014

The Librarians Build Communities Membership Initiative Group (LBC MIG) was chartered in the spring of 2014 as part of the project that was completed by Team F of 2014 ALA Emerging Leaders. The initial activities of the LBC MIG overlapped with the activities of Team F, so the final report from that group is attached to this one as background information. All of the members of Team F have committed to continuing to work in support of LBC through its first three-year cycle as a MIG.

During the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, and following up this summer, the LBC MIG has begun to promote itself and initiate MIG membership and activities in the following ways:

- Promoted formation of the MIG and signed up interested participants during the Team F poster session about LBC in Las Vegas on Friday, June 27, 2014.
- Provided introductory information about the history of LBC and the formation of the MIG and signed up interested participants at a session in the Networking Uncommons in Las Vegas on Monday, June 30, 2014. Nine total people signed up at this event and the poster session, including the Deputy Director of ALA’s Public Programs Office, Mary Davis Fournier.
- Celebrated the formation of the MIG and shared information about it informally at the LBC social hour in Las Vegas on Monday, June 30, 2014. Approximately 30 people attended.
- Team F members, now the LBC MIG leadership team, met via Skype in July 2014 to debrief about the events at ALA and begin MIG transition planning. Topics covered at the meeting included scheduling future meetings, investigating the rules for running a MIG (which resulted in this report), setting up a new social media plan, and getting started on a LBC event for ALA Midwinter 2015 in Chicago.

Immediate plans for the LBC MIG include:

- Meeting monthly on the first Wednesday evening via Skype and inviting newly interested participants to join the meetings, starting with the group who signed up at ALA.
- Establishing a governing structure for the MIG by the end of the year.
- Planning a LBC volunteer event at ALA Midwinter 2015 in Chicago and promoting it as an option for all attendees through official ALA channels.
- Planning a LBC event in the same vein for ALA Annual 2015 in San Francisco.
- Securing an hour of official conference time to meet as a MIG at both Midwinter and Annual (ASAP).
- Brainstorming possible presentations to schedule during the hour at Annual so it’s more than just a business meeting.
- Continuing to manage the LBC web and social media presence via ALA and other platforms.

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