

Government Information for Children (GIC) minutes

Colorado Convention Center, Room 710

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 8:30-10:00 am

Liza Weisbrod, Chair

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Attendees:

Hallie Pritchett, Tiffeni Fortno, Rich Gause, Siu Min Yu, Emily Alford, Sarah Erikson, Greg March, Liza Weisbrod (Chair)

Agenda:

- Webinar plans for teachers/students for National History Day
 - Debbie Abilock sent information about the NHD 2018:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxDKWT79nnE&feature=youtu.be>
 - <https://www.nhd.org/sites/default/files/2018themebook.pdf>
- Brainstorm ideas for publicizing Constitution Day.
- Discussion about migrating the GIC LibGuide currently hosted at UCF to the GODORT LibGuide site (<http://godort.LibGuides.com/>)
- Discussion about adding the GIC LibGuide to the FDLP LibGuides site (<https://LibGuides.fdlp.gov/>)

National History Day Webinar

Greg March, Tiffeni Fortno, Debbie Abilock, and Connie Williams will be in contact at the end of the spring semester about a possible webinar for National History Day. No decisions have been made, but the target audience will probably be teachers and will probably be held in the summer. The webinar may be part of the FDLP Academy.

Constitution Day

Promotion ideas:

- Rich will update page on GIC LibGuide about Constitution Day
- Tiffeni suggested announcements on teacher listserves and on Facebook about Constitution day and the poster contest.
- Connie Williams (former member of GIC) suggested in an email that we publicize Constitution Day in March and again in August.
- Siu Min reported on several Constitution Day activities at Rice:
 - A table was set up and volunteers passed out pocket copies of the Constitution
 - Volunteers read the complete constitution
 - A voter registration table was set up along with a census map for legislative districts
 - Patrons were asked to write down what the Constitution meant to them on a white board

- For more ideas, there is a Constitution Day page on FDLP.gov (<https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/celebrating-constitution-day-2016>)
- Emily will do a write up for promotion on social media
- Siu Min will promote Constitution Day at Rice through the K-12 Education Council
- Liza will send out to GIC members the poster created last year about GIC

GIC LibGuide

A decision was made to migrate the GIC LibGuide currently hosted at the University of Central Florida to the GODORT LibGuide site pending confirmation from Hallie. Springshare has provided the GODORT LibGuide site gratis, so Hallie will verify that the GIC guide is an appropriate use of the GODORT account. Rich Gause has volunteered to continue as the GIC LibGuide administrator.

Assuming that the site is migrated, Rich suggested that this is an opportunity to do a revamp of the site; for instance, changing from top to side navigation, adding new topics, reorganizing topics.

Liza suggested that each committee member take responsibility for one or more LibGuide pages. She will send out a call for this and later, quarterly reminders to check the pages.

Tiffeni suggested mapping the pages to the Common Core standards and organizing them around Common Core themes (<http://www.corestandards.org/>).

Connie has offered to add lesson plans from her book (Williams, C. H. (2017). *Understanding Government Information*. Oxford: ABC-CLIO) to the guide.

There was general agreement that the guide should be

- Listings of resources produced by Federal, state, local, and international governmental agencies
- Aimed at teachers, rather than students

Hallie suggested a 'welcome message' on the homepage of the LibGuide giving the purpose and what users will find on it.

Promotion ideas for LibGuide

After the LibGuide is migrated, ideas for promotion

- Send out a mention of the LibGuide on govdoc-l
- Link to the LibGuide on the new GODORT website
- Add link to to the FDLP LibGuides site(<https://LibGuides.fdlp.gov/>)
- Programs at ALA annual (Summer 2019), School librarian conferences, Public Library Association biennial meeting, Depository Library Conference

- Siu Min will investigate contacts for school and public library organizations
- Tiffeni suggested a connection to Open Educational Resources (OER) and possible programs about it

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.