

GODORT Government Information for Children Committee Minutes
ALA Annual Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 10:00-11:00AM CST
Greg March, Chair

In attendance: Jennifer Castle, Andie Craley, Joel Fishman, Ryan Grant, Jenny Groome, Dominique Hallett, Murray Harrison, Hayley Johnson, Jennifer Manning, Greg March, Elizabeth McDonald, Marna Morland, Carmen Orth-Alfie, Roberta Sittel, and Samantha (Tech).

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Old Business/Current Projects

- a. Greg March recapped that the new GIC LibGuide <https://godort.libguides.com/gic> is up and running and the Committee continues to improve the site and add content. Greg displayed the LibGuide to attendees.
- b. There are two new (currently hidden) tabs being developed which are devoted to government resources for kids:
 1. STEAM – Just for Kids (Grades K-6)
 2. STEAM – Just for Kids (Grades 7-12)
- c. Emily Alford created a new Guide Feedback box that links to a Google form. Greg showed the site link to the attendees.
- d. The GODORT GIC LibGuide has been added to the FDLP's list of guides at <https://libguides.fdlp.gov/k-12-resources-hot-topics> .

III. New Business/Plans for the Coming Year

a. LibGuide Promotion

Ideas were shared about how to promote the LibGuide. Jenny Groome suggested a blurb can be created by the committee that could be sent out to local listservs and school librarian listservs. The blurb could be as short as the libguide description.

Robbie Sittel suggested the committee can reach out to the Social Media Committee for promoting special holidays and other events.

Jennifer Castle suggest a review of the guide could be written, and perhaps published.

Jenny Groome suggested that there are new teacher groups and teacher organizations which can be approached to help promote the LibGuide.

b. Constitution Day

Greg explained to attendees that last year a teacher had asked if submissions were allowed to be made virtually. All submissions last year were physical (mailed). This year, it appears that poster submission will be mailed. Greg showed the site with the winners, and everyone was impressed by the amazing talent. An attendee suggested that perhaps there could be a digital poster category for virtual posters. Jenny Groome said that digital poster creation requires different skill sets and technology. An attendee shared that some students have trouble sending items through the mail. Some questions included - should there be some sort of intellectual property statements, and are there budget constraints with the cash prizes? Prizes this year were: The first 100 entries received a free pocket constitution book from constitutionfact.com; each winner received a Constitution commemorative coin; and the Grand Prize Winner received \$100.

c. Call for a New Committee Chairperson and New Member Interest

Greg March asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to be the next Committee Chair. The committee currently has six members. Roberta Sittel informed the committee that they could fill out a PPM update request to increase the committee membership. There is enough interest from the committee to increase the membership to nine members. Jenny Groome, Jennifer Castle, and Ryan Grant were all interested in joining as members of the committee.

IV. Announcements

- a. Hayley Johnson announced that NHD events are going on this week. She provided a link in the chat – <https://www.nhd.org/virtual-programs-2021>.
- b. Joel Fishman suggested contacting the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) for a possible section of the Libguide with law/legal resources for children. American Association of Law Libraries has a gov doc section. Some law librarians may be interested /willing to reach down to the public school level. Joel is willing to help out as a volunteer.
- c. Jenny Groome emphasized her son's enthusiasm for the LibGuide STEAM section on games and activities for kids when it becomes available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.