

GODORT Government Information for Children Committee (GIC)
Minutes for the Virtual Meeting, ALA Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2022, 1:00-2:00 pm CST

Meeting recording: <https://ala-events.zoom.us/rec/share/eHUT1184qDLXKvu9iUvAtyBHbsImoe0BKuMmWME2p4PVgSWJmo1ld9NBgXe5f7UR.HsPRH-UAoIbPCTX?startTime=1655402426000>

I. Attendees: Marna Morland (Chair), Connie Williams, Jenny Groome, Jennifer Castle, Perveen Rustomfram, Kamaria Nurse, Lauren Hall, Robbie Sittel, Hayley Johnson, and Lisa Pritchard.

II. Welcome

Current Committee Members in attendance were acknowledged by Marna as they logged in:

Marna Morland – Chair, UT Dallas, Eugene McDermott Library
Connie Williams – Sonoma County Library, Petaluma - History Librarian
Jenny Groome - Connecticut State Library, LibGuide Administrator for GIC
Jennifer Castle - Tennessee State University, Reference and Government Documents Librarian, Nashville, LibGuide Administrator for GIC, Editor for Documents To the People
Perveen Rustomfram - The University of Memphis, Government Publications Head
Kamaria Nurse – Queens Public Library
Lauren Hall – California State University, Stanislaus, Incoming Chair of GIC

Others:

Robbie Sittel, Chair GODORT
Hayley Johnson, History Day Representative
Lisa Pritchard

III. Approval of January 13, 2022 Mid-winter Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Castle moved to approve the August 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded by [Jenny Groome?]. The minutes were approved.

IV. History Day – Hayley Johnson

- National History Day is being held virtually, June 12-June 18. Link to the History Day National Contest: <https://www.nhd.org/virtual2022>
- The last meeting of the History Day Advisory Council was September, 2021.
- Their partner is Library of Congress, and with their partnership they created a new teacher guide and a new webinar series on inspiring student research.
- The newest spring webinar series is on historical argumentation. They also created a new student guide which they are calling the “Guide to Student Research and Historical Argumentation”. LC resources from History Day can be found here: <https://www.nhd.org/library-congress-tps>
- A major duty the Advisory Council is vote on the Teacher of the Year Awards, and that announcement will be made on the final day of the event, June 18. <https://www.nhd.org/teacher-year-awards>
- Jenny Groome reported that in Connecticut the State Archivist is the History Day contact for the state, but Jenny creates the LibGuides. Jenny is going to reach out to Hayley to see the best way to work with the teacher who is in charge of History Day. Hayley shared her email address if anyone wants to reach out to her: hjohnson1@lsu.edu

V. Constitution Day – Connie Williams

- Connie called the sponsors of Constitution Day at <https://www.constitutionfacts.com> to double check that everything was the same.
- She is going to add to our Constitution Day LibGuide that teachers can send in posters throughout the year for the contest. If the submissions by teachers are received after the deadline for this year, then the posters will be included in next year’s contest.
- Connie updated the LibGuide with the information for this year, and she is adding more information to help teachers with their lessons. She stated that if anyone has more ideas to share, to let her know and she will get those items added.
- Jenny Groome asked about the GODORT Education Committee which also is updating their LibGuide about Constitution Day. There are two separate guides. Ours is primarily focused for teachers of K-12. Connie stated ours does have a university section, and that may be of interest to AP teachers.
- Connie added that in mid-July our committee members should begin to promote the Constitution Day Poster Contest. As a committee we may need to create some talking points that we can send out.

VI. GIC LibGuides – Jenny Groome

- Jenny Groome has been trying to simplify our LibGuide. There have been problems like members of the committee not being able to update links because of ownership issues. The problems we were having were brought to Steering. The Tech Committee are creating Best Practices. Jenny has been asked to serve as the GIC Rep on the Tech Committee.
- Jennifer Castle moved that Jenny be the Representative for our group on the Tech Committee.
- Connie Williams seconded.
- LibGuide Best Practices may need to be a separate meeting in the future.
- Jenny has been switching ownership for different sections of the LibGuide. She showed us examples.
- The guide called “U.S. Government Databases for Teachers & Students” needs to be discussed because there are so many dead links, and Jenny is unsure if the page fulfills its purpose. There is a “Discussion” icon within the LibGuide so we can discuss sections of the LibGuide with each other:



- We can set our profiles so we get emails whenever a LibGuide is under discussion using this discussion icon.
- There was a discussion about whether or not the GIC LibGuides is for Teachers or kids. The LibGuides are for the teachers.
- Jenny suggested we may want to hold some webinars about the LibGuides.
- Last year we talked about a LibGuide for Law, and we haven’t done anything since then.
- Jenny showed us the “Best Practices for GODORT LibGuides” pages that were just created by the Technology Committee.
- Eventually we as a group will have to create our own version of the Best Practices LibGuide for GIC.
- Jenny suggested that there are some sections of our own Best Practices Guide that we can start on now, but other sections will have to wait.
- Lauren suggested waiting on adding new guides until we have our own Best Practices in place.
- Jenny told us about an article she read where the LibGuide images were discussed. It was about keeping images smaller so that the images display on smaller mobile devices better.
- Connie expressed that it is important for us to have images on the guides for teachers.
- Jenny asked if any committee members have graphic design experience.

VII. Announcements

- Lauren Hall will serve as the next GIC Committee Chair.
- Who will be at ALA?
Connie, Marna, Jenny, and Lauren. Lauren will be there and presenting for Emerging Leaders, around 2:30-3:00 on Friday. Jenny reminded us that the theme of the GODORT dinner is “Party like it’s 1972!”.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.