

## Directors Conference Call 12/2/21

- Discussion/debrief from the webinar on responding to materials challenges
  - Handout (attached) includes a playbook for preparing and responding to a situation
  - More materials (policies, news, & challenged items) here - <https://padlet.com/ckenney15/bookchallenges>
  - The NYS obscenity law exempts public librarians working with a collection development policy (find your and update it) - <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/PEN/235.10>
  - Upcoming ALA program 12/9 - <https://www.fttf.org/news/587515/Managing-and-Addressing-Book-Challenges-in-Your-Community-Law-Policy-Advocacy.htm>
  - 4CLS is planning a follow up workshop in early January to dive into creating a local playbook & comparing collection development policies
- The plan to add hotspot lending to the ARPA funding application was scrubbed due to the strict guidelines of ARPA. Libraries are encouraged to pursue the idea. Going through Tech Soup & Mobile Beacon, the program can be launched at a fairly minimal cost – hotspots \$15 each (up to 11), dataplans at \$120 per year per device.
- Main thrust of ARPA project will be replacing outdated public computers in member libraries. 4CLS will develop an online form to collect computer information from members. Installation would likely be in January or February depending on supply chain issues.
- Regional ARPA application includes funding for a region-wide subscription to Niche Academy – a very nice resource with online tutorials on databases, software, etc. More info to follow.
- For 2022, 4CLS is planning a monthly series of policy workshops – Collection Development in January, Patron Conduct in February, more to come.
- 4CLS is beginning to employ LibGuides (a nice online content management system) to better organize and present information to member libraries and the public. The first implementation will be regarding the annual report. It is likely that most, if not all, intranet content will be converted
- Members have identified an issue with circulation statistics. The report generated by workflows vary greatly from the reports generated from Blue Cloud Analytics. We are looking into it.
- Some issues remain with the online registration reports-
  - Volume seems lower than before
  - Patrons with addresses outside NY are coming through
- Paul (Vestal) has some ideas for programs/partnerships including

- Collaborating on a project to combine various libraries' scanned data (newspaper, yearbooks, etc) into a single database
- The Binghamton Philharmonic is looking for ways to reach out to younger people and is open to partnership with public libraries including
  - Programs at libraries (including soloists or smaller groups)
  - Circulating tickets to performances
  - New book 'Quaver Has a Feeling' features QR codes that, when scanned, bring up music related to the book. It is good fodder for a program too
    - Quaver Has A Feeling - By Lenora Riegel ISBN: 9781952765100
  - Beethoven Lives Upstairs - May 24 2022 performance
- Pam (Andes) identified a program called Music and Memory (<https://musicandmemory.org/>) that supports the creation of personalized playlists for those facing dementia. In many cases music helps unlock great things. \$1200 to join – can be covered by grants
- Several libraries (CO, BCPL, HR, SI, SH) are holding programs in the building with participants masked. For many, food (prepackaged) is provided
- Hybrid programs are also in use/
- Take & Makes are very popular and likely to continue beyond the pandemic
  - While they are not counted in the state annual report, continue to count and report to boards and local stakeholders
- BCPL had two staffmembers test positive for COVID. Health department required any unvaccinated staff in close contact to get tested. Vaccinated staff in close contact with symptoms were required to be tested. All staff in close contact chose to be tested
- Wendy is resigning her position at Franklin 12/31 to spend more time with family
  - We'll miss her but wish her well!

A meeting date for January will be set after some polling.

Have a great holiday season!