Small Libraries Section
Agenda
Thursday, January 29, 2015
10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Bradley Beach Public Library / Adobe Connect

I. Introductions
II. Review of Statement of Purpose
III. Report on Small Libraries page/migration from PBWiki to Drupal
IV. Election of Officers
   • Nomination process
   • Brainstorm about descriptions for open positions (Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Members at Large)
V. NJLA Conference April 20-22, 2015 at Ocean Place in Long Branch
   • Small Library Sessions
VI. Discussion about activities for 2015
VII. Other Business
VIII. Adjourn
FOR CONSIDERATION AT JULY MEETING OF NJLA EXECUTIVE BOARD

A Petition to establish a SMALL LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE
Submitted by Jami L. Biles, Pennsville Public Library

SMALL LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE

The purpose of the Small Libraries Round Table is:

- To provide a supportive environment for the development, growth, and nurturance of the small library;

- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among those interested in the small library;

- To provide a vehicle of communication between library personnel of small libraries;

and

- To promote a positive image of the small library.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, REGISTER OUR SUPPORT FOR THE FORMATION OF A SMALL LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE IN THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

(signature appears on original)

BOARD ACTION: __________________________

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SMALL LIBRARIES AT THE NJLA CONFERENCE

MONDAY, APRIL 20 TIME TBD
Virtual Preconference

COOPERATING WITH SCHOOLS

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 4:10-5:00 PM
BRING THE LIBRARY OUTSIDE YOUR BUILDING
We will talk about ways to bring the library to people outside your building (that will – maybe – bring people into the library too). Leah will bring us up to date on bookmobiles and Janet will describe their Book Bike. Ranjna and Mary will explain how kiosks have enabled them to reach out at a mall and a veterans home. Questions and discussion to follow.

Panelists:
- Ranjna Das, Burlington County
- Mary Kearns-Kaplan, NJS Library Talking Book & Braille Center
- Janet Torsney, Bradley Beach
- Leah Wagner, Monroe
- Moderator: Enola Romano, Montclair
Sponsors: Small Libraries, Diversity and Outreach

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 11:30-12:20 PM
TECHNOLOGY ON A SHOE STRING
The presentation will discuss and highlight low-cost and effective ways in which libraries can advocate and improve services to their community. Presenters will highlight their areas of expertise, which will include free and affordable strategies such as open source solutions, crowdfunding and inexpensive technology approaches. Our presenters work has paved the way for successful routes that support library goals without the need for an expensive, proprietary solution, especially when dealing with budgetary constraints.

Presenters:
- Brett Bonfield, Director, Collingswood
- Tanya Finney Estrada, Director, Waterford
- John LeMasney, LeMasney Consulting
- Janet Torsney, Director, Bradley Beach
- Moderator: Melissa Brisbin, Cherry Hill
Sponsors: Small Libraries, Emerging Tech

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 3:40-4:30 PM

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL
We’ll explore low-cost, high-impact initiatives small libraries can do because we are so agile and closely linked to our communities. Brief introductory remarks about small libraries will be followed by a few examples. Then we’ll break into small groups (programs, collaboration, events and fundraising) to discuss ideas that have worked. We’ll come back together to share the small group discussions and brainstorm solutions to needs that were identified.

Panelists:
- Debby Dietrich, Woodstown-Pilesgrove
- Sharlene Edwards, Bradley Beach
- Tanya Finney-Estrada, Waterford
- Kate Russo, South River
- Moderator/Facilitator: Janet Torsney, Bradley Beach

(We may recruit other members of Small Libraries as facilitators for the small group discussions.)

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Election/Job Descriptions

Candidates for each position, along with offices and terms of office, must be submitted to NJLA by March 6, 2015. They will handle elections.

Each section can decide whether to require statements from candidates.

Chair
- lead section
- chair meetings
- liaison with NJLA
- meet up to 4 times/year

Vice Chair
- help with planning
- meet up to 4 times/year

Secretary
- take and distribute minutes
- send out meeting notices
- meet up to 4 times/year

Treasurer
- handle finances
- meet up to 4 times/year

Members at Large
- meet up to 4 times/year
About the Conference

We've been listening! A comment we've heard pretty often is that so many presentations at conferences seem to be by and for librarians from larger libraries. Well, Big Talk From Small Libraries will change that.

This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better. Each of our speakers is from a small library or directly works with small libraries.

Topics range from technology (new tech and old tech) to programming to partnering with your community. Come for the programs on what you're dealing with now or maybe try something new.

Everyone is welcome to register and attend, regardless of how big or small their library is, but if your library serves a few thousand people, or a few hundred, this is the day for you.

Big Talk From Small Libraries will be broadcast online using the GoToWebinar online meeting service. GoToWebinar login instructions will be e-mailed to registered attendees the day before the conference. Please see the NLC Online Sessions webpage for detailed information about GoToWebinar, including system requirements and firewall configuration. GoToWebinar works on PCs, Macs, iPads, and Android devices.

We do plan on recording all of the sessions and making them available on this site as soon as possible after the event. You do not need to register to access the recordings.

This conference is organized and hosted by Michael Sauers, Laura Johnson, and Christa Burns of the Nebraska Library Commission and is co-sponsored by the Association for Rural & Small Libraries.

Big Talk From Small Libraries
February 27, 2015
8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CT)
The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) invites proposals for break-out session presentations for the 2015 Conference to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 1 - 3.

Proposals for these 1-hour sessions can be submitted using our online form found here: http://goo.gl/forms/HsdkG43X7p. The deadline to submit the form is March 13, 2015. All proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Programming Committee. Those who submit a proposal will be notified whether or not their proposal was accepted by April 6, 2015.

This year’s conference theme is “Rockin’ in Little Rock.” Themes we hope to see among your proposals include the following:

Libraries Rock ....

- Building Community Partners
- Solving Problems with New Approaches
- Creative Management
- Technology Tools

We remind presenters that workshops must be geared toward the small and rural library audience, and those that are practical, hands-on, and how-to are preferred. This is not the proper venue for post-graduate dissertations or marketing products. Additional instructions are included on the form.

Workshop presenters will receive ONE complimentary conference registration per workshop title selected. (i.e. a team of three presenters working on one workshop will receive one complimentary registration).

The committee is looking forward to receiving your submissions.

Good Luck!

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