WMLC Meeting at Uno Pizzeria & Grill, Oakland, MD

10/18/18, 6:00pm-7:00pm

* Introductions
* Programs to help with/volunteer for
  + Young Author’s Contest
    - Dara volunteered as chairperson
    - Information usually goes out to teachers 10/1, has not gone out yet
    - Early to middle of January – judging – need volunteers to judge
    - Recognize students in Spring
  + Teachers as Readers
    - Teacher book club – can be professional book or a book of interest
    - Set up meeting dates and times once book is chosen
  + Holiday Literacy Projects
    - Penn Alps – Sit and read with kids in the village
    - Storybook Holiday – Decorate town windows in Frostburg themed around a book; put up decorations in late November and leave up until January
  + Books for Babies
    - Cheri volunteered; Thomas said one of his staff members is interested
    - go to birthing classes and discuss importance of reading to babies then, give out board books; need to contact hospital
  + Community Boxes and Baskets
    - Laundromat literacy – check on once a month and keep stocked
    - Little Free library – woodworking class can make one for Swan Meadow community
    - Erica has 5 bags of books to give out to kids for these projects – Dara suggested giving books out to school students at conferences (though this might not work due to book fair), fall festivals, Christmas programs, Autumn Glory, etc.
  + Professional development meeting
    - January
    - Need someone to help plan this and others to give feedback on a topic to be done and give suggestions for other service projects
  + Spring Banquet
    - Young Authors awards dinner
    - Spring lotto
      * Fundraiser with prizes to win
      * Would like to recognize a reading teacher of the year this year – need someone to help plan
      * Recognize great reading ideas, projects, etc. happening in classrooms
  + Need someone to help manage social media – twitter
* Grants available through state - Family literacy grant, student scholarship, studies and research scholarship; Erica has more information
* Library – Thomas Vose
  + Wants to be involved in many of the initiatives
  + Happy to come talk to any school staff about library resources, etc.
  + Recently completed strategic plan and doing programs to develop life skills such as financial literacy (credit score, balancing check books, etc.), health literacy, computer literacy (one-on-one computer classes), civic literacy (participation in government, coming in to library to hold discussion sessions)
  + Think of the library as a way to supplement curriculum of schools. Want to target school population for helping students learn how to change a tire, buy a car
  + Working on buying 3D printer for general public to use – one at Grantsville (purchased through grant specific to that branch) and one at Kitzmiller and this one will probably be moved to main branch at some time; still working on the policy, but there will be a small fee to use
  + Checked out 120,000 materials in the last fiscal year
  + Student cards
    - Check out up to 3 items using lunch number, don’t have to worry about late fees; access to online resources (homework help with a tutor, Explora for research, eBooks, Rosetta Stone for foreign languages)
    - Grades 3, 4, 5, across the county looking at informational literacy
  + Looking into possibility of tearing down Friendsville branch and rebuilding a new one that will better serve the community
  + Thomas offered to come do lessons at schools and so will his staff – programs they come present include: library services, stories around us (history/stories behind things – everything has a story), volunteers, critical thinking (about high school level)
* Debbie Brenneman & Melinda Bishoff
  + Presented their book *The Perfect Tree for Mrs. B*
  + Debbie would like to do workshops for teachers who are interested in being authors/illustrators to explore the road to publishing; maybe develop a Teachers as Writers group in which to discuss the publishing process and get ideas
  + Thomas invited Debbie & Melinda to do book signing and sales at library
  + Thomas talked about aspiring writers in high school who want to start a club about publishing
* Informational Text activity presentations
* Door prizes