

10/30/23 – KLAS Officers Meeting

Successes

- Sara: nothing big to note this time.
- Maureen: attended a veteran's outreach event in Hernando County, with colleague Nicole, featuring Congressman Gus Bilirakis. Reps from their library were specifically asked to attend. They met Robert Patrick! Alas, not the actor but a patron who told them he takes his talking book player on his international travels. This brought up a great idea- a "Flat Stanley" scenario of patrons sending pics of themselves and their player on their travels!
- Michael: representing at the Kansas Library Association conference this week. They are also setting up meet-and-greets at 7 regional public libraries. They'll send out postcards, inviting the public to come see them on those dates. They're pushing BARD messaging out in November (NovemBARD).
- Drea: Judy Gray gave potential dates for a conference in Indiana, in 2025 (April/May). Drea also received a list of hotels- she will compare factors such as distance, availability, cost, etc. and narrow down options to discuss. Most hotels won't sign a contract to set rates until at least a year out from the conference.
- Traci: they've been having a Braille transcription class (she's taking the class, as well as serving as a TA). Attendees include artists looking to make their work more accessible, librarians, musicians looking to learn musical Braille, etc. Next week will be the first network library meeting, focusing on libraries that deal with volunteers. Traci recently took over her library's volunteer program, along with another coworker, and working on understanding how volunteers can be used. They're getting a lot more people looking to volunteer, then there are positions to filled! We spoke about need for POC volunteers, such as volunteers that represent Indigenous groups.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Sara
- Second: Michael

Committee Reports

- *NLS Vendors Call* – Traci attended on Oct. 5th. Committee spoke about implementation of "reason of inactivation", when changing patron status on their KLAS account; tracking "last served" date; Traci learned how Utah and Massachusetts provide Braille services to other states. And when they issue Braille ereaders, it wasn't always being linked to the library account of which the patron belongs. This resulted in some ereaders that weren't assigned a "home"...this is a problem because on occasion these machines will go missing, and even up on eBay! Keystone is working to fix this issue. Magazine modernization project = gathering metadata to help with magazine subscription cataloging.
- *Logistics Committee*- Maureen reported there was not a meeting this month.

- *Program Committee*- Sara reported new faces on the committee, discussion of IRCs, mini-conference coming up on May 7 & 8, gathering ideas to present during the IRC sessions; conference user group voted to do in-person sessions on a biannual basis. But because there's a lot going on, mini-conferences were much needed for updates. In the year of mini-conference there will be a program every month; the year of the conference, programs every quarter. Traci will get in touch with the program committee after attending the volunteer committee, once she learns of libraries that use volunteers, and if there is anything that can be used for a program.
- *KDAC*- Traci reported IRC updates: APH will allow free matter orders be submitted live through KLAS, paid shipping methods will be next. A big priority right now is tracking shipping, followed by invoicing, changes to payment, and MAT(?) requests. Keystone is working on regular APH changes (such as price); looking at changes in the APH census report. For LBPDs, there is a want to leverage the BARD2 API to help with cataloging concerns for the MACH project. Traci reported that PIMMS integration has uncovered some bugs that are currently being worked on, and are tracking ereaders mentioned earlier. The automatic BBD9 subscription signup with BARD is now on hold. KDAC is now using Trello (?) to help track what happens with suggestions/status of issues brought up. There is a KDAC survey coming up.
- *Keystone Updates*- Drea reiterated information discussed prior, about 2025, and the webinar.

Old Business

- NA

New Business

- NA

Missives

- a. October: Maureen- ready to share for October!
- b. November: Michael
- c. December: Traci
- d. January: Sara

Next meeting needed to be moved, as it falls on Thanksgiving! We agreed on November 30th.