

## **Meeting Minutes Utah Library Association Reference and Adult Services Round Table**

Thursday, August 31, 2:00pm

Held in the West Jordan Library Conference Room

West Jordan Library, 8030 South 1825 West, West Jordan, Utah 84088

### **Attending**

Chair Leslie Schow (SL County), Mary Chapman (BYU), Cherie Willis (Salt Lake City), Jen Beckstead (SL County), and Secretary Nia Thimakis (SL County).

The meeting was called to order and minutes from Friday, May 19 were approved.

### **Chair Nominations, Members at Large**

Currently RASRT has a vacancy for Vice Chair and one Member at Large. Linda Ghee (SL County) and Dan Burbe (SL County) have volunteered for Member at Large. Nominees for Vice Chair were tabled for November, and Leslie will contact members via email in the interim.

### **Future Meeting Dates, Locations**

Meeting dates through the 2017-2018 RASRT year are November 9, February 15 and during ULA May 16-18. Phoning in versus video was discussed, as well as locations for future meetings. It was decided meetings will be at the West Jordan Library with a phone in option, not video.

### **Goals of Member Participation**

Discussion of what RASRT could do for its members included collaboration on Reference services (both academic and public) and mentorship are priorities. Members would also like resources, such as trainings, webinars and journal articles, shared on the ULA RASRT page. Posting resources regularly would also increase awareness of the RASRT page.

### **Suggested Webinar and Workshop Topics**

Topics suggested for webinar and workshops:

- Homelessness – homeless rights, organizational options, working with the homeless, connecting the homeless with resources, and possible partnership with entities like Volunteers of America (VOA)
- Refugees – how do refugees arrive in the US/Utah, legal ramifications, how do refugees fit in, what are their goals, roadmap to citizenship with resources, and possible partnership with entities like Catholic Community Services
- Train the Trainer – Building a technology program in your library
- Disaster Planning – Earthquake preparedness, handling collections damaged by flood, a presenter would be needed for either of these options
- Active Shooter – Run, Hide, Fight, a presenter would be needed for this

A survey will be sent to all RASRT members for feedback on topics, and webinar and/or workshop ideas.

## **ULA 2018**

Topic proposals will be due before the next meeting. Think of ideas for presentations. The theme for ULA 2018 is "Level Up." More information can be found at <http://ula.org/ula-conference/>.

RASRT will be hosting a social after the pre-conference on May 16, 2018, along with the Past President's Committee in order to increase attendance. The goal is to plan a social that would give a forum for introducing new ULA members and what the benefits of joining ULA are.

## **Future Agenda**

Survey results from the Webinar/Workshop survey will be discussed

Selling the Round Tables:

- How to sell round tables to ULA members?
- How can we get members involved in the resources available year round?
- How can we reach out to current RASRT members to get them involved?

## **Next Meeting**

RASRT's next meeting will be held Thursday, November 9 at the West Jordan Library Conference Room.