RASRT Roundtable Business Meeting
May 19, 2023

The ULA Reference and Adult Services Round Table business meeting occurred during the ULA Annual Conference in Layton Utah at the Davis Conference Center in Stratus 6 on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 8:00am.

Attendees:
Deanna Simonis (Chair) – Salt Lake County Library System
Donnae Tidwell (Vice-Chair) – Salt Lake City Public Library
Charlene Brewer – Southern Utah University
Dana Brosnahan – Wasatch County
Mary Chapman – BYU Library
Cynthia Lopez – Manti Public Library
Vern Waters – Salt Lake County Library System

Introductions:
Deanna Simonis (Chair)
Donnae Tidwell (Vice-Chair)

Elections:
Secretary: Mary Chapman

Discussion:
1. What topics should RASRT focus on for 2023-2024?
   a. Results from a survey sent 5 years ago?:
      1. Homelessness
      2. Refugees
      3. Enhancing Customer Experience
      4. Mentorship
      5. Disaster Planning
      6. Reference Interview
      7. Programming/Outreach
      8. More digital inclusion
      9. Inclusivity (IDEA)
   b. May want to send out a new survey to get current scan of topic interests
   c. Some ideas floated in the meeting:
      • Training library workers in rural areas or where there is big staff turnover
      • Mentoring library staff
      • Perhaps focus on some broader issues that are common among many library types, for example adult services; dealing with challenging patrons; common services and policies
• Open, accessible resources (liked the session about free business resources)

2. How should instruction be delivered?
   a. Possibilities
      • Workshops/speakers at conference
      • Instructional webinars
      • Networking/Social events (virtual or in person?)
      • Other
   b. Ask on survey?

3. Next steps
   a. Comprehensive survey
   b. Casual social event at Fall Workshop
   c. Setting up a talk/webinar
   e. Send out email soliciting articles, online training opportunities, etc. we can post to RASRT page