

Meeting Agenda

2-3pm (ET), 1-2pm CT, and 11am-12pm PT
Friday, Oct 28, 2016 Location: Blackboard

Participant Login:

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Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-Up

- **EMIERT position vacancies/self nomination updates (Leslie)**
 - Safi, Jaime, and Catharine have been invited to contribute to a paragraph to a doc Leslie will compile of the slate of candidates. This doc will be disseminated via EMIE in mid-November. This will give candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves in advance of the ballot.
 - Safi Safiullah:
 - Branch Manager, Marmalade Branch, Salt Lake City Public Library; interested in serving in any capacity in EMIERT; previously served on the ALA's Near East and South Asian subcommittee, Chair of the Diversity Round Table of the Utah Library Association, and in other committees.
 - Heavily involved with local refugee and ethnic communities in SLC; organized Diwali, Chinese New Year, Day of the Dead, Eid al-Fitr festivals; and is a life-long member of APALA.
 - Ph. D. in Middle Eastern History and teaches at the University of Utah as an Adjunct Assistant Professor.
 - Jamie Johnston: Member-at-Large
 - Catharine Bomhold: Current Member-at-Large
- **EMIERT representative to IFLA (Mimi)**
 - IFLA is currently seeking nominations for representatives who will serve on IFLA section standing committees for 2017-2021. In order to find highly qualified candidates, ALA asks assistance from divisions, RTs, and committees to bring forward nominations- EMIERT is responsible for IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations. The current EMIERT Representative, Stephen Stratton, CSU-Channel Islands, has served 2 terms, so we need to find nominees. If you are interested, here is the list of current ALA Representatives to IFLA Standing Committees: <http://www.ala.org/offices/iro/intlassocorgconf/iflarepresentatives>
 - The deadline to send nominations to ALA International Relations Office is November 11, but since it is the deadline for proposals for our annual programs, Mimi proposed we submit the nominations by November 18.
 - Mimi will email a draft for the call for nominations to Tess as Tess was a past chair of IFLA. Mimi also created a google account emiertcommittees@gmail.com as it looks more neutral and professional than listing a member of the EMIERT board as the recipient of resumes, and she kept her contact information for questions.
- **Annual programming: Call & proposal form (Mimi)**

- Mimi issued the call for proposals Tues, Oct 25. Submissions are only accepted through the online form found at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzMjGXS7N1iYKI6HR68v96JycW6HCbwmhSylIEQpCfqCJ6wQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>
- The online form contains a special note that presenters must be present, in-person, for the program presentation, and contains areas for a 300-word program description and a 75-word program abstract. The deadline is Fri, Nov 11th. For more questions about EMIERT programming at the 2017 ALA Annual Conference, please contact Mimi at mlee@njstatelib.org
- **Taste of the Town:** Tess will be organizing a Taste of the Town Chicago. Veleda has volunteered to assist. This is a ticketed event with pricing to be determined.
- **Social:** We have discussed hosting a social with Spectrum Scholars. Leslie will follow up with Gwen to see if this is viable. Leslie also checked the scheduling instructions and determined that socials may be scheduled via the ALA scheduler.
- Scheduling deadlines:
 - December 6, 2016: Recorded Programs submissions close.
 - January 6, 2017: Ticketed Events submissions close.
 - April 7, 2017: Meeting room assignments available.
- **Distinguished Librarian Award (Hazel)**
 - There are 5 submissions. Nomination packets and the evaluation rubric will be emailed to evaluators shortly. Please let Hazel know if you do not have nominee information by Fri, Nov 4. Hazel will let everyone know the procedure they should follow (e.g. whether they should submit individual rubrics to her for tallying or directly to fellow evaluators for discussion).
- **EMIERT brochure revision (Wendy & Barbara)**
 Barbara submitted an update that mentioned that she does not yet have access to the EMIERT or Jewish Information Committee brochures. Leslie sent an email to John A and Wendy 10/28 to ask if either had an electronic version of either brochure.
- **Jewish Information Committee brochure revision (Wendy & Barbara)**
 See above
- **Volunteers (Katherine)**
 We have transitioned to a new volunteer form currently posted on our website. It is called EMIERT Volunteer Form 2016 - 2017. Included on this form are openings on our TF: Directory of Ethnic Archives and Great Electronic Resources for English Language Learners Task Force; and openings on our Committees: Membership Committee, Jewish Information Committee, eNewsletter Committee, Socials Committee and Reviews Committee. Katherine posted a spreadsheet with our current roster of volunteers to ALA Connect - Executive Board. She is also posting documents that pertain to workflow for Electronic Communications Committee, Directory of Ethnic Archives Task Force and Guidelines for Selecting Multicultural Materials Task Force.
- **Reports**
 - Electronic Communications Committee:
 - We have a full roster for this committee and have divided out tasks to include posting EB meeting minutes on facebook, twitter and listserv; post weekly content related to EMIERT's mission on facebook and twitter; post EMIERT news and events for ALA Midwinter and Annual conferences on facebook, twitter and listserv. Everyone on the committee has confirmed they have read the social media content guidelines.
 - Social media content: Post content tied to our role as ALA's Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table and diversity resources/initiatives within ALA. Balance content for membership groups; i.e. academic, public, school libraries, library and information science schools, special libraries. Content should not reflect personal political and/or religious views. Use

conference hashtags when posting about ALA midwinter and annual conferences. Use hashtags to expand our message and connections such as #diversity #inclusion #libraries #library #LibrariesTransform #impact #multiculturalism #teen #yalit #diverse #archives #museums #community #refugees #ell #blacklivesmatter #diversebooks #CSKaward #hispanicheritage #NativeAmerican etc

- **Directory of Ethnic Archives:**

Katherine is serving as the interim chair for this Task Force. They began work by reviewing the roles for the web resource: Directory of Ethnic and Multicultural Archives and Special Collections: A directory of collections that document diversity through history. The goal this year is to catch up with the original collection schedule so that next year's Task Force work will follow the original campaign timeline - Annual campaign: lasts between the Annual meeting and the Mid-Winter meeting to discover collections in the city of the next ALA Annual Conference. Mid-winter campaign: lasts between the Mid-winter meeting and the Annual meeting to discover collections in the city of the next Mid-Winter Conference. The work began by reviewing the roles of the Task Force, some of those include Post Contributors, Submissions Manager, Tour Managers and selecting preferred roles. All members will be post contributors - seeking out and submitting collections; Submissions Manager - Katherine will be posting all collections and managing the website; Tour Managers - Xan Goodman and Alessia R. Zanin-Yost will contact institutions represented in our collections about tours and special events. We are working on collecting and posting collections in and around Atlanta, GA for ALA Midwinter 2017. The timeframe for this campaign is Oct. 12 - Dec. 19. Katherine have updated the website with new pages with general search guidelines for Finding Ethnic and Multicultural Archival Records for Atlanta 2017 and Chicago 2017.

- **Guidelines for Selecting Multicultural Materials Task Force**

- There is a full roster for this Task Force and they began their work in August 2016. The first task was to collect resources from [ALA Divisions](#), [Round Tables](#), and [Affiliates](#) that highlight diversity in youth materials, as well as Publishers, Reading Associations, Diversity Advocates that highlight diversity in youth materials. This task was completed in mid - August. The next task was to pull out common themes from the resources and start thinking about what categories they should have to structure the guidelines. They have been working in Google Docs.
- The members then focused their work on creating the guidelines and categories from the themes generated from brainstorming and ideas that they thought needed to be explored. They are beginning the first draft with the following categories: Introduction, Cultural Authenticity, Stereotypes, Diverse Characters, Authorship, Publishers, Review Sources, Library Programs/Initiatives, Multicultural Book Awards, Advocacy and Bibliography. Each member is working on a category which is due by Dec 5, then they will be collectively refining the draft by Dec. 16. They plan to have a draft ready for EB review by Dec. 28.

- **Financial charge (Leslie)**

The \$600 charge noted at the last E-board mtg was for the Eatonville tour bus.

- **Standing meetings Nov & Dec:**

Please note that unique Blackboard participant login addresses are required for login. New logins will be provided in advance of our upcoming meetings:

- Fri, Nov 18th 2-3pm ET/1-2pm CT/11am-12pm PT
- Thurs, Dec 15th 2-3pm ET/1-2pm CT/11am-12pm PT

New Business

- **Introduction: Velda Cofield, Member-at-Large (June 30, 2016, to July 1, 2018)**

- Velda Cofield is an Independent Library Consultant and has recently relocated to Chicago, IL from Atlanta, GA. Velda previously served as the Assistant Director of Branch Services and Training for the Clayton County Library System in Jonesboro, GA.
- She earned her MLS from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA and her BA from Hampton University in Hampton, VA. Velda began her career as a Law Librarian 20 years ago and has worked as an Independent Research Consultant, Public Library Administrator and public school Media Specialist.
- Velda is the liaison for the eNewsletter Committee
- **Membership report (Nikitia)**
Nikitia was unable to attend the meeting, but has not received the monthly/quarterly rosters of EMIERT members yet. She will prepare a membership report when the rosters are available.
- **CSK report (Pauletta)**
There were no issues to update.
- **Council report (Catharine)**
There were no issues to update.
- **Cosponsorship requests: APALA & BCALA (Leslie)**
 - **APALA:** There was a co-sponsorship request from APALA to support a program at annual featuring Deepa Iyer, an author. APALA has also sent feelers to SRRT as a potential cosponsor. They have a "gap" of \$500.
 - Should EMIERT decide to cosponsor, the program will not count against the 3 programs the ALA is currently allowing roundtables to sponsor.
 - The APALA co-sponsorship request follows: We are trying to bring author Deepa Iyer to Annual. She is South Asian activist and writer who published a book last fall called *We Too Sing America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future*. It is an amazing book, incredibly timely, and eloquently speaks about marginalized communities within the API movement. Deepa's book was selected by the American Librarians Association's *Booklist* magazine to be one of the top 10 multicultural non-fiction books of the year. It also recently received a 2016 American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation. She currently works at the Center for Social Inclusion: <http://www.centerforsocialinclusion.org/deepa-iyer/> I have included her bio at the end of this email and here is her website:<http://deepaiyer.com/>
 - We are talking to her publisher, The New Press, to see if they may be willing to help cover her costs or donate books, but since her book was published in fall of 2015 it may not be likely. If that is the case, we would be covering a small honorarium, lodging, travel and per diem.
 - Please let Leslie know if EMIERT would be interested in co-sponsoring or if you need any additional information.
 - **BCALA:** EMIERT is also cosponsoring BCALA's First Walter Dean Myers Annual Memorial Lecture for Annual 2017. From the Sept 2015 minutes: "EMIERT's Executive Board 9/30/15 were unanimous in support of BCALA's Walter Dean Myers Annual Lecture Program. We would be pleased to co-sponsor and offer \$250 toward the honorarium for the speaker."
- **Other**
 - **eNewsletter Committee:** Fatima, Velda, Alyssa, Sarah, Leslie. The committee is meeting in in Nov. to discuss layout. Tess has provided photos and a piece on the Eatonville tour.
 - **EMIERT name:** Max Macias posted to his Facebook page that EMIERT should change its name because it smacks of whiteness. What was found to be problematic was that "ethnic" calls attention to those who are non white, which normalizes white as a standard. There was general agreement with this sentiment; however, the "ethnic" in EMIERT actually refers to all racial identities including whiteness. For example, EMIERT hosts tours of Polish museums and

resources, and has sponsored Jewish programming.

Next Meeting Friday, November 18
