Monthly Report  
Member Services  
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Highlights:  

Zooming Through Meetings  
The COVID-19 Pandemic has allowed for more meetings and collaborations to take place. Using Zoom, we have been able to meet weekly instead of monthly for “face to face” calls. This has strengthened communication between libraries, library systems, schools, community partners and State agencies.

Homelessness in Libraries Subscription  
Onondaga County Public Library System purchased a subscription to this on-demand webinar series for ALL member libraries! Anyone with an onlib.org or member library affiliated email address can take the training. At this time, 80 staff members have completed the training. Over 10,000 hours have been logged.

Youth Services Planning  
Youth services professionals in our county rose to the occasion by offering a variety of different outside the box thinking at our meetings. Most are offering Virtual Storytimes, hands on demos and chapter book readings to their communities. The feedback from their communities has been astoundingly positive! These programs help to keep their community connections alive digitally. Not to mention their patrons love seeing their favorite librarian’s face on the screen!

As we plan for a Virtual Summer, most libraries have expressed difficulty planning for this new normal. Librarians are planners by nature so the week-to-week planning is incredibly foreign! We are working together to try and streamline the process for reading registration and tracking systemwide. The State funded READSquared software should allow us to create one program that all OCPL libraries can customize and contribute to as little or as much as they want while making it easy for patrons to use. I hope to have more updates next month as we troubleshoot it in May.

Yammer:  
The internal Social Media platform Yammer has been extremely useful to branches and members while we have been closed. Yammer looks and functions like LinkedIn or Facebook allowing for idea sharing and discussions just within our OCPL network. This has helped staff communicate more effectively while saving their Inboxes.

State Projects:

FY2018-2020 State Aid for Library Construction Program:  
- Followed up with outstanding projects. No updates.
FY2019-2021 State Aid for Library Construction Program

- All OCPL applications have been moved through the first review process! Next review process with DASNY should begin soon. We are hopeful we will receive the final approval and awards by mid-summer.

FY2020-2023

- Funding has been announced. As expected, it took a bit of a hit. We are looking at $445,924 for the whole System. OCPL libraries have until May 31, 2020 to let us know if they are planning to apply for funding.

2019-2022 Family Literacy Services Program: No updates from last month.

- Finalizing member purchase requests.
- Fielding questions from mini-grant recipients.

Planning/In Progress/Ongoing:

- NYLA-YSS President duties.
  - Next Board Meeting 5/14/20
- Updating Annual Report Data Collection spreadsheets.
  - Working with PLSYC on how to collect programming data during COVID-19.
- Reviewing Polaris Satisfaction Survey Data
- Planning Weekly Youth Services Virtual Meetings/Trainings.
- Sending remote learning emails and opportunities 2-3x weekly.
- Watching daily press conferences for Cuomo and McMahon to keep updated on Executive orders and local updates.