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Gates IMPACT Study Web Survey

- This is the first nationwide effort to collect information directly from our patrons about how they use public access computing resources. The study will analyze the impact of public access computing in seven key areas: civic engagement, eCommerce, education, eGovernment, health, employment, and social inclusion.
- This information will help public libraries across the U.S. evaluate and improve the ways they provide access to computers and the Internet. The results from this research will help us do our work better by demonstrating the importance of PAC to funders and policymakers and helping us better match our services with the needs of patrons. The project will also help establish the usefulness and cost-effectiveness of web surveys.

Public Library Reports

- Board of Library Trustees Roster
- Annual Report

Certification of Public Library Directors, Librarians and Library Associates

State and Federal Budget Issues

Revised Regulation - Free Public Library Services (13A.05.04.06 .06)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

Maryland Library Consortium Follow-up

Jill Lewis, Director, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Dedication of Renovated Children's Reading Center

- On May 9, 2009 LBPH held the dedication of the new June H. Kleeman Children's Reading Center designed by Maryland Institute College of Art graduate student Lindsey Muir.

Ongoing Activities at LBPH

- Tactile Tour at the Everyman Theatre
LBPH patrons and friends enjoyed a tactile tour of the set of Anton Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*.
- Haiku at the Library
LBPH patrons celebrated National Poetry Month with a Haiku workshop led by writer Meg Heisse on April 11, 2009.
- The Lagniappe Project, a Baltimore family foundation, is providing artists for ongoing youth and adult programming.
- Adaptive technology classes led by Braille Specialist Jerry Price began in the new adaptive technology lab and are very popular.

Learning Disabilities Program

- "Emerging Technologies for Learning Disabilities" was held at LBPH as part of Teen Tech Week.
- Approximately 60 educators, librarians, parents, and children gathered to hear Keynote speaker Jason Bernard of Brandeis University discuss text to speech software and the future of digital books (a web page from his presentation can be accessed at: <http://brandeis.libguides.com/adaptive>).
- Exhibitors included Maryland Technology Assistance Program, Maryland Relay, AT:LAST, and Envision Technology.

Website and Wireless.

- The LBPH Friends website will be introduced in June 2009, and the LBPH Kids Site, designed by Lindsey Muir, came live in time for the dedication of the Children's Center. <http://www.loc.gov/nls/children/index.html>
- LBPH is now wireless.

New Staff

- LBPH welcomed four new staff members.
- Outreach Librarian/Reference Coordinator Tyson Fogel and Patron Services Manager Paula Thomas joined the staff in November 2008.
- Secretary Shawnta Wilson joined in February 2009, and Recording Studio Technician Yuri Zietz began work in April 2009.

Summer Reading Program

- Participants kicked off the 2008 Summer Reading Program with a "tactile bug party" featuring the "Bug Guy," Entomologist Dr. Mike Raupp from the University of Maryland. Readers of all ages played with millipedes, grasshoppers, spiders and the like and learned about their habits and homes.

- The second program was “Creepy Crawly Collections” at the Walters Art Museum, where elementary-age patrons listened to a story, took part in a tactile/descriptive tour of the Chamber of Art & Wonders, and joined Walters’ staff member John Shields in a caterpillar dance in the Walters’ Courtyard.
- The final Summer Reading program featured a West African drumming and dancing workshop with Zaipo Oula, the director of BIRDS (Baltimore International Rhythm and Drumming Society). Summer Reading participants, patrons, and friends celebrated the completion of “Catch the Reading Bug” with music and dancing.
- Braille readers kept track of their summer reading on a tactile reading log developed by LBPH Braille Specialist Jerry Price.
- As part of the 2009 Summer Reading Program, Lagniappe artists will host music, drama, and drumming/dancing programs.

Strategic Planning at LBPH

- LBPH completed four strategic planning sessions as part of a process for the Superintendent’s Advisory Council on Library Services for Persons with Disabilities.
- Composed of a diverse group of educators, librarians, patrons, and LBPH staff, the Council drafted a report with goals and strategies for the coming years. The final version of the report was presented to Dr. Grasmick and is being prepared for distribution.

Daria A. Parry, Chief of Public Libraries and State Networking Branch

Liaison to:

- Anne Arundel County Public Library
- Baltimore County Public Library
- Carroll County Public Library
- Howard County Library
- Montgomery County public Libraries
- Prince George's Memorial Library System

Trustees/Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) Annual Meeting – Was held Saturday, November 08, 2008, Kathleen Kennedy was the keynote speaker.

- The 2009 meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 07, 2009**. At this meeting we will unveil the new Trustees Manual
- For more information on CML please see: <http://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>

Maryland Library Leadership Institute (MLLI)- The Institute is co-sponsored by DLDS and Maryland Library Association, and is generally presented every other year. The session was held July 14, - 18, 2008. The next session of MLLI will be held at the Donaldson Brown Center Sunday, July 18, - Friday July 23, 2010.

LATI

- DLDS contracted with the consultant firm of Nancy Bolt and Associates to evaluate the LATI program. Nancy and her team gave us many solid recommendations, and we are embarking on a plan to implement many of these recommendations. To this end we have restructured the LATI Advisory committee and have formed the LATI Oversight Committee. This group is actively implementing a revised LATI program.
- The new LATI Oversight Committee members: John Taube – Allegany, Cathy Butler – AACPL, Pat Hofmann – Calvert (Chair) , Debby Bennett – Caroline, Terri Schell – Harford, Kathy Graybeal – Delaware, Wesley Wilson – SLRC, Jennifer Ranck – Somerset, Beth McGraw-Wagner – BCPL, Nini Beegan – DLDS, Honore Francois – LATI, Daria Parry – DLDS
- Improvements that have been made in the last year include a new wiki that allows for clear peer to peer and instructor communication

Nini Beegan, Maryland Online Learning Coordinator

Staff Development Coordinator's Meeting

- Statewide meetings for staff development coordinators in public and regional libraries.
- Meet quarterly
- Collaborate on statewide projects, share happenings, learn from each other
- Coordinate with MLA and SLRC
- June 2009 – begin a planning process together
- Meeting notes posted at <http://wiki.carr.org>

Leading From Any Position

- Leadership Development Program
- Over 700 completions since 1999
- Learning organization model – empowers staff to take initiative to create libraries that anticipate and exceed customer needs
- Held in spring and fall. Library systems nominate their staff.
- Wiki: <http://lfap.pbwiki.com>

Learning Libraries 3.0

- Leadership program where public library systems send teams to plan, implement, and evaluate a project
- Offered during 2007/2008 with approximately 100 participants.
- Like Leading From Any Position, based on learning organization principles, but team-orientation
- Wiki - <http://learninglibraries3.pbwiki.com/>

Synchronous Trainers –

- Team of trainers who have learned to develop live, online training.
- 900 people have registered for their events so far.
- Includes Learn How to Learn Online
- Courses offered via the Statewide Training & Events Calendar and announcements
- Beginning September 2009 – Online Learning Exchanges

SkillSoft Online Training

- Vendor-purchased content available on-demand 24/7.
- There have been 455 completions as of February 2.
- Courses are available until August 30, 2009.
- During September 2009 thru August 2010, every staff member in public libraries can participate!

Face Time @ your library

- Four public library systems will make Skype video meeting services available to military families (and potentially others) to connect with their loved ones.
- Kickoff was May 9, 2009 with publicity event at Aberdeen Library, Harford County.
- Maryland is one of the first states to test this service – getting the idea from Alabama.

New MERLIN

- New Merlin site has focus as “community of communities”.
- Starting with public libraries, but hope that academic, school, and special will join.
- Site address: <http://www.merlincommunity.org>

Renee Croft, Library Facilities Projects Manager, Appointed on June 2, 2008.
County Library Capital Project Grants Program

FY 2008 grants carried over into FY 2009

- Unspent funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2009 and spent by September 30, 2009
- Final reports are due on or before September 30, 2009.

FY 2009 grants

- Requests for extensions into FY 2010 were approved March 31, 2009 and new grants are being processed
- Unspent funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2009 and spent by September 30, 2009
- Final reports are due on or before September 30, 2009.

FY 2010 grants

- The Department of Legislative Services recommended full funding of the program at \$5 million
- Hearings were held in both the House of Delegates (March 1^{6th}) and Senate (March 2^{3rd}) and the legislature approved full funding.
- Projects will be taken to the Board of Public Works for approval on June 3, 2009.

FY 2011 grants

- Proposals are due June 1, 2009
- Technical support is available at rcroft@msde.state.md.us or (410) 713-2414.

Capital Grant Reports

- DLDS is developing an Interim Report Form in conjunction with a new capital grants administration web site
- The Final Report Form must be submitted prior to final reimbursement.

Donated land as local match- Upon advice from the AG's office, DLDS finalized a process for documenting donated land as a local match for county library capital projects.

Capital Grant Display- DLDS worked with MLA and FY 2008 and 2009 grant recipients to update a capital grant display for use on February 5 in Annapolis. The display is here at the conference.

Paula Isett, Marketing and Outreach Specialist

April 20-21 Week of the Young Child and National Library Week

- This program highlighted the LSTA grants for School Readiness in collaboration with Head Start and the Judy Centers In Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles Counties.

Summer Reading and the Baltimore Orioles, 2009

- Kick off day will be held at the stadium on May 29
- The final award ceremony will be held on the field on August 17, 2009
- This is the second year of this outstanding collaboration.

Summer Reading and the Baltimore Orioles, 2008

- August 19th- Summer Reading Celebration on the Field at Camden Yards.
Promoted on:
 - MSDE website, Orioles website, and THINKPORT.org
 - Buses and the MARC Train
- The Field Ceremony included students from 10 public libraries, joined by Dr. Grasmick

Learning Stories for www.everyonelearns.info, now on Maryland Community Services
Locator at www.mdcs.org

Digital Story Telling Project- staff of Maryland Public Libraries will receive training from Nancy Doud, trainer for the Digital Story Telling Project and marketing specialist from New Jersey State library.

Special Education Kickoff

- Brochures and display unit sent to each library
- Dr. Grasmick at BCPL, September 15th.

Workforce Committee

- Promotional items for the MACO 2008 conference
- Include a slide show, postcards and graphics on DLDS booth
- MACO 2009 will be a new theme.

Collaborative Summer Library Project

- Attended the three day session to plan for the future themes and slogans for the CSLP program.
- Marketing committee meetings held to discuss current and future marketing strategies.

Susan Paznekas, Public Library Consultant

E-Rate

- FY 2009
 - Reminder: Form 486 (Request for payment) must be made within 90 days of start of service (usually July 1st)
 - If you receive questions from Program Integrity Assurance (PIA), please contact me
- FY 2010
 - If your technology plan is expiring in 2009, you need to create a new one and have it approved by June 30, 2009
 - You can file your Form 470 (Request for service) at any time prior to the opening of the E-Rate window (usually in late November or early December)

Certification

- A Certification Summit was held on December 10, 2008
- A sample letter of verification of education and training requirements for Library Associates is now available on the MAPLA website.
- A work group will be convened to investigate human resource information systems for collaborative purchase
- Each librarian and public library director needs to establish an online account on the new certification website: www.mdcert.org. For help with the website contact: EISHelp@msde.state.md.us

Maryland Public Library Statistics

- FY 2007 statistics have been published and are available on Sailor
- FY 2008 statistics have been collected and submitted to the national Public Library Survey

Class Comparison Charts

- Thanks to all of you who have sent updated information to the charts
- The FY 2009 charts are being finalized.

Carolyn Sheffield, LSTA Coordinator

IMLS

- DLDS has received Maryland's full allotment for the FY 2009 Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) funds in the amount \$3,170,341. In December 2008, we had received a partial allotment, at 43.01% of last year's funding. The remainder of the FY 2009 funds were on a continuing resolution until the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill was signed into law on March 11.
- The supplemental \$8,000 grant awards have been processed. Everyone should have received official notice of their awards. For those of you who have chosen to accept the funds as Staff Development awards, we are lifting the restriction on the amount which can be applied to MLS funding.

Grant Administration Website

- DLDS is continuing to review the site and working with Bob Kuntz to streamline processes and distinguish between LSTA and Capital Grants management
- Please email Carolyn with comments for the grant administration website.
csheffield@msde.state.md.us

Process Manuals for Grant Management

- Evaluating workflow and updating processes
- Creating manuals for managing LSTA-funded programs
- Creating asynchronous, online process guides for managing LSTA grant awards

Stephanie Shauck, Youth Services Coordinator

Birth to Five

- Results of the Maryland Model for School Readiness (MMSR) were released on March 24, 2009. Paula attended the steering committee luncheon where trends were discussed. Ready at Five paid for materials to be sent to each library system for use locally
- Two types of training were offered this year.
 - Symposia with Ready at Five –In response to requests to add a library component in the afternoon we met twice this year.
 - Emergent Literacy/Peer Coaching – Sessions were offered statewide September – April, which concludes the in person workshops on the topic.

Young Adults

- Rosemary Truitt resigned as Statewide Young Adult Coordinator. Among many other responsibilities, Rosemary's accomplishments included visits across the state, creation of a Young Adult WIKI and convening a Young Adult Taskforce. We are deeply appreciative of her contributions.
- Stephanie met with the Young Adult Coordinators to explore options and priorities for next steps.

Summer Reading Program

- First year of transition to the national collaborative model was seen as a success based on feedback we received at the well attended Summer Wrap Up Meeting on September 9. There are a few issues we will continue to ask the national collaborative to address.
- Manuals for 2010 will be distributed in early October.

Everyone Learns Website_ www.everyonelearns.info

- Thanks to Caroline and St. Mary's Counties for acting as brave pioneers in completing their web information and to Bob for leading the way!
- Created so libraries can maximize the information available to local, state and national officials; partner agencies, staff and the public.