

**Multi-type Reference Group  
Minutes  
Wednesday, October 21, 2015  
Online**

Members Present: Melissa Chiavaroli (Co-chair, Cumberland), Jane Granatino (Co-chair, Barrington), Heidi Blais (Cranston East HS), Amanda Izenstark (URI), Allison Papini (Bryant), Beatrice Pulliam (PPL), Alicia Waters (OLIS)

Members Absent: Tish Brennan (RIC), Lisa Zawadski (Cranston PL)

At last month's meeting, we discussed the interest from a variety of librarians at a variety of libraries in the group, and also discussed the charge. The group looked to YART as an example of programming, and transitioning to a round table, which would require several smaller events per year.

Beatrice had previously agreed to provide a session on November 17<sup>th</sup> about AskRI. She provided a small update on what she's planning, such as using the resources for your specific user groups, also covering AskRI's resources (such as Lynda.com) for professional development.

There was discussion of getting information distributed as early as possible. It is on the OLIS website, but everyone was encouraged to share the information with the various mailing lists.

There was also discussion of the format of the committee, and the shift. General consensus was that the change to a round table is a good idea, and suggestions included varying the times of the sessions. (For example, not all in the morning, not all in the afternoon, etc.)

Jane suggested having an annual planning session in May/June for the next fiscal year.

Melissa noted that we would likely need some PR to highlight and explain the transition from the advisory group to a round table.

Planning will continue to be done by the small Multi-Type Group until May.

**Locations for Future Events**

It was agreed to wait until after the November event at William Hall to see how that works as a location.

**Upcoming events & planning**

**November**

AskRI – Beatrice Pulliam

November 17<sup>th</sup> – William Hall, 1:30-3:30

### **January/February**

There was discussion of planning a program on financial literacy in advance of Money Smart Week. Lori DeCesare from Johnston and Alli Nathan from PC were mentioned separately, and Melissa noted contacting FINRA. Snow day planning will be up to the speakers. Melissa will contact Lori DeCesare. Melissa will determine whether this effort will duplicate anything Lori is already doing.

### **March**

Reference Refresher – Amanda Izenstark, date and location TBD

### **Other Topics Discussed for Future Sessions**

The committee agreed that a session for those who have accidentally found themselves in management or supervisory positions would be helpful. Jane offered to look into who from Simmons might be able to come in for a potential session in May.

“How to save lives without getting sued” – This would be a session on helping patrons find medical information with Meredith Solomon, Michelle Eberle from NNLM.

October is Information Literacy Month – the group planned to keep track of that as a potential topic for early September 2016 so that attendees can bring back what they’ve learned to their libraries.

**Next Meeting: December 9, 2015 at Cranston Public Library, 3-5**