

Massachusetts Library Association
Technical Services Section Meeting -- Monday, 8/15/11

The meeting was called to order at 10 am. Present: Kristin Slater, Alyssa Freden, Damaris Chapin-Berner, Lois Bacon, Daniel Saulean, Chrissy Rissmeyer, Heather Edmonds.

- Reflections on the MLA 2011 Annual Meeting:
 - The eBook session was the least popular.
 - The MARCEdit session would have been better in two parts, and would likely have been better attended if it was earlier in the day.
 - It was suggested that Ben Abrams, the presenter, would be willing to do it again.
 - Perhaps Terry Reese could come to speak, or do an online workshop (he is located in Oregon).

- Thoughts on potential programs for this year:
 - We have \$2500 in the budget for programs. However, we would also need to bring in \$2500 to balance that out.
 - If we chose to do a webinar, we could find software that also had a payment function.
 - Discounted courses from Lyris for members of the Mass. Library System: could our members get the same discounts on tech. services-based courses? Perhaps we could do a Groupon-style discount? Kristin to look into this.

- Thoughts and ideas for the 2012 MLA Annual Meeting:
 - The next conference will be in April or May of 2012.
 - Damaris suggested that someone from Ex Libris and/or an institution piloting Alma could come to speak about it. She will look into this.
 - Chrissy announced that the BPL Digital Lab has an LSTA grant with Digital Commonwealth to digitize members' non-book items for free. Perhaps a tour of the Digital Lab for the Cambridge-based conference in 2013?
 - Have Ben Abrams come back to talk about GoFish.
 - Chrissy suggested a program about new metadata schemes for catalogers, so that people will have a sense of what's new (i.e. what they are, what they're for, how they work together)? Simmons has a course in this now. Chrissy to contact Simmons.
 - Perhaps we could do another program on eBooks?
 - We got more than just tech. services folks at the last eBooks session. What should we focus on?
 - Someone from EBSCO could come to speak on eBooks (i.e. pay-per-view, PDA). Lois will look into this.
 - Maybe we could do an overarching eBooks session that would cover all of the access options (free, subscription, individual purchase, etc.).
 - Additionally, an eBooks "petting zoo" might be a fun idea -- Kristin to contact Overdrive to discuss the possibility of sponsoring and/or supplying eBook readers.

- The next TSS board meeting is scheduled for Friday, 10/28 at 10 am, at the New England College of Optometry.