

## **8 Recruitment, Mentoring and Diversity Committee -- Quarterly Report, March 2008**

### **2008 Conference**

- Committed assistance and some type of sponsorship with AALLERT to bring Tracie Hall for a pre-conference workshop.
- Continue to serve on planning committee for both the NDLC and main conference committees. And work on fundraising efforts.
- Talent Show – Will be working with KLDivERS and AALLERT to gather prizes and gifts for the participants.
- RMD, AALLERT and KLDivERS submitted a session for the conference. Latisha Reynolds, AALLERT Chair, Betty Abdmishani and Enid Wohlstein, RMD Co-Chairs, will launch “Diversity in Kentucky Libraries – A Survey” in preparation for the session and will include findings in the presentation. This is a reissue of a survey from 2005.

### ***Librarians as Trail Guides: Pathways to the Workforce and Postsecondary Education.***

*Librarians will report on the diversity activities of Kentucky libraries, highlighting the exceptional sources of services and programming available to support the educational and workforce needs of Kentucky ethnic minority citizens and students. Libraries and their staff serve as tutors and teachers, leading the way as community builders and champions of education and continue to be there for researchers by providing the most efficient order and access to information.*

### **Members Services**

- The RMD co-chairs met with Kandace Rogers, Member Services Chair, to discuss the relationship between RMD and Member Services.
- Chairs of Member Services and RMD provided a report to Fannie Cox for consideration by Executive Committee of recommendations, ideas, etc. for various actions and activities by RMD and Member Services.
- RMD would like to work with Member Services as well as Communications in creating New Member packets and creating a “conference pal” for new attendees, among other things.

## **New Round Tables?**

- We would like to see KLA have subgroups, similar to AALLERT, which match the ALA affiliates such as REFORMA, Medical Library Association, Asian/Pacific American Libraries Association, American Theological Library Association, etc. Perhaps the interest is not there in the member communities but we do have many members who may not have a round table or section where they “fit.” And that the existence of the subgroups not be dependent on number of members.
- After the Executive Committee and Board review the Member Services/RMD report, we may pursue this as a joint project of the two committees.

## **KDLA and Advocacy**

- We would like to approach KDLA re: an advocacy project and the impact of public libraries on our populations, the services being provided, etc. How can RMD help with advocacy for public libraries, and other library types?
- Again, after the Executive Committee and Board review the Member Services/RMD report, we may pursue this as a joint project of the two committees.

Respectfully submitted,  
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