**Minutes of the Public Library Section of the VLA**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 12:30-1:00 p.m.**

**at the Vermont Library Conference at UVM Davis Center**

1. Pre-Meeting Discussion for Youth Librarians was called to order at 12:20.
   1. Youth Section President Caitlin Corless addressed the youth section librarians and explained that under the newly proposed structure of VLA, the youth section will become part of the public library section.
   2. In order to continue to have strong youth leadership, the public library section aims to recruit a youth services librarian to act as president every other year.
   3. Hannah Peacock volunteered to take on the role of youth roundtable coordinator for the year.
2. The Public Library Section meeting was called to order at 12:30.
3. Introduction and Vice President Nomination
   1. Almy Landauer introduced Loona Brogan as the new public library section president.
   2. Almy nominated Michelle Beaulieu as incoming vice president. Loona seconded the motion. All in favor. Approved.
4. Awards and Memberships
   1. Almy explained that there are five VLA awards and there were very few nominations this year. Librarians are encouraged to consider nominating candidates for next year.
   2. VLA relies on membership and is a volunteer-run organization. All are encouraged to become members and to pursue volunteer opportunities.
5. Overview of 2018-2019 work of the Public Library Section
   1. Almy worked on putting together a multiple copy lending list for the VLA website. It is located under the Resources tab. Librarians are asked to add book sets to the editable spreadsheet. Three or more copies of a book constitute a book set.
   2. Almy also launched the Recommended Presenters database on the VLA website, which allows libraries to recommend presenters to other libraries. There is a google form on the website to add presenters.
   3. Loona submitted articles on behalf of the Public Library section for the VLA newsletter.
   4. Loona served on the conference committee.
   5. Loona reached out to organize some librarian meetups, but there was not much interest.
6. Brainstorming for 2019-2020
   1. Loona suggested more peer networking and social time for librarians. She brought up the idea of a Google Hangout Trivia night and asked for input about ways to make it easier for VLA members to volunteer without having to travel great distances.
   2. Abby Adams suggested that VLA curate a database of grants that libraries have successfully applied for.
   3. Loona wondered if there would be interest in professional development opportunities for resources like Overdrive. There was a common consensus that a half-day Overdrive workshop for librarians would be helpful.
   4. Loona also suggested trainings for library directors of one-person libraries.
   5. Jeannette Bair suggested that VLA reach out to recently retired librarians who may be interested in serving as volunteers or mentors.
   6. Almy advised members to contact state consultants Lara Keenan or Joy Worland with suggestions for future workshops.
7. The meeting adjourned at 12:50.