

Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors

January 19, 2023

Meeting Notes

Meeting held via Zoom

Approved: May 9, 2023

In attendance:

Julia Viets, Tonya Baroudi, Joan Bellistri, James Durham, Rebecca Littleton, Catherine McGuire, Julee Snyder, Sandy Brewer, Scott Stevens, Florence Barnes

Agenda

Welcome

Julia Viets thanked those who were able to attend the December 2022 meeting, in person or virtually. She stated it was good to see everyone and to be with our Access to Justice partners.

Rebecca Littleton, Washington County, and Katherine Baer, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, were welcomed to the discussion. The group offered assistance to the newcomers.

Lexis and Lexis Plus

Tonya Baroudi asked if anyone had Lexis Plus, as Prince George's County had received a message that they must move to Plus.

Joan Bellistri indicated Anne Arundel County recently re-did their contract with regular Lexis and are renewing a contract in February. She has not had any messages about Plus.

Julee Snyder just updated the Charles County contract in June 2022. They have Patron Access. She has not received any email about Plus. She has recently updated Forms, including Matthew Bender forms, but otherwise there are no changes to her contract.

Julia Viets asked if anything had been mentioned about Matthew Bender materials specifically. Tonya said no; their contract has includes only the basics. Julia indicated Montgomery County is about to start the renewal process.

Updates

Joan Bellistri, Anne Arundel County

- Anne Arundel County Bar Association *Barrister* had announced the library would be moving to the jury office, but there is still no date set. The library has gotten a little busier, but mostly things are the same.
- They had a power issue, with the lights and elevator out for a few days, but things are back to normal.
- The upcoming Legislative Day will include breakfast at Calvert House (not at the AACPLL as in previous years). The AACPLL has reserved an upstairs area where people can pick up packets and meet after the breakfast.

James Durham, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

- Introduced and welcomed Katherine Baer who recently joined the staff at the State Law Library.
- Court administration has approved two new full-time librarian positions in the library. These will be posted in the next week or so. The positions are: Reference & Digital Collections Librarian; Reference Services Librarian. Both are full-time MLS positions. James provided explanation of the process through which the library requested and obtained the two positions; consolidated positions, located available unused PIN

Rebecca Littleton, Washington County

- January has been very busy in the self-help center and library
- Word is getting out to the local bar, attorneys are now coming into the library
- Putting together an inventory list and checking subscriptions
- Keeping statistics to add to the CMCLLD Teams document

Catherine McGuire, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

- Annual Meeting notes are in progress
- Lee Sampson provided PLL update information:
 - Heavily revised pages since the December meeting:
 - [Name Change for a Child](#)
 - [Name Change for an Adult](#)
 - [Objecting to a Name Change](#)
 - [Recreational Cannabis Use and Possession in Maryland](#) (Expungement materials edited appropriately, but the edits were not extensive)
 - [Health Insurance Law in Maryland](#)
 - [Who May Marry in Maryland](#)
 - “The PLL clinic calendar includes all family law self help clinics/centers at the circuit courts. Legal Aid’s website was not publishing their clinics for the last 2 months. When I checked their website this morning they were there again, so I’ll get those up soon (by tomorrow at the latest).”
- The Frontlines Workgroup had its first meeting of the year. New Workgroup members include Brittany West and Suzi Johnson from the A2JD and Jessica Mundy and Julia Roberts from the TMSLL; Katherine Baer will be part of the group as well.
- Training sessions for the Judiciary have started for 2023. The year will include a series of Minis; Orphans’ Court Judges Orientation; and Resources for SRLs
- CM co-proposed a AALL 2023 program with Amy Small, Executive Director of the Texas State Law Library; it was accepted as a pre-conference program.

Katherine Baer, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

- Excited to be back and to get involved in all of these projects

Julee Snyder, Charles County

- Using Zoom and Polycom in conference room, working with ADR and Family Services managers to get it up and running for remote mediation and dialing into the courtroom
- Talked to the president of the local bar association regarding local Lawyer Referral program; Julee will be attending meetings to talk about why LRS is needed, to network, and to keep the bar updated on materials available in the library

Sandy Brewer, Howard County

- Stats are still high
- County has contracted to do a classification and compensation review of all employees; they will all fill out a survey of info

Scott Stevens, Baltimore County

- Getting new computers; will have 10 workstations
- No changes to their Patron Access account when added the workstations, so no input re: Tonya's question
- Veronica Robinson will get stat link from Joanie

Tonya Baroudi, Prince George's County

- New court administration – is wonderful; comes down at least weekly
- Judge Cotton is the new AJ, she's very supportive; they know her well already

Flossie Barnes, Carroll County

- Has been out sick since new year and is just now back in the office. Her backup did just fine, used the prepared backup manual

Julia Viets, Montgomery County

- Undergoing repairs due to a flood from a burst sprinkler main – all of library conf rooms and office damaged; stacks are safe, but periodicals room got a bit damaged; are replacing drywall right now
- All are still working remotely – they do not have a definite date for return – they pop in and out for print materials and for general court-staff-related tasks
- Bar okay mostly about library closure; public unhappy notarization is not available (is free at the library)
- Calls are being transferred to their homes

Next meeting: February 16, 2023