

Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors (CMCLLD) September 9, 2021, Meeting Notes

Attending: Sandy Brewer, Chair, Catherine McGuire, Scott Stevens, Lonni Summers, Julie Viets, Tonya Baroudi, Flossie Barnes, Joan Bellistri, James Durham and special guest Christian Noble

Annual Reports – deadline 9/17/2021 – wiki link was distributed for the meeting

SRL report – FY21 expenditures amounts are needed for each library. Can input numbers directly here or send to Joan Bellistri

Stories, comments and compliments involving service to the SRLs should be inputted on the wiki page here or sent to Joan Bellistri.

Report narrative will be compiled following previous report outlines with reference to the effects of Covid on service to the SRL.

CMCLLD Annual Report – wiki page has been set up with outline of report and links to blank pages for each library to use.

Charles County - Mary Jo Lazun has left the library there and Julee Snyder has been hired to manage the SHC and the library. Sandy will invite her to the next meeting and to participate in the Conference ex officio/ non-voting member.

Member reports:

Access to Justice Department – Lonni Summers:
Remote center attorneys are now able to print to any SHC in the state. A marketing push highlighting SRL assistance is planned.

Thurgood Marshall State Law Library – James Durham and Catherine McGuire: James is now the acting director and has had to deal with leaks and floods in the last few weeks. The TMSLL has activated the new reference system which will result in more efficient reference. RefTracker includes statistics and will generate better reports.

Prince George's County – Tonya Baroudi: The law library is dealing with FY22 budget cuts. There is a new court administrator to replace the court administrator who is retiring. The library is still closed to the public.

Baltimore County – Scott Stevens: Interviewing for open position and hoping to fill the position soon.

Anne Arundel County – Joan Bellistri: The court has a new Director of Court Operations. FY21 Financial Report and Use Report are completed, and the Annual Report is in process. Will soon move to the JIS network. Library staffed has had training to create Maryland Justice Passports. Joanie has been invited to participate in Anne Arundel County Public Library panels.

Howard – Sandy Brewer: The technology problems since receiving new state public access computers in July are all resolved. As a result, the public MDEC kiosk is now a separate station – accessible on two public access computers.

Montgomery – Julia Viets: Mary Jo Lazun has just been hired as the morning Law Library Aide.

Carroll - Flossie Barnes: Planning our local Annual Law Library Committee meeting via Zoom for this Fall; Working on print and online subscription proposals.

Access to Justice Department technology presentation by Christian Noble, Special Counsel for Technology Initiatives.

Christian demonstrated Guide and File found at <https://mdcourts.gov/guideandfile> and Court TV.

Guide and file is a “turbo tax” for legal forms in Maryland that also includes access to appropriate information and referrals. Finished forms can be saved and printed for filing. Direct e-filing is not an option at this point.

Court TV is streaming video place in high traffic court areas as well as the MVS. Video includes the A2J subject videos, community relations messages, news and updates and commercials – such as the new Law Library message. Streaming can be customized for time and subject matter.

Contact Christian if interested in a Court TV for library space. A power outlet and judiciary network connection are needed.