LEADERSHIP RESOURCE – 2019

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Educational Efforts:

Professional Development Events: ☒ Yes  ☐ No

Event Title: Community Engagement @ Your Library  Location: Columbus
Date: May 15

Brief overview (keynote speaker, session, etc.): This all-new conference will feature breakout sessions that will focus on a variety of community engagement topics, including how to assess community needs, build partnerships, manage expectations, and empower staff. The event will also include a panel discussion featuring Ohio library staff who have done notable work as well as poster sessions on successful collaborations in Ohio. Keynote speaker: Nick Tepe

Event Title: Library Facilities Conference  Location: Columbus
Date: July 25

Brief overview (keynote speaker, session, etc.): The OLC’s all-new library facilities conference will provide informative sessions on topics of interest to all public libraries, regardless of budget, size, population served, or location. The conference is designed for ‘decision makers’ with responsibilities for overseeing all facilities systems, from buildings to landscaping, roofing to plumbing, renovations to new construction, space planning to furniture, and of course funding. This conference is intended to help public libraries “Build a Better Library” for all of our patrons!

Event Title: Library Safety and Security Conference  Location: Independence
Date: November 6

Brief overview (keynote speaker, session, etc.): Libraries strive to strike a balance between offering a broad, open door policy for community members and ensuring a safe, secure environment for staff and patrons. This all-new conference will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to make your library a better, safer place to work. Keynote speaker: Ryan Dowd

Conference Programs/Events: ☒ Yes  ☐ No
Number of Programs Presented: 3
List exemplary programs or “Best Practices:”

- Staffing for Building Capacity & Organizational Development, presented by Valerie Kocin
Minute Mentorship, presented by Allison Knight
Certification Luncheon with keynote speaker, Charis Weible

OLC Connects!:  ☑ Yes  ☐ No

Other (video teleconferences, online courses, etc.): ____

Newsletters, Articles, or Publications:  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
If yes:  Title: _____
Date: _____  Author(s): _____
Topic: _____

Use of the OLC Web site: Continued use of the General Submission form and Idea Box

Initiatives and Partnerships:
The PDC recognized the need to update the Core Competencies this year. They had last been updated in 2014. A subcommittee, composed of Shannon Titus, Joel Mantey, Allison Knight, Gill Nance, Joan Kendall-Sperry, and Kellen Freeman, reviewed the Core Competencies in their entirety and proposed a revision. The revision was accepted by the larger committee and adopted by the Board at their September meeting to go into effect in 2020.

The Committee called for three professional development events to take place in 2020:
1. Innovation: (Northwest) August
2. Customer Service: (Central) May
3. Multiple Literacies: (Southwest) June

The On-Demand Education Committee identified three initiatives planned for 2020:
1. A curated list of on-demand education resources by topic
2. Mentoring Program
3. A “Hit list” of high-interest, well-received programs that can be produced in webinar form and made available to OLC members.