

Notes from SPLAMBA meeting Friday, April 19, 2024

Attendees: Jacqueline D, Mary W, Emily, Estrella, LeAnn, Laura A

[CA Senate Bill 321](#)

- Concern about the onus on libraries to initiate process, not schools.
- Mary looked at K-12 schools in LA Unified and recognized that process must be facilitated by schools, especially if there is information sharing.
- Concern about the mandate for every 3rd grader to have a public library card. What about those who do not want a card? Mary mentioned that opting-in is often automatic and opting-out requires action.
- How do libraries report numbers? Numbers could be skewed if there are student success cards and regular library cards distributed.
- Concerns about who pays for extra materials and time. Is complying with the senate bill part of your job description/classification?
- Concerns about penalties for non-compliance or low numbers.
- PLP Student Success Initiative info here: [Student Success – Pacific Library Partnership \(plpinfo.org\)](http://plpinfo.org)
- Some members of this collaborative will be attending a **PLP listening session on Wednesday, May 29 at 10AM** and will report back.

SRP

- Mary mentioned purchasing graphic novels and popular titles for prizes this year.
- LeAnn purchased heavy canvas bags that can be decorated for prizes because her community has access to books.
- Emily spoke about collecting recycled materials from staff and creating a spreadsheet for organizing the donations.
- Laura spoke about using Measure R money to purchase adventures/experiences (Boardwalk passes, Kayaking adventures, restaurant gift certificate, etc) as 10-hour raffle prizes. Picture of raffle organization to come.

Grants

- Laura spoke about finding ways to use the “Charlie Cart” --an all-in-one kitchen cart that was purchased with grant money. Pictures to come.

Book Recommendations

- LeAnn recommends *Flap your Wings* by Steve Asbell for good writing about difficult topics.
- Emily is reading *Elija's Easter Suit* and other Spring holiday books.
- Mary/Laura recommend *This is a Good Place* by Lucy Cousins for Earth Day/Spring. Mary made a felt with the four bug characters for story time.
- Estrella mentioned an Earth Day event in a public park in her community. Canyon Sayers, a local indigenous person, has given permission for the library to distribute “Ohlone Land” zines with indigenous protocol. She also mentioned her focus on partnerships as a way to share stories.