

Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Interest Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
March 17, 2022

Attendance: 2

Meeting Minutes:

- 1) ARCHIVES
 - a) MR will scan newsletters once a week and upload them to the digital archive
 - b) We're working with Roanoke College to update the digital archive so that newsletters are grouped together and easier to browse and search within
- 2) ORAL HISTORIES
 - a) Spring 2022 are underway and will result in 4 interviews
- 3) WALKING TOURS
 - a) Make short videos of walking tour spots for social media promotion — KS
 - i) Give KS access to Instagram. KS may also make the project a TikTok account
 - b) First walking tour of the year went great! 12 participants
- 4) LGBT LIBRARY
 - a) Book club is ongoing and going well! Lots of new participants and leaders
 - b) Potential summer intern, TL, doing an MMLIS degree. Looking for 80 hours between May 11-July 13. Research, cataloging, archiving, collection development, programming, etc. Particularly skilled in library management, marketing, partnerships
 - i) Potential project ideas: finish cataloging books; organizing more book drives/donations from the wish list; children's/YA programming; scanning archives at the Virginia Room
- 5) PRIDE 2022 PLANNING
 - a) May 1 Pride in the Park: we agreed that we will email the organizers and if they will honor our registration from previous canceled years, then we will participate. Otherwise, not.
 - b) June Pride Picnic, partner w/ RDC? LGBR? House of Expression? Ursula's Cafe?
- 6) HOLLINS STUDENT PROJECT - KA
 - a) Never happened
- 7) BRING BACK THE BAR CRAWL?
 - a) Potentially Friday, May 6th, 7pm. GSR will work up a draft flyer including language about COVID risk and the possibility of cancellation if the

situation changes. We discussed which stops should be on the crawl this year, but did not come to any final conclusions.

8) MISCELLANEOUS

- a) KS discussed the possibility of doing more Hollins University history
- b) KS discussed the possibility of partnering with Mill Mountain Theater for their June production of "Fun Home"

9) NEXT MEETING

- a) Monday, May 16, 6pm @ Parrott Room