MCLS Virtual Dialogue
Virtual Dialogue Ice Cream Social
June 19, 2020 – 11:00 am EDT

To celebrate the end of the MCLS weekly virtual dialogues, we had a virtual ice cream social and asked participants to reflect on their experiences over the last several weeks of discussions.

Participants were placed in small group breakout rooms for 15 minutes.

What are the top 3 things you appreciated during the dialogues?

11:23:21	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : 1. Collaboration and social support with other librarians.
	2. Sharing ideas
	3. Learning new things
11:23:32	From Michelle Bradley : We appreciated all of the participation from different types of libraries and positions in both states. And also people's willingness to experiment and try new things.
11:23:32	From Scott Garrison : Given people a lot to think about in terms of reopening.
11:24:11	From tamaradenby : They enjoyed talking to new people and learn how they managed the challenges they were facing.
11:24:14	From Scott Garrison : AI framework has been helpful in thinking about programming, and resources in a different way.
11:24:25	From Nicole Brock (ISL) : We liked the chance to connect, and thought you guys did a great job facilitating conversation. We spent most of the time today just chatting, which was great.
11:24:26	From Scott Garrison : Breakout rooms are a great thing!
11:24:26	From C Q : We discussed how much we both appreciated the Appreciative Inquiry model and the ability to continue the conversation over several weeks, plus the breakout rooms.
11:24:43	From tamaradenby : Also appreciated the creativity they saw, what the libraries were doing to adapt to the new circumstances.
11:24:44	From Stephanie Olson : We came in late and there were just the two of us and we did not know the question so we chatted.
11:25:05	From tamaradenby : Appreciated having others to talk with about the challenges they were facing.
11:25:30	From Nick : I agree it's great to have run this as a series over several weeks.
11:29:34	From Nick : MCLS - what are you hearing from folks about the dwindling numbers of participants?
11:29:54	From Gwen : We speculate with re-openings that has had an effect.
11:30:35	From Michelle Bradley : Hi Nick—people are opening up and have other things to do now.
11:31:29	From Stephanie Olson : definitely still challenged to "get the word out"
11:31:36	From Nicole Brock (ISL) : Nick - at least for me, the last few topics have been less related to my role, so I didn't feel like I would have as much to contribute. I didn't want to end up in a breakout with nothing helpful to add. :)
11:33:30	From Lissa Krull : Getting off topic is not a bad thing…sometimes it's just what you need at this point in your journey.
11:34:02	From Nick : Agree Lissa!

Participants were asked to share their thoughts on continuing the virtual dialogues in a Zoom Poll.

11:35:34	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : I don't see the poll, but I'm also using Zoom via web browser and not the desktop client. (for experimenting)
11:35:45	From Bill Bowman : Yay experiment!
11:36:17	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : Yes
11:36:27	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : Monthly
11:37:07	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : nope
11:37:09	From Amy Beckman : Yes
11:37:23	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : The web browser-only version is clearly limited.
11:37:28	From Tina Russette : yes I can see

We asked participants one final reflection question.

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

11:39:52	From Nick : I'm interested in how we all open our libraries - successes and fails/retires.
11:39:57	From Gwen : We created a feedback form for those who couldn't attend today. Please share with others who might want to share feedback: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWVBQSD. Thank you!
11:40:02	From Nick : well...retries.
11:40:16	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : We talked about how to make Board Meetings open, transparent, and accessible. It would be helpful to have some best practices, recommended hardware/software tools, etc.
11:40:49	From Nick : Yes Glenn!
11:40:53	From Bill Bowman : More ways of inter-library collabs. How to make them work, and how to approach them.
11:40:56	From Gwen : Next I will post where you can find the presentation slides from past meetings and this meeting.
11:41:02	From Gwen : https://www.mcls.org/training-events/presentation-slides/
11:41:05	From Michelle Bradley : engagement@mcls.org
11:41:38	From jennifer Dye : Thanks for offering these meetings.
11:42:14	From tamaradenby : I was able to click through to the survey
11:42:21	From C Q : Thank you so much for all your work in putting this together. it's been enormously helpful
11:42:41	From Gwen : https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWVBQSD
11:43:09	From kreynolds : Thank you, I feel that I have learned a tremendous amount of information from these meetings.
11:43:42	From Scott Garrison : Agree!
11:43:49	From tamaradenby : Thanks!
11:43:55	From Todd Reed : Thanks!
11:45:24	From C Q : Thanks for letting this Jersey girl sneak in!

11:45:37	From Pam Seabolt : Thanks for joining us C Q!
11:46:34	From Bill Bowman : That was great! Thank you as well!
11:47:42	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : Will you publish what your Zoom subscription settings are, costs, etc. so we can learn how much this all costs?
11:47:47	From Scott Garrison : Nice meeting you, Chris!
11:47:50	From Nick : Thank you!
11:48:10	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : Exactly, Michelle. Thank you.
11:48:36	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : It's super confusing how to pick the subscriptions and modules on the Zoom website or via TechSoup
11:48:52	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : Yes... and that shows!
11:48:55	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : Thank you
11:49:04	From Glenn Fischer - Cromaine Library : Have a great day, everyone!
11:49:06	From kreynolds : Good Bye, thank you again!
11:49:13	From Scott Garrison : Thanks, all!
11:49:16	From tamaradenby : Thank you!