

Technical Services Ad Hoc Committee Meeting 6/11/2021

Attendees: Amanda Alwyn (Laconia), Angela Brown (Chair, Amherst), Nora Cascadden (Concord), Beth Kendall (Exeter), Anne Murphy (Bedford), Martha Simmons (Hooksett),

The meeting started approximately at 1:03 pm

- 1.) We discussed the idea of organizing a basic cataloging class (virtual) to be offered possibly in conjunction with the Paralibrarians section, using a collaborative approach with multiple presenters. Amanda being the secretary to the Paralibrarians' group will update us on what they discuss at their July 13, 2021 meeting. I believe she recommended checking with the instructors there. She also will send information about the cataloging course offered several years ago and paralibrarian certification guidelines.
- 2.) We also discussed the option of offering a course on basic book repair which will likely need to wait until we are in person.
- 3.) Possibility arose to offer an "Ask a Technical Service Question" email service which we could take turns monitoring.
- 4.) The NHSL does offer trainings and there might be opportunities to collaborate
- 5.) Reviewed the Missions/Goals document and discussed what technical services encompasses. Beth described how her job responsibilities include technology and systems (among many other areas!). Angela explained how technical services traditionally has included cataloging, acquisitions, serials, e-resources, etc. but there is often overlap between these areas and technology. Discussion continued about technical services in libraries and how much it varies from library to library. Overall, Technical Services is a broad area and can include many different functions in the library.
- 6.) Perhaps we could follow the outline of the Paralibrarians' certificate program for levels of Technical Services.
- 7.) We all reviewed the NELA ITS Group pitch for additional members. Perhaps we could adopt a similar idea to do a pitch for more members to our group.