LGBTQ Special Interest Group

Submitted by: Vaughan Hennen
Vaughan.hennen@dsu.edu
605-256-7128

Leadership Update – Vaughan Hennen became coordinator of the SIG in January of 2017

Membership – The SIG now has a list-serv, as the members interested in the SIG became too many to populate in a word doc/excel file. In the future, as interest emails come in, the interested party will be invited to join our list-serv. The list-serv will be used throughout the year to communicate with members.

The SIG also has a Slack account to discuss projects, proposals, and ideas between conferences.

Activities & plans:

ARLIS/NA New Orleans Meeting
At the ARLIS/NA New Orleans conference, the LGBTQ Special Interest Group had three guest speakers: Frank Perez and Chloe Raub from the LGBT+ Archives in New Orleans and Leon Miller from the Tulane LGBT Archives in the Louisiana Research Collection at Tulane University. The presenters spoke about LGBT history in New Orleans and how much the community has changed in the past twenty years.

After the guest speakers’ presentations, the interest group discussed how ARLIS/NA as an organization affirms diversity. We then discussed the possibility of doing a panel session at ARLIS/NA NYC and brainstormed over topics that it could cover.

ARLIS/NA NYC Meeting
The LGBTQ+ Special Interest Group submitted a proposal in April for a panel discussion titled, “Thinking Outside the Bounds of the Typical Library: A Spotlight on Three New York City-based Libraries and Archives.” The proposal was accepted and will be held at the ARLIS/NA Conference in NYC on Wednesday February 28, 2018 from 9:45-11am.

Current activities include planning for the SIG meeting at the ARLIS/NA Conference in New York City. At this meeting, members will participate in the following activities:

- Lightning round updates from members on LGBTQ Advocacy at their institution
- Discussion of possible session proposal surrounding LGBTQ issues in zines.
- Possibility of zine popup at next ARLIS/NA conference
- Discussion of mid-year business meeting to gather ideas and better prepare for Annual Conference.
The development of resources blog/twitter chat that will benefit SIG members and the ARLIS/NA Membership at large.

**ARLIS/NA Strategic Directions:** The activities of the LGBTQ SIG align, broadly, with the following Strategic Direction and Core Values of the ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan:

ARLIS/NA believes that diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the profession strengthens the practice of art librarianship, and enriches library collections and user experiences.

The activities of the LGBTQ SIG align, broadly, with the following Strategic Directions of the ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan:

**Diversity and Inclusion**

The Society shall promote diversity and inclusion within the profession including the makeup of its workforce, the design of services and programming, the development of intercultural fluency skills and competencies, and the practice of inclusive collections building.

**Issues for Executive Board (concerns, suggestions)** - None

*Please convert this word doc to a PDF and submit electronically to the ARLIS/NA Vice President/President Elect (cc’ing your Board Liaison) by Jan 25, 2018*