

Mala's Report for the June 8th AZBSN Meeting

The Education and Library subcommittee meets every Thursday at 9:30am – Connection details are on the AZBSN website. All are welcome to join. Here is a summary of the last meeting.

- a. **Every Student Connected** – www.everystudentconnected.org This is an initiative launched jointly by the Nation PTA and US Chamber of Commerce Foundation to raise awareness about the urgency for over 12 million students to participate in distance education.
 - b. **ISTE** is doing some data collection during reopening. Data Elements include Speed, service providers, devices, mobile and fixed connection, connection types etc.
 - c. **Labster**: Steve and Mala to meet with Labster -a program that gives students access to a realistic lab experience that will let them perform experiments and practice their skills in a fun and risk-free learning environment. This is going to be important for the hybrid reopening of schools in the fall. Looking to see if Cisco Foundation might be receptive for grant funding
 - d. **Guidelines for reopening**:
 - **ADE guidelines**: ADE guidelines for re-opening are on their website now http://www.azed.gov/communications/files/2020/03/FINAL-DRAFT-AZ-Roadmap-for-Reopening-Schools_6_1_20-1.pdf
 - **U.S. CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Considerations for Schools** page is at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.htm>
 - **COSN EdTech Guidance in the Age of COVID-19** - <https://covid19edtechguidance.com/>
 - **NEMA GD 4-2020 COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidance for Electrical Equipment** - <http://lists.nema.org/t/68937/6168724/4541/2/>
 - e. **E-rate**: State Master Contract is now ready to be used if schools and library There is a procedure to follow to replace their current contracts as application deadline is already passed.
 - f. **PPE for reopening and staying open**: Mohave Education Services Cooperative has 3 master contracts for PPE kits and equipment and services under janitorial services-cleaning equipment. The Committee decide to put together a Master list of cleaning services and equipment and make it available on the AZBSN website.
- Az Bio**: Holly and Mala had discussions with AZ-Bio about safe reopening especially for public access computers. Some of the ideas being explored are Gesture interface (approx. \$70, Antimicrobial keyboards (\$15-30) etc.
- Nan to start a template for
- Cleaning
 - Equipment
 - PPE
- g. **Library Tech Helpline**: Based on NDIA's [Digital Navigator](#) Model- Assistance provided free of cost to patrons (project funded by IMLS) examples of assistance include getting people signed up with low-cost Internet and devices, directing to online training, basic tech

support and navigating through the website and forms and using library staff as they know the resources available.

Insight has a Help-Desk Model for education and private sector which they will speak about.

h. AZ Cares Fund will provide \$600M in coronavirus relief and recovery dollars for local Arizona governments and nonprofits. The Arizona Express Pay Program will provide expedited reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) for coronavirus-related expenses, including purchases of testing supplies, PPE and more. See Governor Ducey's 5/27/20 announcement at:

<https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/05/governor-ducey-announces-nearly-600-million-local-coronavirus-relief-funds>. See <https://arizonatogether.org/Grants> for grant specifics and

IMLS CARES Funding for Libraries: Holly Henley, State Librarian, summarized the re-distribution of the IMLS Cares funding received. The Arizona State Library awarded 51 grants of \$4000 each to Arizona public, school, tribal and academic libraries as part of a second CARES Act funding opportunity. The federal CARES Act funding for libraries was made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Libraries receiving grants will use the funds in a variety of ways to support their communities. Examples include:

- WiFi mobile hotspots.
- laptops and tablets.
- computer with video editing software to enable virtual programs.
- security cameras for parking lots where WiFi is available when the building is closed.
- portable shelters such as tents or awnings in library parking lots to provide shade for materials pick-up and/or WiFi use.
- virtual reality devices.
- mobile printing services.

Libraries from 13 counties submitted applications and at least one library from each of those counties received an award. In the State Library's first CARES Act funding opportunity, 65 libraries from 13 counties were selected to receive a total of 392 Chromebooks, 47 video equipment packages, and 224 sanitation kits. A third funding opportunity will focus on library partnerships with museums and workforce development organizations.

Additional information is available at <https://azlibrary.gov/libdev/funding>.