

Southeast District - January 11, 2021

Open Forum-Friday Jan 15

We're Back!

After being off for a number of weeks, Friday Forums have returned. After out last time together, it was decided that we will have Forums on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. Here is the schedule for the next couple months, so you can get them on your calendar.

January 15 10-11 am

February 5 10-11 am

February 19 10-11 am

Becky's Zoom Room



For those of you who might be new to this newsletter and to remind everyone else what these Friday Forums are, I'm going back to a note I wrote when we started this back in March 2020.

I hope you are all doing well in these interesting times! I'm happy to have spoken to many of you over the last few days, it has been great to connect. In light of that, I'd like to try an experiment this week to keep us **all** connected. I know many of you like coming together for county meetings or director roundtables, so I would like to invite you to attend an "open forum." Similar to a college advisor, I will have office hours where anyone is welcome to drop in

and chat. I will serve as facilitator and can offer advice and counsel, but I think the important part will be letting you all connect with each other and talk about whatever is on your mind.

Headsets or some type of microphone/speaker combo will be important. This can be "come as you are" so if you are home, great! If you are at work, that's fine too! Interruptions by children and pets will be welcome. I would like this to be pretty free and open, but I will have a few conversation starters, if we run out of steam. Remember, this is for you to talk with other directors about whatever you are dealing with.

I think this experiment has been a success and much of this still holds true. I do hope you are all doing well and I miss being on the road and seeing everyone, so I'd love for you to join us. Please know this is open to any library staff, not just directors. If there is a topic you would like some information on or you would like a session just for youth services or circ staff or ILL staff, let me know and we can get something scheduled for our "off" weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you all this week!

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