

## Informal Library Chat

### Summary Notes

April 15 2021

#### **OLS Updates**

- The inaugural [OLS Newsletter](#) sent on April 1 includes a variety of valuable content to help in getting to know what is new and what is ongoing
- Introductory emails have been sent out to Board Assembly representatives for the first virtual meetings beginning this month
- An introductory email about the first virtual [CEO Networking Meetings](#) has been sent out
- [The Bridge Project](#) is of interest to review, particularly for those libraries focusing on technology in their strategic plans
- The Annual Survey deadline is coming up on April 30 - information and FAQ support is available via the [OLS website](#)

#### **COVID-19 Snapshot of Library Services**

- CEOs in attendance were polled on a variety of current service levels at their libraries
- See [COVID-19 Snapshot of Library Services](#) document for results
- Poll to be repeated at upcoming chats and document to be updated for sharing in the chat summary notes

#### **Virtual Book Clubs**

- CEOs discussed managing the launch of new virtual book clubs and promoting participation/interest

#### **Operating Reserve Policies**

- CEOs discussed examples of their existing and in development policies, and approaches to working collaboratively with municipalities to achieve balanced plans for the use of any surplus funds
- See this [example](#) of a current policy shared by the East Ferris Public Library

### **Library Staff & Vaccinations**

- CEOs discussed approaches to navigating library staff getting COVID-19 vaccinations
- CEOs discussed the importance of information sharing, encouragement and support with library staff as well as the importance of maintaining communications with your local public health unit on questions such as where library staff fall within eligibility groups

### **Library Facilities and Risk Assessment**

- CEOs discussed recently completed risk assessments of library facilities in relation to spacing, distancing, materials handling, etc

### **Return to Work Policies**

- CEOs discussed approaches to handling the return to work of library staff following a COVID-19 diagnosis and recovery
- Many were interested in this topic and agreed that consultation with local public health units will be key in developing this type of policy

We look forward to seeing you at our next scheduled Informal Library Chat:

Date/Time: Thursday April 29, 2021 - 10:00AM (9:00AM CT)  
Connection details to be provided via email