MArLA Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021 at 10 am via Zoom

Attendees: Jessica Riedmueller, Amanda Moore, Chrissy Karafit

MArLA information and documents
● Discussed options for storing MArLA information and minutes.
● Agreed to create a LibGuide for storing and sharing MArLA information and documents.
● While someone from UCA must administrate the LibGuide, accounts can be created for MArLA members to add content, including those not affiliated with UCA.
● The LibGuide can include a link to sign up for the MArLA mailing list, which will be administered by ArLA.
● LibGuides include easy form integration, a calendar function, and fields for adding alternative text to make images accessible.

Communication with ArLA
● The ArLA website can include the mission and purpose of the MArLA community of interest, officer contact information, minutes from meetings, and a link to the MArLA LibGuide.

2021 Activities
● The session on Navigating an OCR Complaint was held May 12 at 10 am.
● The next event will be a self-paced mailing list discussion on the topic of web accessibility, planned for later this summer.
● Proposed a session for September on improving services for patrons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Planning will be revisited in August.
● Proposed a facilitated discussion of animal policies in the library, considering the differences between service animals and emotional support animals. This could be scheduled for mid-July.
● Discussed need to find an expert to lead a session examining Universal Design and physical library space.

ArLA Conference presentation
● The deadline to submit a presentation is May 31st, and sessions will be pre-recorded with live Q and A.
● Discussed possible presentation topics, including handling an OCR complaint, services for patrons with ASD, or an accessibility tool petting zoo.
● Discussed the Jones Learning Center at the University of the Ozarks as a resource for accessibility tool exploration.