SMLC TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 30 VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence

AGENDA

8:30 to 9:00 Welcome: John Mohney, SMLC

9:00 to 10:00 Connect Community Inside & Out: Matt Harmon, Head of Information Technology at Marshall District Library

Equity of access to materials and services is a high priority for public libraries. As technology becomes more mobile and less expensive, libraries have opportunities to provide access to a variety of gadgets and tools to help our users learn and gain access to online resources. Libraries can help bridge the digital divide by providing services like wireless hotspots, tablets and e-readers for their populations. Discussion would include selection, development of procedures, device security, and marketing these technology services.

10:00 to 11:00 We've Got Our Eyes on you: Matt

Many libraries are concerned about the safety and security of their visitors, facility, and collections. Video security systems are one way we can monitor the many activities taking place in our busy libraries. Discussion would include setting security goals, planning your system, legal and policy considerations, potential vendors, and installing your own security system.

11:00 to 11:15 Break

11:15 to 12:15 Your Library's Technology Culture: Pam Seabolt, Community Engagement Librarian at MCLS

12:15 to 1:00 Lunch, Catered by Premier Catering

1:00 to 2:00 Troubleshooting Technology: I Don't Know What to Do!: Pam

Being technology literate in today's world means we are able to adapt quickly to new situations, we are unafraid to try new technology, and we are free to explore, fail, and learn from that failure. As our role in assisting users with technology expands, one of the biggest barriers in adapting to users' needs is fear of technology. But by thinking critically and having a thoughtful approach to

technology in our libraries we can overcome these barriers, create plans for a positive technology culture, and provide time and space to create and explore.

2:00 to 2:15 Break

2:15 to 4:00 Let's Take This Tech Show on the Road: Pam

Libraries have a long history of taking their services into the community, and we can do the same with technology. By engaging our communities and gaining a deeper understanding of their aspirations and dreams, we can then align our technology services to match. We can utilize tools for identifying potential partners, create and implement a technology outreach plan, and effectively evaluate programs to implement creative and unique services to our communities.