**Vive la Virtual – May 11-13, 2021** – **DRAFT**

**Western & Midlands Regional Conference**

**May 11, 2021 – Tuesday**

**1 & 2 pm Central – NLS Updates & Network Library of the Year Award**

Moderators: Mark Santangelo & Karen Keninger

DOD transition for the KLAS libraries

The e-Reader pilot update

Upcoming NLS projects to be released in the next 12 months

Status on the new NLS Director search

Presentation of the Library of the Year Award

**3 pm Central – Q & A with NLS**

**May 12, 2021 – Wednesday**

1 pm Central – **ABC, As Easy as 1 2 3? The Marrakesh Treaty, Accessible Books Consortium, and NLS Acquisition of Global Books**

In this session we will learn about the logistics of managing the international accessible content being selected and loaded into the Global Books Service catalog and searching the over 600,000 international titles available from 40 + Marrakesh participating countries, including, technology permitting, a demonstration of the ABC catalog. We will also get an overview of the NLS decision process on which ABC material is downloaded and the procedures for adding this material to the collection. Vive Marrakesh!

Moderator: Mike Marlin, California Braille and Talking Book Library

Panelists:

Luc Maumet, Paris, France-based Library Sciences Expert for the UN WIPO’s Accessible Books Consortium headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland

Kelsey Corlett-Rivera, NLS Foreign Language Librarian

**2 pm Central – Duplication on Demand – Your Questions Answered & Resources Provided**

See how DOD libraries have set up their stations, hear some answers to key questions and get the resource document from the survey.

Debbi MacLeod – Colorado Talking Book Library

**3 pm Central – Region Business meetings**

Midlands – Kevin Treese

Western – John Mugford

**May 13, 2021 – Thursday**

**1 pm Central – How to Pivot to Digital Delivery**

Hear how libraries have helped patrons move to digital services, platforms, modes of communication, have planned and prepped programming and services for the transition to digital, or how internal processes, staff work, and roles have pivoted to the digital environment.

Moderator: Danielle Miller, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library

Panelists:

Will Reed, Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled

Erin Groth, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library

Lisa Hellman, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

**2 pm Central – When Programming Goes Virtual – Sarah Willeford**

Over a year ago, we all had to rethink how we reached and provided programming to our patrons.  Librarians from Iowa will discuss the virtual formats they chose to reach different audiences of all ages with programming.  Join us to share and discuss what we have learned over the last year about virtual programming and ideas moving forward.

**3 pm Central – Vive le Outreach Virtuel** **- Freya Anderson**

The past year has been a difficult one in many ways.  But with a bit of creativity, pivoting toward distance and online has actually enabled improved connections for some.  Hear about some new ways of connecting with current and potential users.  Bring your own successes to share, too!