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Leadership Team & Board Collaborations

I would like to highlight two significant collaborations between the Board of Library Trustees and the Leadership Team that occurred in June: one inside the library and one at the [American Library Association Annual Conference](#).

First, in the library, **the June regular meeting marked the successful implementation of our new consent agenda model.** Moving routine approvals to the consent agenda allowed the Board to spend its meeting time discussing more substantive governance issues. This model complements the Board's committee work, and I look forward to seeing how it impacts overall governance. **Adopting this new meeting structure required significant trustee dialogue and library staff support to restructure the agenda and meeting packet. I celebrate the Board's willingness to try something new.**

Later in the month, **Megan Butman, Mika Yamamoto, Matt Bartodziej, Billy Treece, and I worked together to plan and present a panel presentation at the American Library Association Annual Conference on June 29. Our session — After the Departure: Leading Libraries Through Unsettled Transitions — focused on moving forward after a disruption in library leadership.** We were able to represent trustee and staff perspectives and share practical experiences and lessons learned related to maintaining organizational stability in a complex environment. Starting a conversation about resilient library governance with the wider field of librarianship was meaningful to me, and it was great to work with trustees and colleagues in a new way as we prepared for and delivered the presentation.

Respectfully submitted,
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