Sheridan Libraries and Museums Diversity Committee

Best Practices:

- Hold at least one event a month
- Use multiple channels of communication to reach multiple audiences including emails, wikis, and discussions.

2012-2013 Highlights:

Cultural Brown Bags:

To promote the understanding of other cultures, our committee holds hour-long brown bags to provide information and have discussions. This year we held two cultural brown bags. One was about Kwanzaa and the presenter provided supplies to make zawadi. The second brown bag was a presentation on how to construct a family genealogy from an amateur point of view.

Trips to Museums:

As a way to give employees a chance to view the diversity exhibits available within the Baltimore City area, we sponsored trips to two local museums. We held an event where we attended a tour of the Reginald L. Lewis Museum to celebrate African-American History Month. We also attended a tour of “Revealing the African Presence in Renaissance Europe” exhibit at the Walters Art Museum.

Wellness Programs:

An idea that was suggested to the committee was to sponsor physical activity event to promote healthy living and to give employees an opportunity to try a new activity. This past January, we held a Zumba class for employees of the libraries and museums. Other events such as yoga and flag football have also been suggested.