

SERVICES COMMITTEE
March 12, 2004
MINUTES

PRESENT: Erin Apostol, Rob Ganz, Robert Jaquay, LouAnne Lundgren, Lois Prenovost, Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

I. LIBRARY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

MOTION: L. Lundgren moved to accept the draft letter and criteria for the 2003 Award. L. Prenovost seconded. Unanimous.

II. WILLIAM MEREDITH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

MOTION: L. Lundgren moved to accept the draft letter and criteria for the 2003 Award. R. Jaquay seconded. Unanimous.

III. OUTREACH MINI-GRANTS

E. Apostol reviewed the recommendations from the Coordinated Outreach Advisory Council. She is the UHLS Board liaison to the Council. She noted that she was very impressed with the expertise and capabilities of the members of the Council. Based on the quality of the grants they received, the Council members have suggested that UHLS conduct a grant-writing workshop for the member libraries. Ten grants were submitted for funding, nine were fully funded and one received reduced funding.

Consensus that the UHLS Board should be asked to approve the following funding recommendations:

Albany Public Library	\$1,250.
Cheney Library	\$ 500.
Guilderland Public Library	\$1,041.
Nassau Free Library	\$1,110.
Petersburgh Public Library	\$1,248.
Poestenkill Library	\$1,250.
Sand Lake Town Library	\$1,250.
Stephentown Memorial Library	\$1,215.
Troy Public Library	\$1,120.
Valley Falls Free Library	\$ 525.

IV. 2004 SUMMER READING PROGRAM MINI-GRANT

P. Ritter explained that each year, one library in the State is appointed to administer this program and distribute the funds to the systems. \$5,000 has been allocated to UHLS and the spending recommendations come from the Youth Services Advisory Council.

Consensus to recommend that the Board approve the Summer Reading Program grant.

V. GATES STAYING CONNECTED GRANT

P. Ritter explained that this will probably be the last year of the Gates grants from the State. The grant amount is determined by the State and UHLS has been allocated \$4,204. He has selected to extend the "Train the Library Staff" program. This grant money can be used to pay for a portion of Rob Carle's salary (he is the UHLS Trainer). UHLS is committed to a match of 25%.

Consensus to recommend that the Board approve the Gates Staying Connected grant.

VI. NYSCA - POETS and WRITERS GRANT

P. Ritter explained that this grant provides \$500 for 4 local poets to present poetry readings in five rural libraries (Stephentown, Sand Lake, Rensselaerville, Nassau and Castleton). April is National Poetry Month and the readings will take place during that month. The checks will be written to the poets and sent to UHLS to distribute when the programs have been completed.

Consensus to recommend that the Board approve the Poets and Writers grant.

3:50 meeting adjourned.

Heidi A. Fuge
3/18/04