

## **YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting Notes

September 19, 2003—UHLS

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### **In attendance:**

Barb Goetschius, Lori Nunziato (RCS Community Library), Leslie Saperstone, Cherry Neil (Guilderland Public Library), Jennifer Ward (Albany Public Library), Dave Cole (William K. Sanford Town Library), Jen McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library), Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library), Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library), Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library), Kim McMann (Troy Public Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library), Rebecca Lubin (Rensselaerville Library), Kathy Stempel (Berne Public Library), Linda Massen, Beth Nagel (Bethlehem Public Library), Jane Chirgwin (Brunswick & Sand Lake Libraries) Ginny LaJuene (Altamont Free Library), Mary Fellows (UHLS)

### **Pre- and post-meeting**

Representatives of fifteen libraries reviewed children's and YA books from publishers, discussed the books with one another, and had the opportunity to choose among them for their own collections.

### **UHLS updates**

- ?? LSTA grants – Mary reported that the storytelling camp grant was concluding and money had been found in it for additional materials, programs, and other items for the libraries. She suggested that the storytelling camp grant be kept in mind as an option for repeating next year, as it was so successful. The aviation grant Sky Camp has been funded for this year at a reduced level. Participating libraries will be Guilderland, Castleton, Voorheesville, and Troy Lansingburgh, plus three libraries from Mohawk Valley Library System.
- ?? Kids PAC – Mary told the group that Kids Pac is being loaded and will be available “out of the box” at a non-public location on the UHLS site for staff to review. A core group of four volunteers will work on recommendations to YSAC for customizing KP, so that we are happy with it before we put it out for the public. Mary will let everyone know where to find KP once it is loaded and ready. Staff with recommendations about ways to customize it should forward them to her, and she will carry them to the KP volunteer group.
- ?? UHLS has asked directors for and Mary asked group for any feedback on the plan of dropping Kids Corner, Teen Land, Coping with Disaster, Libraries Mean Business and Fabric of Freedom from the UHLS web site. No objections were raised. Linda M mentioned the difficulty of finding email addresses of other UHLS library staff using the new Intranet. Mary will carry the concern to the Tech folks at UHLS. Cherry mentioned that when sites like I Spy are being considered for removal from the UHLS site, libraries might want to take their site

over and update it. Mary mentioned that I Spy won't come off the UHLS web site likely for a long while, but that Cherry's idea may be a good model for a variety of web resources that grow from grants (like the I Spy and Storytelling Camp websites).

Database review: Mary handed out a list of databases under consideration by the Central Library Advisory Committee and said that the advisory councils had been asked for their input. The group discussed each database and made the following recommendations:

BIP – keep

EBSCO – keep

Granger's – keep

Grolier – keep. We do need an encyclopedia; we do not need the \$\$ World Book.

Hoovers – neutral

Infotrac – keep

Learnatest – keep

Reference USA – keep

Times Union – keep as recommended by CLAC

Oxford Reference Online – neutral

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database – add

YSAC members not in attendance will be invited to give any differing opinions to Mary before the end of September.

The group also discussed the month of the trials, and agreed that June is our recommendation.

**Integrating Math Concepts and Children's Literature-** Joyce Laiosa (VOOR) presented a wealth of ways to integrate math into the programming we already do, through new resources and art activities.

**Summer Reading Program debriefing/ Great reads/You name it/news from you** Successes and learning of the summer were shared by participants, including battle of the picture books baseball; new ways of reporting that didn't work as well as old ways, and the value of volunteers. Discussion to be continued next time. Books discussed included Inside Out and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime.

**Performer showcase: Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company.** Kim Engle from the Company presented an overview of the programs offered. Mary has extra copies of their packet if anyone wants one.

The meeting adjourned to the second annual Book Potluck at 12:10 p.m.

**Next meetings: October 17, November 13 (Thursday) (UHLS), December 19**