

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

January 16, 2004—UHLS

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Book Review 9:00-10:00, 12:00-1:00

Attendance: Lee Ricci (East Greenbush Community Library), Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) SuzanneWinkler (Guilderland Public Library), Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library), Polly Hartman (Bethlehem Public Library), Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library), Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library), Ginny LaJuene (Altamont Free Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library), Deborah Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Barbara Kubli (Stephentown Memorial Library) Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/Brunswick Community Library) Diane Riganti (UHLS) Mary Fellows (UHLS)

Pre- and post-meeting

Representatives of fourteen 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:

Summer Reading Club manuals should be arriving next week at UHLS. They will be distributed as soon as possible. You may look at the incentives on www.janway.com The Summer Reading Club Planning workshop will be held on March 25, 2004 at Guilderland Public Library, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Please apply for the storytelling grants (to bring a storytelling program into your library) recently announced by the Story Circle. Mary will forward applications and any guidelines she receives from the funder.

The February 13th YSAC meeting will be at East Greenbush Community Library. Youth Services staff will take advantage of "New Eyes," hoping for some new good ideas. It will be a Story time Bonanza, so please bring your best ideas, crafts etc for story time. (Small Library Concerns Discussion Group 9-9:40, then time for "New Eyes" review, Large Library Concerns Discussion Group 12-1.)

Bring your ideas for summer performers to the next YSAC meeting and talk with your colleagues to find out how you might block book performers together for the summer.

April 23, 2004 is the NYLA Youth Services Conference at Lake Placid.

After reviewing the Gund catalogs and discussion the opportunity for group purchase, the group decided that we would not place a Gund order.

Mary will send out information within the next few weeks about possible scheduling for the arts grants' (partially) funded Schoolhouse Rock Live! show.

MARC records for children's books:

Mary reported on the issue of quality annotations, or summaries, and adequate subject headings in children's book catalog records. Her investigations with many vendors led to the conclusion that LC (Library of Congress) is the source of most catalog records and the institution that is creating records inadequate to our purpose. She is scheduled to have a conversation with the head of children's cataloging at LC this week or next. The children's book publishers have also expressed frustration about LC annotations. Mary will explore interesting the children's and the cataloging divisions of ALA in this problem so that more influence may be brought to bear on LC.

In the meantime, to deal with records that are already created, Mary will bring this issue to the to the Database Maintenance Committee to request that annotations become one of the standards for UHLS member library catalogers in cataloging MARC Records.

Kids PAC:

The results of the subcommittee work will be shown at the February YSAC meeting.

Ins and outs of preparing for leading a book discussion group by Polly Hartman

Polly Hartman (BETH) provided a presentation on preparing for a book discussion group. She invited anyone to come and watch and participate in her book discussion group.

YA online book discussion groups

Mary showed two websites for online teen book clubs and encouraged librarians to consider this as a low-maintenance service to teens.

You Name It:

Barb from RCS Community Library said they are going to use the 200th Anniversary of Lewis and Clark for their Summer Reading Program.

Children's and Teen Award Winners!

A sheet was handed out with the 2004 Children's and Young Adult Literature Awards. Winners were booktalked and discussed.

Great Reads:

Straight to the Pole by Kevin O'Malley
Stravaganza: City of the Stars by Mary Hoffman
There Will Be Dragons by John Ringo
Beekeepers Apprentice by Laurie King

Performer showcase:

Isabella Magistro gave a 15-minute demonstration of her puppet show “Briar Rose.”
Isabella may be reached at fairytalepuppets@aol.com or 734-3411.

Next meeting:

February 13 at East Greenbush Community Library.