

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

February 13, 2004—East Greenbush

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

(Small Library concerns discussion group 9:00-9:40, 9:40-10:00
New Eyes Assessment, Young Adult concerns discussion group 12:00-1:00)

Attendance: Jennifer McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library), Lee Ricci (East Greenbush Community Library), Sonji Greenway (East Greenbush Community Library), Trevor Oakley (Guilderland Public Library), Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library), Beth Nagel (Bethlehem Public Library), Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library), Carolyn Durmin (Grafton Community Library), David Cole (William K. Sanford Town Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library), Joyce Laiosa (Voorheesville Public Library), Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library), Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/Brunswick Community Library) Candy Deisley (St. Rose), Diane Riganti (UHLS), Mary Fellows (UHLS)

UHLS updates

The KidsPAC Team is not ready to debut KidsPAC at this time because of unexpected technical problems that came up last week. There are also bigger issues that require coordination between Mary, Joe Thornton, Dynix and the ASC. The group was asked whether a special KidsPAC meeting in March (since there is no March YSAC meeting because of the SRP Planning Workshop) would be okay. There was agreement. Joyce also suggested inviting adult services folks, and Mary proposed inviting all member library staff that are interested. Mary and the Team will continue to work and will keep everyone posted on a March meeting.

The State is giving a grant for Summer Reading Program of \$5500 to systems. It was agreed that Mary would use the money to buy books and give to the libraries as prizes for children reading in the Summer Reading Program. Details of this process will be worked out and shared.

March 25 is the Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop at Guilderland. Registration forms are out. Remember to plan your costume!

The 2005 Theme for Summer Reading Program has been chosen: Tune in at the (or your) Library (a music theme). Joyce brought up the possibility of reusing old themes rather than reinventing new ones and expending a lot of energy recreating the manual, contracting with an illustrator, etc. Mary will present this idea at the state level.

There is a position open at UHLS: Manager of Information and Outreach Services (Rachel's job). Barbara asked whether Mary would have to assume any new duties, since

she is already stretched thin. Mary said that the job would be filled as it is and she will not receive any new duties.

The Riverway Storytelling Festival 2004 is April 26-May 1, 2004. Eight libraries will host free weeknight evening performances. Libraries are almost set. In addition, the Festival will include workshops. UHLS librarians will receive free admission to the workshops. More publicity will be coming out shortly.

YA Great Reads

Jen McIntosh and Beth Nagel were on the new committee of public librarians and school librarians to find the best fiction books for middle school readers for 2003. Twenty-six books were chosen to be cream of the crop. They related their committee experience. The Top shelf booklist (copied from VOYA) will be sent via delivery to you.

Performer Booking

The group discussed performers booked and considered for the summer. Mary encouraged everyone to use the youthserv list to share bookings and promote block booking.

Best Storytime Ideas

Carolyn, David, Lee, Darlene and Joyce shared some ideas for storytimes with us. They will get Mary their notes and she will send out to everyone.

You Name It/News From You

Special guest (and former UHLS children's librarian) Candy Deisley invited members to visit the Curriculum Library at St. Rose where she is now. She can be contacted at (deisleyc@strose.edu). She also mentioned having many books on literature for preschoolers of use in planning storytimes, which can be accessed at (http://www.strose.edu/Library/li_hp.htm). Information on authors and illustrators of interest to librarians is also available at www.childrensliteratureconnection.org.

Performer showcase:

Nancy Breen Lamb from the Scotia-Glenville Museum presented the information on their programming.

Next meeting:

April 16 at UHLS