

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

April 16, 2004—UHLS

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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

Attendance: Jennifer McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library) Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library) Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library), Carolyn Durnin (Grafton Community Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library), Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/ Brunswick Community Library) Ginny La Juene (Altamont Free Library) Barbara Kubli (Stephentown Memorial Library) Kathy Stempel (Berne Public Library) Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library) Rebecca Lubin (Rensselaerville Library) Diane Riganti (UHLS) Mary Fellows (UHLS)

UHLS updates

We had a very successful Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop. Next year's theme will be Tune in at (in) your library. Party Warehouse on Fuller Road in Albany has decorations with a music theme.

Noralee Itchoak will be retiring as of April 16, 2004'

Jo-Ann Benedetti has been hired as the Manager of Adult and Information Services '

Peter Kowalski, Web Specialist, is now working part time'

Riverway Storytelling Festival begins on April 26 – May 1, 2004.

Mary observed Nancy Payne's program at the Lansingburgh Branch of Troy Public Library for the Sky Camp grant. Nancy portrays Pancho Barnes, an early female aviator. The program is terrific! Mary will share more information on program presenters as Sky Camp goes along.

Cataloging issues regarding children's/teen materials

After discussion, the group voted to send the following recommendation to the Automated Services Committee:

“MARC records for children's and teen books need to contain a 520 field in order to provide adequate access to the collection for the in-library or remote user. We request that catalogers include a 520 field in every children's or teen book record added. We believe that the importance of this service priority merits reassessing workload and workflow to accomplish it.”

Ginny La Juene carried the motion and Lisa Neuman seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposition.

KidSearch

A demonstration of KidSearch took place. The group suggested that KidSearch be “kid tested.” The KidSearch Team will come up with questions for kids to answer and send them out to youth services folks to use on any kids in your library willing to be a guinea pig.

Grant brainstorming

Mary explained that LSTA grants are being changed to a spring cycle and are becoming two years, but that further information has not yet been released. At Mary’s request, the group brainstormed what makes a good grant for them. LSTA grants are being changed. Ideas included:

Flexibility

Longer decision-making process

Free books

Digital camera

Choice of what I receive (what fits in my collection)

Money for programs

Money for puzzles, development toys, educational toys, displays, shelving, learning activities, leap frogs, children’s videos, laptop, scanner, video projector, video camera, movie screen, digital camera, computer, CD & Cassette players, headphones, comfortable chair for adult and child to sit in

Short segments, not a long series where families have to attend everything

Grants for smaller libraries with less staff – requiring less staff time or institutional support

Teen topics (cartooning)

Writer’s workshop

Make a movie with a video camera or create a zine

Partnering with schools difficult for libraries without those schools in their communities

Target types of readers (dyslexic, Braille, autistic, aspergers)

Gender-related grants discriminatory

Summer library dilemmas

The group shared SRP dilemmas and exchanged solutions.

Dealing with difficult people

The group shared problems with anonymous difficult people and offered solutions.

Great reads:

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman

Outlaws of Moonshadow Marsh: Sign of the Qin by L.G. Bass

Sarah's Ground by Ann Rinaldi

Blackwater Ben by William Durbin

Favorite performers:

Though we ran out of time for much sharing, Barbara K mentioned that she had hired and liked storyteller Davis Bates. She will send flyers, which Mary will distribute.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 27th at Nassau Free Library