

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

September 17, 2004

at

Upper Hudson Library System

10:00 am-12:00 noon

(Book Look 9:00-10:00, Meeting 10:00-12:00)

Book Look 12:00-1:00)

Attendance: Kim McMann (Troy Public Library) Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library) Beth Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library) Ginny LaJuene (Altamont Free Library) Joyce Laiosa (Voorheesville Public Library) Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library) Dorothy Holt (Guilderland Public Library) Jennifer Ogradowski (Guilderland Public Library) Jendy Murphy (Albany Public Library) Barbara Kubli (Stephentown Memorial Library) Rebecca Lubin (Rensselaerville Library) Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library) Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library), Carolyn Durnin (Grafton Community Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/Brunswick Community Library) Diane Riganti (UHLS) Mary Fellows (UHLS)

TOPIC

World Book Representative, Dan Fahrbach, demonstrated World Book Online and answered questions.

UHLS Adult & Outreach Services Manager Jo-Ann Benedetti led discussion of UHLS online databases. Votes were taken, and Jo-Ann stated that she would also welcome email on the databases from any youth services librarians not present at the meeting. Feedback should go to Jo-Ann by October 1.

UHLS UPDATES

- Arts Grants—Due to ongoing administrative problems in with the Arts Center of the Capital Region in Rensselaer County and the folding of Albany/Schenectady League of Arts, Mary does not plan to write an arts grant this year. The group expressed support.
- LSTA Grants—Cooking the Books: Families, Food, Libraries & Literacy is the theme for the grant Mary will submit on November 5.
- KidsPac—Dynix is not moving forward on the KidsPac custom programming request, so our choice to is to delay indefinitely or roll it out as is, knowing it's better than what we have, which is nothing. The group opted to roll it out as is. A tentative date of October 1 was set, pending the KidsPac Team's review and a last look at KidSearch by anyone interested.
- Riverway—The Riverway storytelling Festival group is interested in having the weekend as well as the weeknight evening performances in UHLS libraries, to wed the Festival even more closely to libraries. She has been talking with directors of libraries with large performing spaces.

- Additional Sky Camp money will fund training on Thursday, Dec. 9th at Guilderland Public Library. The schedule is:
9:00-12:00 Linda Braun (developmental aspects of tweens and tweens using technology)
1:00-3:30 Books for Boys and Girls. Kathleen O Dean
More information will be forthcoming.
- Mary floated the idea of using training funds for more focused training at YSAC meetings instead of special, all-day workshops (such as Patrick Jones). The group responded favorably. Mary will begin planning.
- Carpooling for Mid-Hudson workshops on September 24 and October 14: anyone interested in carpooling should contact Mary.
- Verizon Kids Walk for Literacy will be held October 9. Both UHLS and Albany Public Library are sponsors. Walkers get pledges to walk and turn money over to organization they're walking for (like libraries). It is an easy fundraiser. More information is available at <http://www.verizonkidswalk.com/>

Summer Reading Club

A brief discussion was held on Summer Reading Club events at member libraries.

Performer showcase: Carol Connolly and Don Darmer

Next meeting: Friday, October 15 at Bethlehem Public Library.