

## **Youth Services Advisory Council**

Meeting Notes

December 17, 2004

At

William K. Sanford Town Library

10:00 am-12:00 noon

(Small library concerns discussion group 9:00-10:00, Meeting 10:00-12:00)

Large library concerns discussion group 12:00-1:00)

Attendance: Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library) Beth Nagel (Bethlehem Public Library) Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library) Maureen DeLaughter (William K. Sanford Town Library) Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Cherry Neil (Guilderland Public Library) Rebecca Lubin (Rensselaerville Library) Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Jane Chirguin (Sand Lake Town Library/Brunswick Community Library) Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library) Jendy Murphy (Albany Public Library) Diane Riganti (UHLS) Mary Fellows (UHLS)

### **UHLS UPDATES**

The feedback on KidSearch was provided to the ASC. The learning from the feedback is that, as when we put out our very first automated catalog, we need to actively help people learn to use it. The Kid Search team will get together to do some further "tweaking." Also, movement: a programmer from Dynix has called about working on the KidSearch programming requests.

Director Changes: Brunswick Community Library-Julie Zelman  
Stephentown Memorial Library –Barbara Kubli has resigned  
East Greenbush Community Library-D. Hobert left

New York State will have a Children's Choice Award called Three Apples, to be first awarded in March 2006. Kids will nominate books from the past three years. The award will initially cover books for grades 3-6.

The Children's Literature Connection Humor Award is in the planning stages. It honors Denise McCoy, small bookstore owner recently deceased. (Jendy- Albany Public Library)

The Performer Database has gone statewide. (In the works, an author database)

April 1, 2005 is the YS Council meeting at the Sagamore in Bolton Landing. Guest speaker will be Todd Strasser. A Saturday morning breakfast is a new addition to the program. Room rates at the Sagamore are very reasonable that weekend. Watch for more information.

For Albany County libraries: Linda Fox at BOCES will meet with school librarians on March 14, 2005 (1:30-3:30) at Albany BOCES. She plans to ask the school librarians to invite their public library counterpart, and to center the meeting on summer reading. Regardless of whether an invitation is received, any Albany County YS librarian may attend. More information to come.

Headliners for the 2005 Riverway Storytelling Festival are Derek Burrows from the Bahamas by way of Massachusetts, and Susan Klein from Martha's Vineyard.

Paid speakers for the YSAC meetings are on hold due to budget concerns.

The group did some “serving teens in the library” exercises.

Maureen DeLaughter gave a description of the Teen Room and program at William K. Sanford Town Library.

There was a discussion on teen collection development and teen programming.

### **Great Teen Reads**

#### **Blue fingers: Ninja's Tale by Cheryl Whitesel.**

Having failed apprenticeship as a dye maker, Koji is captured and forced to train as a ninja, where he remains disloyal until he discovers samurai have burned his former village.

#### **The Missing Person Series by M.E. Rabb**

The Rose Queen, book 1

The Chocolate Lover, book 2

The Venetian Policeman, book 3

#### **In Darkness, Death by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler.**

In eighteenth-century Japan, young Seikei becomes involved with a ninja as he helps Judge Ooka, his foster father, investigate the murder of a samurai.

#### **The Princess Bride by William Goldman**

#### **Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen by Wendelin Van Draanen**

When cats begin to mysteriously disappear in Santa Martina, thirteen-year-old friends Sammy and Holly start snooping around town to find out what is happening.

#### **Airborn by Kenneth Oppel.**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

### **Performer showcase:**

Susan Hamlin – this singer/songwriter does song writing workshops for all ages. Mary asked her to work on special pricing for UHLS libraries for this summer, when our SRP theme is music.

### **Next Meetings:**

January 21 at UHLS

February 18 at UHLS

March 3 at Saratoga Public Library (Summer Reading Planning Workshop)

April 15 at UHLS

May 20 at UHLS