

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

April 15, 2005

At

Upper Hudson Library System

10:00 am-12:00 noon

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

Attendance: Jane Chirgwin (Brunswick Community Library / Sand Lake Town Library) Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library) Kim McMann (Troy Public Library) Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Beth & Luke Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library) Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library) Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) Cherry Neil (Guilderland Public Library) Joyce Laiosa (Voorheesville Public Library) Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Rebecca Lubin (Rensselaerville Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Diane Riganti (UHLS)

UHLS Updates

Riverway Storytelling Festival was a great success! Friday workshop on telling stories from other cultures was especially well received by member librarians. Guilderland Public Library has the Friday night storytelling performances on tape which they are having loaded on their web site. Riverway Storytelling Festival will be given specific attention at the UHLS Annual meeting this year.

Cookin' By the Book Grant is underway.

Kids Search is still being worked on.

Database Committee has voted to discontinue Chapter a Day. Please notify Jo-Ann if

Mary will help with Summer Reading Programs and would love to come and see performances.

YSS Spring Conference was held on April 1-2, 2005 at Bolton Landing and was terrific, especially keynote from Michael Sullivan on boys and reading. UHLS and libraries should consider a grant targeting helping boys become better readers.

Summer Reading Program Software Demonstration by e-vanced Solutions

A demonstration was given on a summer reading software package.

There is a demonstration copy on the web site:

<http://www.e-vancedsolutions.com/products.html>

Two member libraries will be looking at this product carefully, for possible use this summer. Mary will pursue pricing and talk with UHLS staff about broaching the use of this to ASC.

Great Reads

The following were discussed:

Soon Baboon Soon by Dave Horowitz.
ISBN 0399242686 \$14.99

Scorpia (An Alex Rider Adventure) by Anthony Horowitz.
ISBN 0399241515 \$17.99

Prom by Laurie Halse Anderson
ISBN 0670059749 \$16.99

Undead, Unwed by Mary Jane Davidson
ISBN 042519485x (pbk.)
Undead, Unemployed by Mary Jane Davidson
ISBN 0425197484 (pbk)

Guest presenter

The guest presenter was Karen Magnuson Biel a local author from Guilderland. Her book **Fire In Their Eyes** depicts in text and photographs the training, equipment, and real-life experiences of people who risk their lives to battle wildfires, as well as people who use fire for ecological reasons. Karen has also done picture books. She provided a flyer on the programs she is available to do in libraries.

Next Meeting:

May 20, 2005 at UHLS