

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

May 20, 2005

At

Upper Hudson Library System

10:00 am-12:00 noon

9:00-10:00 Small Library Concerns and 12:00-1:00 Large Library Concerns

Attendance: Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Beth & Luke Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library) Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library) Jennifer Ward (Albany Public Library) Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library) Cherry Neil (Guilderland Public Library) Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Diane Riganti (UHLS)

UHLS updates:

A survey will be sent out on Monday about the best dates/times for our Youth Service Advisory Council Meetings. The survey is to be returned to UHLS by May 31.

Mary has been elected to be on the 2007 Caldecott Committee (reading 2006 books). She will share the process and we will do a mock Caldecott the end of 2006.

Riverway was a success and ended up making money this year. Guilderland Public Library taped one of the performances and it will be on their web site. The UHLS annual dinner will have a Riverway theme this year, with a storytelling presentation. Mary will talk with the directors about encouraging staff to participate on the committee, which meets the first Monday of the month at 9:30 at UHLS. Riverway 2006 will be the first week in May. There is a possible partnership with the Albany Aqua Ducks. We would like to have more partnerships with schools and possibly expand the Museum part. There was a discussion about having a storytelling competition with the winning performer being the opening act at the festival. UHLS member library staff members are encouraged to give Mary feedback about ways to make the Festival more valuable to them.

KidsSearch has been put on the UHLS website. We believe it is now functioning correctly. Mary would like input on anything that doesn't seem to be working or needs improvement. An overall review of the youth services part of the UHLS web site was done, looking for the addition of more links. Suggestions were: would like a list of Big Books, Storytime kits, etc. that could be lent from one library to the other. A list of YS staff was also mentioned.

Database training:

Jo-Ann gave a presentation on children's medical sites. www.Medlineplus.gov and www.Kidshealth.org

SRP sharing:

Attendees shared what will be happening at Summer Reading Program in their libraries.

Great reads:

Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences.

Leonard Sax
038551073X

A noted pediatrician looks at the controversial question of biologically-based gender differences, arguing that these variations are a biological reality and that they play a key role in the development of personality traits.

My Sister's Keeper

Jodi Picoult
0743454529

A young girl hires a lawyer to help her fight for medical emancipation in her life as a child conceived specifically to be a medical donor for her terminally ill sister.

Lion Boy

Zizou Corder
0803729820

In the near future, a boy with the ability to speak the language of cats sets out from London to seek his kidnapped parents and finds himself on a Paris-bound circus ship learning to train lions.

Athletic Shorts

Chris Crutcher
0688108164

These stories feature new voices as well as characters from Chris Crutcher's acclaimed popular novels.

Guest presenter

The guest presenter was Sylvia Markson, a ventriloquist from Guilderland. Her show is Get Lost in a Book. Sylvia had us all amazed and laughing at her performance. Sylvia's website is <http://www.mylipsdontmove.com>. She is also listed on our performers' database (<http://www.performersandprograms.com>)

Next Meeting:

September, date to be determined