

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

September 23, 2005

At

Upper Hudson Library System

10:00 am-12:00 noon

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

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) Meta Reid (Albany Public Library) Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library) Jennifer Ogradowski (Guilderland Public Library) Rebecca Lubin (Rensselaerville Library) Laura Jarvis (Bethlehem Public Library) Joyce Laiosa (Voorheesville Public Library) Kim McMann (Troy Public Library) Judith Wine (Altamont Free Library) Lee Ricci (East Greenbush Community Library) Jen McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library) Elaine Albrecht (Westerlo Public Library) Carolyn Durnin (Grafton Community Library) Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library) Judy Felsten (RCS Community Library) Jane Chirgwin (Brunswick Community Library/Sand Lake Town Library) Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Diane Riganti (UHLS)

UHLS UPDATES

As of today, EBSCO has put out a new children's database called Kid Search. Look for it in the EBSCO part of the online databases web page.

The database committee is looking hard at usage statistics when considering databases to keep or drop. The group is encouraged to introduce Children's Comprehensive Database to the adult services staff in their libraries, as it's a valuable tool also for people who aren't familiar with children's literature but need to recommend books. Mary will also ask Jo-Ann about giving a demo of the database at an adult services meeting.

E books and E audio books are being purchased for UHLS with database money, a decision of the database committee. Jo-Ann Benedetti is seeking youth services staff to serve on the implementation/selection committee. Anyone interested should contact Jo-Ann at UHLS. If there is not adequate representation by youth services, Mary will serve.

Rather than New York doing its own statewide summer reading program in the future, it is fairly certain that we will join a consortium of states that collaborate on a Summer Reading Program. This recommendation to the State Library came from the system representatives, who previously had taken turns doing the growing work of producing a statewide summer reading program. This decision would not be implemented until the 2007 program. As a reminder, the 2006 Summer Reading Program theme is Books: A Treasure.

Response on Scholastic and prize books for the end of the year Summer Reading Program: Kids love them. Need more duplicate titles for large libraries because kids like to choose the same titles as their friends choose.

The arts grants from the Arts Center of the Capital Region were discussed. Grants were paid on time this year. Mary will apply for a grant for UHLS next October if the Arts Center has another good track record this year, particularly in managing the expansion to include Albany and Schenectady Counties.

Every Child Ready to Read Grant is the statewide LSTA grant that UHLS is also involved in. The grant includes workshops for library staff. Some library systems, like Mohawk Valley Library System, are having their workshops in year 1, while some of us wait until year 2. The UHLS program will be sometime between April 2006 and March 2007, and has not yet been scheduled.

The October 21 YSAC meeting will be at William K. Sanford Town Library. The 9:00-10:00 discussion will be small library concerns. The 12:00-1:00 discussion will be Young Adult concerns.

Issues of Katrina's impact on fellow libraries in the south were discussed. The group recommended and agreed to have Mary send leftover good paperbacks to the Texas Library Association, which is accepting the books. Judy Felsten and Barbara Goetschuis also presented their project of making cloth books to send to the libraries for use at the centers.

Everyone shared "successes and challenges" of the 2005 Summer Reading Program. Highlights:

- Paul Rosenberg (family dance) was a wonderful presenter.
- 1st & 3rd grade had 80 children for a program based on the book Hannah's Collection
- Home schooling family volunteered to be official SRP photographers and did a great job
- Adult summer reading program at GUIL successful
- Tang museum bubble wrap and pop up programs very successful
- YA Battle of the Bands great
- Honest Food Co Op programs successful
- ALTM raffled the mayor's job and got good publicity
- YA teens painted the picnic table at EGRN with their own creations to cut down on graffiti; staff will have them repaint a new design every summer
- College of St. Rose/Summer in the City grant successful for APL
- Silver Dollar Prizes at GRAF worked well

Guest presenter was author Carol Smalley.

Next Meeting:

October 21 at COLN