

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

October 21, 2005

At

William K. Sanford Town Library

10:00 am-12:00 noon

9:00-10:00 Small Library Concerns and 12:00-1:00 Young Adult Concerns

Attendance: Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library) Beth Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library) Jendy Murphy (Albany Public Library) Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Cherry Neil (Guilderland Public Library) Lee Ricci (East Greenbush Community Library) Jen McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library) Gail Brown (Voorheesville Public Library) Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/Brunswick Community Library) Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Diane Riganti (UHLS)

UHLS UPDATES

UHLS has signed an agreement with OverDrive; Inc., a digital book vendor for libraries, to purchase digital audio and e-books. Debbie Canzano and Trevor Oakley are the youth services people on the selection committee. The content will be decided in November. Everything will be ordered by January 2006. Focus is on study guides & reference material for e-book materials. In an effort to help the committee understand how e-books and digital audios are currently used, the group suggested libraries that already provide these materials gather statistics on usage of YA/children's materials. Jendy from Albany Public Library and Cherry from Guilderland Public Library agreed to gather those statistics from their libraries.

The Central Library Development grant budget for 2006 is being reviewed. There will be discussion on November 7th what the central library money will be used for. There is a proposal that \$50,000 be spent on DVDs that would make all the media collection at Albany Public Library available to all patrons within UHLS. These items are currently "non-request able" and cannot be borrowed by a patron at another UHLS library. This money is currently used for Database Access with usage statistics being very low.

MVLS workshop, Growing a Reader will be done for the UHLS libraries next year. Mary attended the MVLS workshop this year.

The December workshop will be focused on book talking. If you would like to demonstrate your book talking style, or have someone on your staff that has a great style, please let me know.

GOING TO THE DOGS!

Heidi Fuge and her Australian Shepherd, Tymber, were at William K. Sanford Town Library to demonstrate Therapy Dogs International Reading program, "Children Reading to Dogs." Special guests were Chris Danker and her therapy dog, and young reader

McKenzie Cleary. This program is designed to boost literacy skills for children who have difficulty mastering them, and involves a child reading to a dog for approximately 20 minutes in a comfortable semi-private library setting. Benefits: the children get a lot of satisfaction from reclining against the dog, having their arm around him, or just petting and stroking while reading; there's no criticism or correction from the dog, which just licks your face and thinks you're wonderful. Heidi handed out pamphlets of information and dog handling teams that would be willing to go to individual UHLS libraries. There is no charge for this service.

GREAT READS

Squashed by Joan Bauer

As sixteen-year-old Ellie pursues her two goals--growing the biggest pumpkin in Iowa and losing twenty pounds herself--she strengthens her relationship with her father and meets a young man with interests similar to her own.

Small Steps by Louis Sachar

Two years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is home in Austin, Texas, trying to turn his life around. But it's hard when you have a record, and everyone expects the worst from you. The only person who believes in him is Ginny, his 10-year old disabled neighbor. Together, they are learning to take small steps. And he seems to be on the right path, until X-Ray, a buddy from Camp Green Lake, comes up with a get-rich-quick scheme. This leads to a chance encounter with teen pop sensation, Kaira DeLeon, and suddenly his life spins out of control, with only one thing for certain. He'll never be the same again.

Amy's Eyes by Richard Kennedy

A girl who has changed into a doll and a doll who has changed into a sea captain sail the pirate-ridden high seas with a crew of Mother Goose animals, in search of gold treasure.

Funny Little Monkey by Andrew Auseon

Arty, an abnormally short fourteen-year-old boy, enlists the help of a group of students, known at school as the "pathetic losers," to take revenge against his abusive, tall fraternal twin brother.

Sun & Spoon by Kevin Henkes

After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.

Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs by Betty Birney

Eben McAllister searches his small town to see if he can find anything comparable to the real Seven Wonders of the World.

The Big Over Easy: a nursery crime by Jasper Ford

Unconvinced that a former convict and millionaire philanthropist has been murdered by his suicide-victim ex-wife, detective inspector Jack Spratt and his assistant, Mary Mary, uncover a plot involving money laundering and asylum-seeking titans.

News From You

Maureen DeLaughter has won a UHLS Outreach Grant for a Teen Art Gallery. William K. Sanford Town Library will be opening a new art gallery devoted to the artwork of local young adults. The gallery will be located just outside the Teen Room of the library. Library staff, local art instructors, and an energetic and devoted teen gallery committee, will curate monthly shows, which will highlight the work of one or more teens.

We are still having trouble with the Youthserv list.

Next meetings: November 18, December 16, January 13.

Teen Services Discussion Group Meeting Notes

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Attendance: Maureen Delaughter (William K. Sanford Town Library) Lee Ricci (East Greenbush Community Library) Jen McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library) Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/ Brunswick Community Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library) Cherry Neil (Guilderland Public Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Diane Riganti (UHLS)

We define teens as 6th grade and up.

What would help YA librarians feel more connected and inspired? What do you need?

- ❖ Book talking - YA reading lists and book talking meetings, a place where we can go to get reviews of books.
- ❖ Some help picking out graphic novels
- ❖ Blog with book reviews
- ❖ Teen Performer database - We need a teen performers database - reliable performers for teens. (Local groups maybe.)
- ❖ Program ideas
- ❖ Block booking for teen programs – such as bands – Arts grant next year?
- ❖ Teen information on a website
- ❖ Equipment like Dance Dance Revolution video and mat, DVD projector with speakers
- ❖ Grant for teens
- ❖ Teen Summit
- ❖ Monthly Teen meetings

What can Mary or the group do to help support folks in small libraries serving teens?

- Bring ideas from Teen Advisory Groups
- Performers and programs for teens – links on UHLS web site?
- Monthly teen meeting – Mary suggested that we have a teen services discussion group from 12:00 – 1:00 at each YSAC meeting that includes the book review. Book reviewers can continue to look at books while we meet. The first half hour of the meeting will be book talking, the second half services. We will start this at our November meeting – Nov. 18.

Question: Can we interlibrary loan each other? If someone has a teen program that works well, would you be willing to do it in another library? Answer: Mary advised that individual libraries should work this out with each other and their directors.

Question: Can we interlibrary loan equipment? For example, if someone has a playstation with the dancing mat, would they be willing to lend it to another library? Answer: Ask, and see what happens.

Program ideas:

- Ask teens what they would like in a program. Idea
- Scrapbooking
- Knitting, Crocheting, Quilting
- Spa in your kitchen—beauty tips
- Collecting clubs
- Mannequins reading at Colonie Center for Teen Read Week
- Mythbusters

All libraries:

- Battle of the Books – would need to be a grant to cover costs
- Battle of the Bands – lump this in with a teen summit – get kids together to offer input on library programs, meet each other, and go to the Battle of the Bands
- Ping Pong Tournament

Next meeting: November 19, post-YSAC meeting at 12:00 p.m.