

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

April 21, 2006 at

Upper Hudson Library System

9:00-10:00 Book Review 10:00 am-12:00 noon 12:00-1:00 YA Meeting

Attendance: Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) Beth Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library) Rebecca Lubin (Rensselaerville Library) Jennifer Ogradowski (Guilderland Public Library) Judith Wines (Altamont Free Library) Lee Ricci (East Greenbush Community Library) Jen McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library) Carolyn Durnin (Grafton Community Library) Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library) Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/Brunswick Community Library) Joyce Laiossa (Voorheesville Public Library)

UHLS updates

Partnership with Liberty Ridge and Channel News 9

- The libraries want to do something. One kids admission free for each paying adult?
- Mention The Summer Reading program in PR. (Have Mary go over the PR with Channel News 9)

Riverway Storytelling Festival

- Workshops at Guilderland free on Friday. There will be a charge for lunch. Email Mary if you wish to attend.

Cookin' with the Books grant

- The Time Warner Cooking show is in the process of ironing details.

Plan of Service

- Kids Catalog fully functional.
- More formal model for continuing education

LSTA Brainstorming

Grant ideas for April 2007 needed for a fall application.

- Grant geared towards Teens. (Possibly an art theme.)
- Graphic novel workshops, computer graphics, photography, illustrating something written by teens.
- Training—Series of training workshops. (Continuing education) For each staff member that attends training sessions, will receive \$1000 for books at library)

Catalog Searches

- Rob Carle and Mary Ellen Bena demonstrated the reasons why you get the search result you do.
- Rob has a Training Page on the UHLS Web site

- You may email him at rob@uhls.lib.ny.us or Mary Ellen benam@uhls.lib.ny.us or support@uhls.lib.ny.us
- Helpful information in Searching Using Staff pac.

Tune up Your skills Workshop

William K. Sanford Town Library has a workshop in January geared to Youth service librarians, day care providers, parents, etc. Randy L. Cale, PHD does a great presentation.

- William K. Sanford Town Library has a grant for Teen Storytellers
- Summer Reading Materials will be shipped on April 24th.
- Will buy an Ellison die for the Summer Reading Program. (castle or crown)
- William K. Sanford Town Library has a ship.

GREAT READS

Mama by Jeanette Winter

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Offers the true story of a baby hippo who, after being torn away from his mother during the 2004 tsunami and left alone for several days, was rescued, brought to an animal refuge, and found a new mother-figure in a giant male tortoise.

Chickerella by Mary Jane and Herm Auch.

0823418049

This barnyard version of the Cinderella story features a mild-mannered chicken, a fashion-conscious Fairy Goosemother, and a prince at a Fowl Ball. When Chickerella's new stepmother and stepsisters, Ovumelda and Cholesteria, move in, life in the chicken coop takes a turn for the worse. Forced to cook and clean for her new family, Chickerella won't even be able to attend the Fowl Ball, that is, until her Fairy Goosemother appears. The unusually stylish Chickerella dazzles the prince in her eggsquisite gown, but at the stroke of midnight, she must race home before the spell is broken. Will the prince ever find his love? Only a glass egg remains as a clue to her identity. This hilarious fractured fairy tale spoofs high fashion and other highfalutin notions with good humor.

Traction Man is here! Mini Grey.

0375831916

Traction Man, a boy's courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other objects in the house.

Standing up by Marie-Anne Gillet & Isabelle Gilboux.

1929132719

A boy who knows how to use a potty sees a famous Belgian statue and decides to try and do the same thing, but although he finds it harder than he expected, he eventually figures out what to do.

Rough weather ahead for Walter the farting dog: rough weather ahead by William Kotzwinkle, Glenn Murray, and Elizabeth Gundy ; illustrated by Audrey Colman.

0525472185

When an expert on animal gas tries to cure Walter, his farts keep building up until he floats away and is blown by the wind to a distant place, where he once again proves himself a hero.

The bear went over the mountain by William Kotzwinkle.

0385484283

In Kotzwinkle's merry send-up, the author of the hit novel "Desire and Destiny" is a bear, a real bear, who after finding the manuscript under a spruce tree and attaching his nom de plume, Hal Jam, becomes rich and famous overnight. Obtuse editors, star-hound agents, and a right-wing televangelist and Presidential candidate all warm to Hal's warm, bearish honesty without bothering to read his book--or to notice that he's an animal, for that matter. It's an old gag turned by a canny author to amusing, if not always compelling, purposes.

Carmine : a little more red by Melissa Sweet.

0618387943

While a little girl who loves red--and loves to dilly-dally--stops to paint a picture on the way to visit her grandmother, her dog Rufus meets a wolf and leads him directly to Granny's house.

Anthony and the girls Ole Könnecke ; translated from the German by Nancy Seitz.

0374303762

Anthony tries to impress two girls, who ignore him.

NEWS FROM YOU

- Rensselaerville Library has received a Great Stores Club grant

Teen Services Advisory Council

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Books

Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell by Susanna Clarke ; illustrations by Portia

Rosenberg.

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"Centuries ago, when magic still existed in England, the greatest magician of them all was the Raven King. A human child brought up by fairies, the Raven King blended fairy wisdom and human reason to create English magic. Now, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, he is barely more than a legend, and England, with its mad King and its dashing poets, no longer believes in practical magic." "Then the reclusive Mr Norrell of Hurlfrew Abbey appears and causes the statues of York Cathedral to speak and move. News spreads of the return of magic to England and, persuaded that he must help the government in the war against Napoleon, Mr Norrell goes to London. There he meets a brilliant young magician and takes him as a pupil. Jonathan Strange is charming, rich and arrogant. Together, they dazzle the country with their feats." But the partnership soon turns to rivalry. Mr Norrell has never conquered his lifelong habits of secrecy, while Strange will always be attracted to the wildest, most perilous magic. He becomes fascinated by the shadowy figure of the Raven King, and his heedless pursuit of long-forgotten magic threatens, not only his partnership with Norrell, but everything that he holds dear.

Girl 15, charming but insane by Sue Limb.

0385732155 (pbk.)

0385732147 (trade)

Fifteen-year-old Jess, living with her mum, separated from her father in Cornwall, and with a best friend who seems to do everything perfectly, finds her own assets through humor.

Girl, (nearly) 16, absolute torture by Sue Limb.

038590245X : LIB

0385732163 : Trade

Jess knows her summer plans are ruined but little could she imagine the huge surprise that awaits her when she visits her dad's home for the first time in years.

Bad kitty by Michele Jaffe.

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While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.

The Chronicles of Faerie: The Summer King by O.R. Melling

Gr. 8-11. Nearly a year after the death of her twin sister, Honor, 18-year-old Laurel travels from America to her grandparent's home in Ireland to nurse her grief. Pragmatic Laurel had teased Honor about her interest in fairies and magic. Then Laurel begins to believe, too, after a leprechaun-like fellow appears and promises to restore her sister's life if Laurel embarks on a dangerous quest to save the imperiled realm of Faerie. Fans of Melling's first title in the Chronicles of Faerie, *The Hunter's Moon* (2005), will recognize similarly thrilling action, fascinating Irish mythology, and magnificently detailed magic as Laurel races to resolve an ancient feud and reunite with her sister. Some readers may find the crowded plot, which moves breathlessly between ever unfolding worlds--mortal and immortal, primordial and modern--a "bit of a head stagger," as one character says. Even so, readers will be easily caught by the continuous, heart-pounding suspense; the twists and romances; and the heroine, who is both a grieving, contemporary teen and an invincible rescuer of worlds. A glossary of Irish terms is appended.

Day of Tears by Julius Lester

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Grade 6-9--This powerful and engaging historical novel is told in dialogue and through monologues. It also moves around in time, from the period when the story takes place to "interludes," in which the various characters look back on these events years later. It begins with a factual event--the largest slave auction in United States history that took place in 1859 on Pierce Butler's plantation in Georgia. The book introduces Butler, his abolitionist ex-wife Fanny Kemble, their two daughters, the auctioneer, and a number of slaves sold to pay off Butler's gambling debts. Emma, a fictional house slave, is the centerpiece of the novel. She cares for the master's daughters and has been promised that she will never be sold. On the last day of the auction, Butler impulsively sells her to a woman from Kentucky. There she marries, runs away, and eventually gains her freedom in Canada. Lester has done an admirable job of portraying the simmering anger and aching sadness that the slaves must have felt. Each character is well drawn and believable. Both blacks and whites liberally use the word "nigger," which will be jarring to modern-day students. The text itself is easy to read and flows nicely. Different typefaces distinguish the characters' monologues, their dialogues with one another, and their memories. Still, middle school readers may have some difficulty following the plot until they get used to the unusual format. Altogether this novel does a superb job of showing the inhumanity of slavery. It begs to be read aloud, and it could be used in sections to produce some stunning reader's theatre

PROGRAMS

- Tried and successful are Animee Clubs
- Gamers Group--role playing
- Mythbusters Don't try this at Home (Pop Rocks--Mentos in a Coke)
- Poetry Coffee House
- Teen Book club
- Polymer Clay Craft
 - The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA.org)

