

# Youth Services Advisory Council

## Meeting Notes

May 19, 2006 at

East Greenbush Community Library

9:00-10:00 Small Library concerns, 10:00 am-12:00 noon 12:00-1:00 Large Library Concerns

### Attendance

Lee Ricci & Jen McIntosh (East Greenbush Community Library), Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library), Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library), Jane Chirgwin (Sand Lake Town Library/Brunswick Community Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) David Cole & Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library).

### UHLS Updates

**Riverway Storytelling Festival** was a success. There were more people attending than last year. East Greenbush Community Library had about 60-70 people at the Best –Loved Tales performance on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Festival Finale at Bethlehem Public Library had 60 people attend. Carol from Cheney Library said the workshops were well worthwhile that she attended. Question was asked of how to improve attendance at the evening performances at libraries. Ideas and brainstorming: After April 1<sup>st</sup>, many children are participating in sports. Maybe change the concerts to Sunday. Gear them to a more adult audience. Hold it at a senior citizen center. Have storytelling on weeks of school vacation, so children will know what they can expect from the storytelling festival. Feature a storyteller on school breaks. Have a video clip of a few performances for patrons to borrow. Mini storytelling in December to promote Riverway. (Story Circle of the Capital District)

**Liberty Ridge Farms** (corn maze in Schaghticoke) has agreed to partner with the libraries giving each library free children's tickets, which will be handed out in July. Please let Mary know how many you would like by June 29, or we will simply use the same amount as Applebee's coupons you requested. Coupons to be at the libraries by July 15.

**Summer Reading Club** prize books will be purchased again this year. Mary will work on the numbers needed and purchase a good selection of paperbacks.

### **Growing a Reader Workshop—Free (Full day)**

The workshops are on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at Upper Hudson Library System and Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at Saratoga Springs Public Library.

The September workshop is the first workshop, Sue McCleaf Nespeca, will provide an overview of how library staff can present three parent/caregiver workshops targeted to children's different developmental levels. The October workshop will be a continuation of the September workshop and will consist of Story time application and training. Registering for workshops will be done on the early literacy website, which should be available in early July.

It was suggested that UHLS add to the Intranet (perhaps web site also) all the Story Times listed for all libraries. This would be an easy reference for Youth Services. (Phone numbers and if registration required). Mary will check with Joe Thornton to see how

### **Cooking Grant**

The cooking show was taped at Carolyn Fagan's house in Troy on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Digital pictures were taken. The show was informative and entertaining. Schedules will be released at a later date.

### **Summer Reading Program Plans**

UHLS has purchased a castle Ellison dye.

Minimizing Summer Reading Program Stress:

- Have all your ducks in a row before the SR programs starts.
- Relax with a group of co-workers after work.
- Keep it Simple – Make it Fun
- Have interns to help
- Meet on a regular basis; know what each one is doing.
- Stick with a decision and do not keep revamping it.
- Eliminate/ simplify and condense
- Know what kids want
- Borrow programs
- Don't try to top last year
- Have a kick off program at the school

**Guest presenter : Sylvie Wickstrom**

**Next meetings: September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15 – all tentative pending your alerting me to school vacations that conflict and are a problem!**