

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

October 20, 2006

Upper Hudson Library System

Small library concerns 9-10:00, Meeting 10:00 am-12:00, Large library concerns 12-1:00

Attendance: Mindy Fowler (Sand Lake Town Library) Ginger Hewitt (Watervliet Public Library) Carol Roberts (Troy Public Library) Kathy Stempel (Berne Public Library) Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library) Julie Zelman (Brunswick Community Library) Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Beverly Provost (Bethlehem Public Library) Debbie Sternklar (Bethlehem Public Library) Gail Brown (Voorheesville Public Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Lee Ricci (East Greenbush Community Library) Beth Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library) Ann-Marie Cicchinelli (William K. Sanford Town Library)

UHLS UPDATES

UHLS Pool Collection Planning Committee

The pool collection planning committee is exploring ceasing purchasing picture books, holiday books, adult fiction and music CDs. If you have input on this decision, please give it to your director, or if you are the director, to your representative on the Pool Collection Planning Committee.

LSTA Grants

Four ideas were proposed for grants.

- Youth Services
 1. Battle of the Books for all libraries
 2. Youth services training grant
- Adult Services
 1. Training grant focusing on website design, grant writing
 2. Training grant focusing on medical, legal, and business

Discussion and decision at Directors Association meeting October 27. Again, if you have input, provide it to your director. If you are a director, provide it to Phil or at the meeting.

Riverway Story Telling Festival 2007, April 23-29

The five-featured storytellers have been announced.

- Storycrafters (Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns)
- Len Cabral
- Antonio Rocha
- Fran Yardley
- Karen Nur

April 27th 2007 is the free librarian workshops. One will be held in the morning and one in the afternoon.

November meeting

We will focus on services to teens. We'll launch the new Teens & Us Wiki. The idea of the Wiki is to share books and program ideas for teens.

REMINDER- Cookbook recipes are due by November 17, 2006.

Summer Reading Club manuals will be in the delivery on 10-23-06.

A selection of card games will also be in the delivery – free through the a deal made by the State library. Do with them as you will.

Story Time Ideas

Pre Story Time preparations

Who is going to do it?

Large library comments: their staff tends to specialize, so one person does toddler time, two people will do drop-in storytimes, and two people will do the regular storytimes.

Staff who both do the same age group and program make it a point to talk to each other after and share what works and what didn't. They have Janway hanging bags to hold Flannel Boards story time parts. (Zip lock bags would work also)

How long is your storytime session?

- 6-8 weeks. There is a break when the newsletter comes out, as it announced the next session.
- Seasonal
- Year round—break before the school year starts.
- One good idea: when there are not story times we put books and toys in the story time room so the children can use them and the parents maintain the habit of coming to the library at that time. Parents like it as much as kids, because they have formed a support group.

Do you register children for storytime?

- No registration for drops ins.
- Registration for Toddler Time and On our own
- Registration for Lap sits
- Most story times do not require pre-registration

If you register, do you do reminder calls?

These calls are made for the lapsit at one library

What do you use for nametags?

- Stickers
- Construction paper and laminate, then hang with string on the child
- Sticky paper and put name on their backs so the child can't pull it off (toddlers)
- Accu-cut paper and yarn.
- Inexpensive 3 x 5 frame with the child's name; put in front of child and they sit behind it.
- Some libraries make nametag on the computer.
- Most are put on a table or board and the child finds their name – way for child to learn letters and recognize own name

How do you set up the space?

- Carpet Squares, seasonal quilt, blanket, parachute, stuffed animals.

- To define a story time space, make colorful screens from PVC pipe and material.

How do you greet children and open the storytime?

- Play music for 5 minutes so the children can play with toys, when the music stops the children sit down.
- Mother goose lamp
- Puppet that says Hello
- Opening songs—clap, clap, clap, tap, tap, tap etc.
- Younger children Raffi-Shake my Sillies Out. Older children— Hap Palmer Blue Grass Jamboree. Also, If You're Happy and You Know It. First teach words then use the music.
- Song: Hello, hello when you say hello you make a friend. (can be sung in different languages)
- Introductions with seasonal ball game.

Props

- Cut and Tell Story
- Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
- Stone Soup—put stuff in a pot
- Box with astro turf for stick puppets
- Caps for Sale—construction paper hats and White painter caps
- Gloves with pom pom pumpkins etc. (Velcro on glove fingertips and use various pom poms)
- Nursery Rhyme basket—child picks prop from the basket. Nursery rhyme relating to that prop is then used.
- Pop up books are great.
- Place book on a bench so both hands are free to use prop.

Closing

- Have the craft at the end of story time.
- Follow up strategies—make yourself available afterward.
- Make brochure with fingerplays, nursery rhymes, and books used. Can even include a recipe for the snack that is served.

Early Literacy Strategies, shared by Gail Brown

- Early Literacy Storytime
- Focus on just one of the literary skills
- Preview and have on display all six skills.
- ALA website has handouts. Buy posters and flyers in a smaller size.

Ending discussion

Remember that the customers are the children and their parents.

- Advertise in schools, grocery stores, post offices, put the information on lunch menus, nursery schools and day cares.
- Keep notebooks on what does work and what does not.
- Learn the storytime and practice.

News From You

Polly Hartman at Bethlehem Public Library is retiring in December.

Beth Nagel is leaving Bethlehem PL November 21.

Next Meetings: November 17, December 6 (YA workshop), December 15 at Bethlehem Public Library, January 12, March 1 (Summer Reading Program workshop at William K. Sanford Town Library) April 20, April 27 (Storytelling workshop), May 18