

Youth Services Advisory Council

Friday, February 23, 2007

Upper Hudson Library System

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

MEETING NOTES

Attendance: Lisa Neumann (Menands Public Library) Joyce Laiosa (Voorheesville Public Library) Debbie Steindler (Bethlehem Public Library) Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library) Reagan Silva (Bethlehem Public Library) Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library) Mindy Fowler (Sand Lake Town Library) Ginger Hewitt (Watervliet Public Library) Dave Cole (William K. Sanford Town Library) Judith Wines (Altamont Free Library) Candy Wilson (Rensselaerville Library) Rose Stuart (Albany Public Library-- Pine Hills Branch) Molly Chat (East Greenbush Community Library) Carol Roberts (Troy Public Library) Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Leslie Saperstone (Guilderland Public Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Diane Riganti (UHLS)

UHLS Updates:

The Summer Reading Planning Workshop is Thursday, March 1, 2007, (9:00 AM-3:00 PM) at William K. Sanford Town Library. Please send email to Mary Fellows if not registered yet. The SRP theme is "Get a Clue @ Your Library" for kids and "YNK - You Never Know @ Your Library" for teens. Hope to see you there.

The Rob Reid workshop called "Something Funny Happened at the Library" and centered on using humor to make literature come alive, is on March 23, 2007. (9:00 AM-3:00 PM at UHLS.) Email Mary to register. UHLS member library folks get in free.

Library systems can now apply for Family Literacy Grants (formerly Parent-Child Grants) from the State Library. UHLS is applying for something on the subject of Guys Read/Dads Read. Possible partners are 100 Black Men, men's sports teams, parenting organizations, Boy Scouts (on a local level) YMCA, boys clubs, firefighters etc.

Riverway Storytelling Festival runs April 23-29 with many activities. Workshops free to UHLS librarians happen on Friday, April 27, at Guilderland Public Library. Information will be out in March.

The ASC (Automated Services Committee) is considering the product AquaBrowser. UHLS automation manager Joe Thornton provided a demo. A question to be answered: do we need KidSearch if we have this? We would lose the awards pages of KidSearch. Mary will send a link for exploring another library's AquaBrowser. Check it out, and talk with your directors about it.

Storytelling: You Can Do It!

Presentation by Joyce Laiosa.

News From You:

From Bethlehem Public Library: colleague has started Kims' Signing Solutions, sign language play groups for hearing and non-hearing. For babies, toddlers & preschoolers.
<http://www.kimssigningsolutions.com/>

Great Reads:

My Friend is Sad and Today I Will Fly by Mo Willems – easy readers

Guest performer:

Cavanaugh & Kavanaugh

Next meetings:

March 1 (Summer Reading Program workshop), March 23 (Rob Reid workshop) April 13 at Albany Public Library, April 27 (free Riverway Storytelling Festival workshop), May 18.