

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

April 13, 2007

At

Albany Public Library-Main

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

Attendance: Jendy Murphy (Albany Public Library), Chris McGinty (Bethlehem Public Library), Alyla J. French (Brunswick Community Library), Mary Beth Earley, Albany Public Library), Jennifer Ogradowski (Guilderland Public Library), Beth Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library), Ginger Hewitt (Watervliet Public Library), Meta Reid (Albany Public Library), Kathy Stempel (Berne Public Library), Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library), Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library), Rose Stuart (Albany Public Library--Pine Hills Branch), Molly Chatt (East Greenbush Community Library), Debbie Canzano (Cohoes Public Library), Mary Fellows (UHLS).

LAPSIT PROGRAM IN-SERVICE

The in-service on lapsit programs began with a demo by Jendy Murphy and two APL staff babies and mothers. Introductions, music, fingerplays, and more were discussed and demonstrated. Theory of why to do lapsits was covered by Jendy, Meta Reid and Jennifer Ogradowski. Question and answer period was filled with much good sharing of information.

The group then discussed their favorite books, bounces, fingerplays, and music to use with babies

Miscellaneous resources mentioned apart from handouts:

Nancymusic.com - CDs

Books:

Mother Goose on the Loose - <http://www.neal-schuman.com/db/5/515.html>

Roly Poly books from Child's Play - <http://www.amazon.com/Roly-Poly-Numbers-Books/dp/0859536483>

UHLS UPDATES

Riverway—weeknight, free concerts happening at member libraries and in senior centers

Time Warner Cable is filming library promos for libraries involved in cooking grant.

Summer Reading Program book giveaways – Mary needs your numbers. Books will be sent to you in mid-July.

Family Literacy Grant in. Will know whether we got it in mid-June.

Question asked about SRP Planning Workshop jokes. Mary will email.

Online Summer Reading Program – still working on this on a statewide level.

AQUABROWSER DEMO

Mary demonstrated the tool AquaBrowser, which ASC is considering purchasing.

Comments indicated that kids and teens would probably use and understand it; harder for adults.

GREAT READS

Troll Fell- Katherine Langrish

Gr. 5-7. Well-populated with menacing or mischievous creatures from Nordic folklore, this tale of an orphaned lad, and a spirited age-mate whose father has gone a-viking, offers full measures of danger, suspense, heroism, magic, and just deserts. His father's funeral pyre still alight, Peer Ulfsson is snatched away into servitude by his brutish twin uncles Grim and Baldur Grimsson. Along with encountering a sullen house elf and deadly Granny Greenteeth, who lives in the nearby pond, Peer meets Hilde, daughter of an absent farmer--and gets wind of his uncles' intent to sell human children for a golden reward to the king of the trolls dwelling under towering Troll Fell. But which children? Climaxed by a well-set-up twist and a splendidly trollish subterranean wedding feast, Langrish's tense, quick-paced story will keep readers glued to the page, cheering the determined young folk on as they muster the wit and courage to face challenges both natural and supernatural. A rousing debut, steeped in Scandinavian lore and history. JohnPeters.

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Troll Mill- Katherine Langrish

Gr. 5-8. Strands of selkie legend frame Langrish's second book about likable orphan Peer and his corner of early Norse civilization, where the realities of sea, farm, and hearth come wrapped in shadowy tendrils of folklore. When a local woman disappears into the sea, Hilde's family (with whom Peer now lives) adopts her half-selkie baby, an act that incenses their volatile nonhuman neighbors. The upheaval intensifies the unrest plaguing Peer, now 15, who aches with unrequited emotions for his foster-sister. Finding new purpose in a plan to refurbish his treacherous uncles' abandoned mill, Peer haplessly stirs up further trouble, bringing his valiant, memorable surrogate family into yet another confrontation with the troll kingdom--and forcing Peer to face his savage uncles anew. Readers will want to start with Troll Fell (2004) to fully appreciate Langrish's elaboration on her characters' internal and external circumstances, though even newcomers will respond to the taut plotting and potent language; the rotating mill wheel "rumble[s] like some monstrous stomach," a ghastly beast slithers to the ground with a "squashy flump." The icing on the cake is an irresistible cover: lush, fanciful, and creepy in equal measure, it captures the best qualities of Langrish's evocative world. JenniferMattson.

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WRAP-UP

Thanks to Jendy Murphy and the rest of the APL staff for all their hospitality.

Next Meetings: June 15, 2007 at UHLS