

## Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting of October 12, 2007

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

at Bethlehem Public Library

(Small library concerns discussion group 9:00-10:00; large library concerns discussion group  
12:00-1:00)

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Attendees: Candy Wilson (Rensselaerville Library) Sharon Hodges (Petersburg Public Library) Carolyn Durnin (Grafton Community Library) Ginger Hewitt (Watervliet Public Library) Dustin Wilder (Guilderland Public Library) David Cole (William K. Sanford Town Library) Beth Bomba (William K. Sanford Town Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library) Molly Chatt (East Greenbush Community Library) Chris McGinty (Bethlehem Public Library) Wendy Quinn (Bethlehem Public Library) Laura Salisbury (Bethlehem Public Library) Lee Ricci (William K. Sanford Town Library) Lisa Neuman (Menands Public Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Diane Riganti (UHLS) Anne Coletta-observing student from Ualbany

10:00 AM meeting called to order by Mary Fellows

### I. UHLS Updates

- UHLS will have three new EBSCO databases. They are NoveList, Literary Reference Center, and Home Improvement Resource Center. Discontinued databases are: Children's Literature Comprehensive Database, Gale Literature Resource Center, American History Online, and Biography Resource Center.
- Automation Services Committee has decided that UHLS will purchase Aqua Browser. Mary will do her best to make sure that the kid's module is part of the purchase.
- Arts Grant: Castleton Public Library is the submitting library for an arts grant to bring the Puppet People to 15 UHLS libraries. UHLS has submitted an arts grant for Riverway.
- 2008 Riverway Storytelling Festival--April 21-27, 2008. Featured Storytellers are: Norah Dooley, Leeny Del Seamonds, Baba Jamal Korman, John Porcino, and Gayle Ross.
- Mock Newberry/Caldecott is at UHLS on December 14, 2007 (all day). Lists will be out soon.

### II. Kids & Technology demonstration and discussion

- Geoffrey Kirkpatrick (BETH): Library Thing [www.librarything.com/forlibraries](http://www.librarything.com/forlibraries)  
[www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/library\\_thing\\_demo.asp](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/library_thing_demo.asp)
- Letterboxing around the community
- Teens film own videos and show on Utube
- Carolyn Durnin: Upstate Independent filmmakers

- Chris McGinty: Guitar Hero

### III. Great Reads

- *Exiled: Memoirs of a Camel* by Kathleen Karr A first-person narrative from a camel's viewpoint about being sent from Egypt to serve in the United States Camel Corps, and life on the Mojave Desert before and during the Civil War. (Ages 8-10)
- *The radioactive boy scout: the frightening true story of a whiz kid and his homemade nuclear reactor* by Ken Silverstein.
- *Swear to Howdy* by Wendelin van Draanen Two thirteen-year-old boys share neighborhood adventures, complaints about their older sisters, family secrets, and even guilt that bind them together in a special friendship. (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- *King Dork* by Frank Portman. High school loser Tom Henderson discovers that "The Catcher in the Rye" may hold the clues to the many mysteries in his life. (14 and up)
- *Fat Girl: a true story* by Judith Moore. A memoir of one woman's obsession with food sets the author's love/hate relationship with food against her painful longing for a family, love, and a sense of belonging.
- *Memoirs of a Teen Amnesiac* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *In search of Mockingbird* by Loretta Ellsworth. On the eve of her sixteenth birthday, Erin receives her long-dead mother's diary, which reveals that she too revered Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" and wanted to be a writer, and Erin impulsively decides to take the Greyhound bus from St. Paul, Minnesota to Monroeville, Alabama, to visit the reclusive author.

### IV. News From You

- Watervliet Public Library is raffling 2 tickets to the Hanna Montana/Miley Cyrus tickets at the Times Union Center on 1/9/08. Live Drawing on December 21, 2007 at the Senior Center.
- Watervliet Public Library has a published author: Sara Schide, *Read the Book*

### V. Guest presenter: Marlene Newman

**Next meetings: November 9, December 14, January 11, February 15, March 13 (Summer Reading Program workshop at Schenectady), April 4, May 16, June 13**