

Youth Services Advisory Council

Meeting of November 9, 2007

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

at UHLS

Book Review 9:00 AM-10:00 AM; 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Meeting; Book Review and
Teen Services Discussion Group 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Attendees: Barbara Goetschius (RCS Community Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Candy Wilson (Rensselaerville Library) Chris McGinty (Bethlehem Public Library) Judith Wines (Altamont Free Library) Carol Roberts (Troy Public Library) Ginger Hewitt (Watervliet Public Library) Carol Gaillard (Cheney Library) Carolyn Durnin (Grafton Community Library) Maureen DeLaughter (William K. Sanford Town Library) Jane Chirgwin (Rensselaer City Library) Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library) Lee Ricci (William K. Sanford Town Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS)

10:00 AM meeting called to order by Mary Fellows

UHLS updates:

Mary reminded group that there is a diversity workshop next Thursday: "Dealing with THOSE people: a different perspective on disability and diversity" presented by Jo Fenton. Details: 9:30-3:00, \$10 including breakfast and lunch. Contact Jo-Ann Benedetti if you would like to register.

Mary is working with Joe Thornton on an electronic version of the planned youth services survey. If possible, it will go out next week; otherwise, look for it after Thanksgiving.

The group was queried as to whether members always want a performer at the meetings, even if s/he has not been recommended. The group decided that it was preferable to use that time for something else unless the performer comes recommended by a library or from another reliable source. Mary reminded members to send her names on an ongoing basis of performers/presenters hired and liked that have not yet been guests at our meetings.

We will hold a Mock Newbery Mock Caldecott day on December 14, taking the place of our usual December YSAC meeting. The schedule is: Mary Fellows will preside over the Mock Newbery Discussion from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. After a break for lunch on your own, Sue Rokos will preside over the Mock Caldecott Discussion from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mary supplied booklists in paper copy and will send it out over email also.

February YSAC meeting is on the 8th – a change from previous schedules.

A discussion about gaming systems resulted in a recommendation that UHLS purchase two projectors (since libraries offering teen programming often have more than one station going), a Wii with Guitar Hero and a stand-alone karaoke system.

Technology tune-up:

The group reviewed the following websites:

<http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/>

www.howstuffworks.com

www.eyewitnesstohistory.com

<http://highschoolace.com/ace/ace.cfm>

<http://www.wyominglibraries.org/campaign.html>

For a great resource of series and sequels, Maureen DeLaughter suggested:

<http://www.bettendorflibrary.com/bpl-bin/series.pl>

In-service topic:

Working with and serving people of different generations

Mary presented handouts and led discussion on characteristics of different generations and how to work with, work for, and serve various generations in the library.

Great reads:

Ivan the Terrier by Peter Catalanotto

Jack Plank Tells Tales by Natalie Babbitt

How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

The Elements of Persuasion by Robert Dickman

Guest presenter:

Barbara Slate, graphic novelist.

Next meetings:

December 14 (Mock Caldecott/ Mock Newbery), January 11, February 8, March 13 (Summer Reading Program workshop at Schenectady), April 4, May 16, June 13

Teen Services Discussion Group

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Attendees: Molly Chat (East Greenbush Community Library) Maureen DeLaughter (William K. Sanford Town Library) Chris McGinty (Bethlehem Public Library) Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Mary Fellows (UHLS)

Program discussion:

Anime convention: Maureen would like to organize a small convention at Colonie, inviting students from other UHLS libraries. She will draft a plan and send it around.

Book discussion:

Each participant shared teen books read recently.