

## **Youth Services Advisory Council**

Meeting of April 18, 2008

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

at UHLS

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

Attendees: Darlene Miller (Castleton Public Library) Candy Wilson (Rensselaerville Library) Judith Wines (Altamont Free Library) Carol Roberts (Troy Public Library) Jennifer Ogradowski (GUIL) Pat Sahr (Nassau Free Library) Chrissie Morrison (East Greenbush Community Library) Lisa Neuman (MEND) Jendy Murphy (APLM) Debbie Canzano (COHS) Carolyn Durnin (GRAF) Debbie Canzano (COHS) Dave Cole (COLN) Sharon Hodges (PTRB) Mary Fellows (UHLS)

9:00-10:00 AM Book Review

10:00 AM meeting called to order by Mary Fellows

### **UHLS updates**

#### Notable Book Banquet

UHLS is partnering with Questar III SLS and Mid-Hudson Library System to offer Book Banquet on May at Bethlehem PL. A flyer was passed around. YS staff also received email and paper flyers previously.

#### Aquabrowser

Last meeting we chose databases to recommend be included in the catalog. The choices we went were:

- EBSCOhost® Kids Search (EBSCO Research Databases)
- Encyclopedia of Animals™ (EBSCO Research Databases)
- Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia (EBSCO Research Databases)
- Health Reference Center - Academic (Gale)
- InfoTrac® Junior Edition (Gale)
- Literary Reference Center (EBSCO Research Databases)
- MasterFILE™ Select (EBSCO Research Databases)
- NoveList (EBSCO Research Databases)
- Primary Search® (EBSCO Research Databases)
- Science Reference Center (EBSCO Research Databases)

We now need to come up with databases for Kids Aquabrowser, which the UHLS tech staff thinks we will need. Questions arose about how many, and what others will be included. Mary will check with Joe Thornton to get answers before we proceed.

Online SRP – as mentioned previously, Mary is working with colleagues around the state and Karen Balsen at the State Library DLD to explore, come up with an RFP, and help roll out a statewide program. Encourage you to go to programs on it to see what it is. [http://www.evancedsolutions.com/summer\\_reader.asp](http://www.evancedsolutions.com/summer_reader.asp)

#### SRP mini grant

Received \$12,000 because your statistics topped 30,000 participants. (Just barely – so we need to keep the numbers up or we'll go back to \$6000.) The State tightened up the restrictions on how you can use this money – no more prize books – so instead we're using the money to reward you when you do specific things to market

your SRP. Mary handed out a packet on the Summer Reading Public Relations Challenge. Documents will also go out in email after the meeting.

### Riverway

Riverway starts Monday. Many events planned. If anyone likes to take photos and wants to volunteer at one of the performances, let Mary know.

### LSTA grant

Two-year invitational LSTA grant Explore Your Shore: Discovering Community History @ Your Library was funded. Have not gotten official word yet – though it started April 1 – will be in touch with grant libraries to arrange a meeting to get going.

### Training plans

Planning some training for fall. Topics: programming for tweens, grant writing, family literacy, no cost marketing, teen behavior, teen/teen spaces.

### Professional collection

Mary asked for feedback on additions to the UHLS professional collection. Topics of interest for resource purchase include: how to use your website to diffuse information to the larger community, web design for the non-techie, dealing with mentally ill people in the library. Overall: broad theory, program ideas, professional development.

## **Technology Tune-up**

The group reviewed these sites for keeping up in our jobs:

Keeping up with technology news:

[www.webbalert.com](http://www.webbalert.com)

Keeping up with trends of interest to teens:

<http://ypulse.com/>

Keeping up with library trends:

<http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com/>

Keeping up with children's literature news:

<http://www.hbook.com/blog/>

Keeping up with children's books:

<http://kidslit.menashalibrary.org/aboutme.html>

<http://www.yzocaet.blogspot.com/>

Clearinghouse site for children's and teen books:

<http://childrensbookreviews.pbwiki.com/>

Keeping up with teen literature:

<http://www.bookdivas.com/>

## Great Reads

### Twice Upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris

After a quiet, happy year in a small town, Queen Olympia regains her memory and initiates new plots and manipulations, as the residents of Zandephia and Beurivage, now ruled by Christian, Marigold, and Swithbert, feel the effects of her bad energy.

### Skulduggery Pleasant (great audio) by Derek Landy

When twelve-year-old Stephanie Edgely inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with ace detective Skulduggery Pleasant, a walking, talking, fire-throwing skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.

### City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (great audio)

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

### The Chicken of the Family by Mary Amato

When her older sisters tease her into believing that she is actually a chicken, Henrietta runs off to a farm to be among her own kind.

### Fancy Nancy and the Boy from Paris (part of new Fancy Nancy readers series)

Nancy is delighted that the new boy in her class is from Paris and sets out to become his friend, then discovers that this Parisian is not quite as fancy as she had thought.

### Tunnels by Roderick Gordon

When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward "Topsoilers" like Will and his father.

### Born to Rock by Gordon Korman (good as audio)

High school senior Leo Caraway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend.

### Beastly by Alex Flinn

A modern retelling of "Beauty and the Beast" from the point of view of the Beast, a vain Manhattan private school student who is turned into a monster and must find true love before he can return to his human form.

### The Year of the Rat by Grace Lin

In the Chinese Year of the Rat, a young Taiwanese American girl faces many challenges: her best friend moves to California and a new boy comes to her school, she must find the courage to forge ahead with her dream of becoming a writer and illustrator, and she must learn to find the beauty in change.

## SRP Sharing

Using the book Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer, EGRN is hoping to have an End of the World party. Bring a stuffed animal to school visits – kids remember the animal!

Teen school visit: promise to do something humiliating if teens reach a certain reading goal.

Free presenter ideas: canine officer bringing drug-sniffing dogs (always announce in library half an hour before officer comes to avoid unpleasant situations), fire department, Tang Museum, Honest Weight Food Co-op, Jamie from Peebles Island State Park doing a nature detective program. Reasonable: Cornell Cooperative Extension. Other mentions for summer programs: acoustic musical duos Almost Awake and Skip West.

**Guest performer:** Cathy Winter

Not enough people could stay, so there was no teen services discussion group.

Next meetings: May 16 at COLN, June 13