

Youth Services Advisory Council

June 13, 2008

Book review 9:00-10:00, Meeting 10:00-12:00, Teen services discussion Group 12:00-1:00

Attendance: Diane Burger (Troy), Pat Sahr (NASS), Darlene Miller (CAST), Candy Wilson (RVLL), Jennifer Ogrodowski (GUIL), Judith Wines (ALTM) Sharon Hodges (PTRB), Carolyn Durnin (GRAF), Lisa Newuman (MEND), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Mary Fellows (UHLS), Diane Riganti (UHLS)

Welcome and Introductions

UHLS Updates:

- Summer Reading Program prize books and Applebee Bookworm coupons have been distributed.
- The following training workshops have been planned: (times to be announced)
 1. Friday, July 18th, Teen Behavior presented by Kelly Vikstrom.
 2. Monday, August 25th, Tween Services presented by Maureen Ambrosino.
 3. Monday September 15th, Grant writing workshop presented by Mary Fellows & Jo-Ann Benedetti.
 4. Monday, September 29th, Explore Your Shore workshop with Sue McCleaf-Nespeca
 5. Friday, November 14th, Storytime skills workshop, in collaboration with MVLS
- The idea of “setting free” several books per library through the Book Crossing program will be taken up again in the fall.

Demonstration of AquaBrowser

The group reviewed Kids Aquabrowser and offered the following suggestions:

- That wording be the same for requests between the traditional catalog and Aquabrowser (“place a request”)
- That a mouse over box help further explain the difference between traditional and Aquabrowser searches in the buttons at the top of the page.

Mary will discuss these suggestions with Joe Thornton.

Technology Tune-up

Based on the article, “Music Web sites for Teen Tech Week and Beyond” by Kate Pritchard and Jaina Lewis (Young Adult Library Services, Winter 2008, pp. 33-35), the group reviewed the following sites:

Finetune.com
Allmusic.com
Pandora.com

Focus on partnerships

Mary presented and the group discussed best strategies for forming and succeeding at partnerships.

Great Reads:

Grandma Calls Me Beautiful by Barbara Joesse

A Hawaiian grandmother tells her granddaughter a favorite story about how much she loves her. Includes a glossary with definitions and explanations of Hawaiian words and customs.

Elvis Presley's love Me Tender by by Elvis Presley and Vera Matson

A father and daughter share their special bond through Elvis Presley's timeless lyrics.

Love that Dog by Sharon Creech (coming soon, Love that Cat)

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

Castle Waiting by Linda Medley

With its quiet blend of fantasy, folktales, and character-driven storytelling, this charming collection brings the first 12 issues of an Eisner Award-winning comic-book series to a wider audience. It opens with *The Brambly Hedge*, which gives the origin of the castle itself. In a comic retelling of *Sleeping Beauty*, a medieval castle and its loving inhabitants are abandoned when the princess wakes up, finds her Prince Charming, and rides off into the sunset with him. The castle transforms into an outpost of sorts for the unusual, the unwanted, and those just needing a place to hide from the world. Talking chivalrous horses, pregnant mothers on the run, and nuns who were once bearded ladies in the circus are just a few of the colorful inhabitants whose stories fill the remainder of the volume. Medley's storytelling becomes more assured and complex as the series progresses, and she uses flashbacks and stories-within-stories in a manner that creates a rhythm that is both fun and gripping. Hard-edged lines with simple forms create black-and-white artwork that melds nicely with the fairy-tale feel of the stories.

My One Hundred Adventures by Polly Horvath

Jane is 12 years old, and she is *ready* for adventures, to move beyond the world of her siblings and single mother and their house by the sea, and step into the "know-not what." And, over the summer, adventures do seem to find Jane, whether it's a thrilling ride in a hot-air balloon, the appearances of a slew of possible fathers, or a weird new friendship with a preacher and psychic wannabe. Most important, there's Jane's discovery of what lies at the heart of all great adventures: that it's not what happens *to* you that matters, but what you learn about yourself.

The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss

"The tale of Kvothe, from his childhood in a troupe of traveling players, to years spent as a near-feral orphan in a crime-riddled city, to his daringly brazen yet successful bid to enter a difficult and dangerous school of magic. In these pages, you will come to know Kvothe as a notorious magician, an accomplished thief, a masterful musician, and an infamous assassin. But this book is so much more, for the story it tells reveals the truth behind Kvothe's legend"

News from You:

Grafton Community Library is planning a Bug Day this summer, where bugs are captured, studied, identified, photographed, and released.

Petersburg Public Library is nearing the completion of the renovation project.

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