

Youth Services Advisory Council
Meeting of September 12, 2008
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
at UHLS

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

Attendees: Darlene Miller (CAST), Beth Bomba (COLN), Pat Sahr (NASS), Lisa Neuman (MEND), Debbie Canzano (COHS), Trevor Oakley (GUIL), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Kathy Stemple (BERN), Molly Chatt (EGRN), Judith Wines (ALTM), Carol Gaillard (HOOF), Joyce Laiosa (VOOR), Carol Roberts (TROY), Jendy Murphy (APLM), Sharon Hodges (PTRB), Candy Wilson (RVLL), Mary Fellows (UHLS)

10:00 AM meeting called to order by Mary Fellows. Introductions were made.

UHLS Updates

- Mary reminded group that SRP statistics and PR Challenge responses are due on 9/15/08.
- The theme for next year's SRP is: Be Creative@ Your Library (children) and Express Yourself @ Your Library (teens)
- A statewide committee is hard at work on procuring the online SRP registration software for the entire state, with state funding. Mary is on this committee. The plan is to have this for next summer. There will be a program at NYLA on it.
- Members were encouraged to attend the NYLA Conference, which is in Saratoga, coming up in November. Great chance to gain good ideas and network with colleagues. Also, if you are not a member of NYLA, then join. NYLA is the main organization, and the Youth Services Section is the division to join. More information available at www.nyla.org.
- Arts grant: information was sent out on a collaborative arts grant idea. Mary needs submitting library and any libraries interested in participating to respond ASAP.
- Explore Your Shore grant: Henry is now clothed and will be making rounds to the libraries and other historical places. He was introduced at a press conference Wednesday and was a big hit. Non-grant libraries can also borrow Henry to send out. Mary will provide guidelines shortly about how this will all work.

Database prioritizing

Due to likely cuts in the number of databases the Central Library can supply, Mary asked the group to prioritize the databases we currently get. Priorities were decided on and will be given to Jo-Ann Benedetti for the Central Library Advisory Committee.

Summer learning: marketing to kids

Mary shared learning from the book Creating Ever-Cool: A Marketer's Guide to a Kid's Heart and an ALA program by the author.

Highlight of the summer

Participants shared one SRP highlight that could be reproduced by others and one challenge that others can learn from.

Great Reads

- Airman by Eoin Colfer (great audiobook)
- True Meaning of Smekday by Adam Rex
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
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You name it/news from you

Participants shared local news.

Guest performer

Jason Reilly did a lively animal mini-show complete with a real chicken dance.

**Youth Services Advisory Council
Teen Discussion Group meeting of September 8, 2008
12:00-1:00 PM**

Attendees: Maureen DeLaughter (COLN), Trevor Oakley (GUIL), Beth Bomba (COLN), Jendy Murphy (APLM), Mary Fellows (UHLS)

Mary called the meeting to order at 12:00

Programs

Trevor related the details of the “What’s Your Zombie Plan Party” at GUIL. Tweens/teens brought in Zombie toys and ideas for weapons. They made a Hazmat suit out of bubble wrap. Food included a giant Jell-o brain, and they watched clips of Zombie movies.

Maureen told about COLN’s upcoming vampire prom. Dress is semi-formal, and they will have live music.

Books

Various books and their reception by teens were discussed, including The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins.