

February 10, 2012 at UHLS Office

10:00-12:00 noon

Small library concerns discussion group 9:00 - 10:00

Large library discussion group 12:00 - 1:00

Attendees: Joyce Laiosa-VOOR, Chrissie Morrison-EGRN, Jenn Richard-EGRN, Mindy Fowler-SNLK, Laurene Teachout-STEP, Sharon Hodges-PTRB, Debbie Sternklar-GUIL, Debbie Shoup-GUIL, Carol Gaillard-HOOF, Kim Graff-RVLL, Matthew Graff-COHS, Anne Marie H. Cicchinelli-COLN, Carol Roberts-TROY, Lisa Neuman-MEND, Chris McGinty-BETH, Pat Sahr-NASS, Barbara Goetschius-RCSC, Jane Chirgwin-RENS, Mary Fellows-UHLS, Diane Riganti-UHLS

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions

1. UHLS updates

- Comic Mini Grant Workshops going well. UHLS has 21 kits.
- Summer Reading Program mini-grant is up in the air, though we will probably get it.
- LSTA Grant Part on early literacy, it is a one year grant, due date 3-7-12.

2. Little d award shortlist discussed (For grades 3-5, published in 2011)

Possible titles:

- Dude: Fun with Dude and Betty by Lisa Pilscou
- Smells Like Treasure by Suzanne Selfors
- Wonkenstein by Obert Skye
- Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos
- Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book by Tom Angleberger
- Spaceheadz by Jon Scieszka
- Lunch Lady & the Cyborg Substitute by Jarrett Krosoczka
- Cabin Fever by Jeff Kinney
- Dragonbreath: Lair of the Bat Monster by Ursula Vernon
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At April meeting, YSAC will determine final list of 3-5 titles.

3. Sharing learning from Morris Seminar presented by Joyce Laiosa and Mary Fellows

4. Rainbow list

The Rainbow List (<http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/archives/953>) brings together the best books of the year on the lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and transgender experience for kids and teens. Just as we use other “best” lists, we need to use this one to add materials to our collections about LGBTQ kids. They’re a segment of our communities, whether or not we’re aware of them, and our job is to create a collection that reflects our community. (Several librarians present shared that putting out booklists listing LGBTQ materials improves circulation of these titles – people find and take the booklists and then find and take the books, without having to ask a librarian.)

5. Shine by Lauren Myracle has been chosen to be the title for the “difficult book” discussion to be held at the May 11 YSAC meeting. Everyone should read it before the meeting.

6. Great reads/listens/views:

The Knife of Never Letting Go: Chaos Walking by Patrick Ness

Todd Hewitt is the only boy in a town of men. Ever since the settlers were infected with the Noise germ, Todd can hear everything the men think, and they hear everything he thinks. Todd is just a month away from becoming a man, but in the midst of the cacophony, he knows that the town is hiding something from him -- something so awful Todd is forced to flee with only his dog, whose simple, loyal voice he hears too. With hostile men from the town in pursuit, the two stumble upon a strange and eerily silent creature: a girl. Who is she? Why wasn't she killed by the germ like all the females on New World? Propelled by Todd's gritty narration, readers are in for a white-knuckle journey in which a boy on the cusp of manhood must unlearn everything he knows in order to figure out who he truly is.

- Amazon review

Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans

My name is Michael Vey, and the story I'm about to tell you is strange. Very strange. It's my story.

To everyone at Meridian High School, Michael Vey is an ordinary fourteen-year-old. In fact, the only thing that seems to set him apart is the fact that he has Tourette's syndrome. But Michael is anything but ordinary.

Michael has special powers. Electric powers.

Michael thinks he's unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor also has special powers. With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up this way, but their investigation brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric children – and through them the world. Michael will have to rely on his wits, powers, and friends if he's to survive.

- Amazon review

Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick by Joe Schreiber

It's prom night—and Perry just wants to stick to his own plan and finally play a much anticipated gig with his band in the Big Apple. But when his mother makes him take Gobija Zaksauskas—their quiet, geeky Lithuanian exchange student—to the prom, he never expects that his ordinary high school guy life will soon turn on its head. Perry finds that Gobi is on a mission, and Perry has no other choice but to go along for a reckless ride through Manhattan's concrete grid with a trained assassin in Dad's red Jag.

Infused with capers, car chases, heists, hits, henchmen, and even a bear fight, this story mixes romance, comedy, and tragedy in a true teen coming-of-age adventure—and it's not over until it's "au revoir."

- Amazon review

NEXT MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

3-01-12 Summer Reading Program Workshop at COLN; Snow Date March 8

4-13-12 YSAC – Book Review Pre- And Post- Meeting

5-11-12 YSAC – Discussion Groups Pre- And Post- Meeting

6-08-12 YSAC – Book Review Pre- And Post – Meeting

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