

Youth Services Advisory Council

April 13, 2012

UHLS offices

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

(Book review 9:00 - 10:00 and 12:00 – 1:00;

teen services discussion group also 12:00 - 1:00; bring your own lunch)

Attendees: Matthew Graff COHS, Kim Graff RVLL, Laurenne Teachout STEP, Jen Duvelius EGRN, Rose Stuart EGRN, Judith Wines ALTM, Carol Roberts TROY, Kathy Stempel BERN, Lee Ackerman Sawyer WSTR, Ann-Marie H. Cicchinelli COLN, Joyce Laiosa VOOR, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Chris McGinty BETH, Debbie Sternklar GUIL, Sharon Hodges PTRB, Mindy Fowler SNLK, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Pat Sahr Nass, Mary Fellows UHLS

NOTES

Welcome and introductions

UHLS updates

- Riverway Storytelling Festival– next week!
- SRP mini-grant – going to be a best practices challenge, drawn from past years. Info out when approved.
- No word on early literacy grant yet though it has begun!
- Linda Todd has chosen your 2010 Summer Reading Mini Grant project, Inclusiveness Challenge, to appear as one of seven exemplary projects in our upcoming LSTA brochure.
- Difficult book choice for discussion in **June**: reminder: title choice is Shine by Lauren Myracle
- Focus groups for UHLS long range plan – the May 11 YSAC meeting will be a focus group
- Little D award shortlist – time to choose. The group chose:
 - Smells Like Treasure by Suzanne Selfors
 - Wonkenstein by Obert Skye
 - Spaceheadz Book 3 by Jon Scieszka
 - Dragonbreath: Lair of the Bat Monster by Ursula Vernon
 - Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not reading by Tom Greenwald

Autism research and local resource

April is national Autism month. Now experts have found that 1 in 88 children are affected by autism disorders.

Bethlehem recommends Janine D. Kruiswijk the Executive Director for the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region (jkruiswijk@albanyautism.org) who spoke at BETH's last staff meeting on autism and how libraries can better serve folks on the spectrum.

Babies' brains: Patricia Kuhl on TED – video and discussion

E-books and kids, tweens and teens – demonstration and discussion

Homeschool regulations/serving home school families – discussion with handout

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/homeinstruction/homeschoolingqanda.html> (Q & A)

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/libraries/teacher-resources/55273.html> (media specialist resources)

Great reads, listens, views

Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley

Seventeen-year-old Cullen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's sudden disappearance.

Brave Girl Eating by Harriet Brown

"Millions of families are affected by eating disorders, which usually strike young women between the ages of fourteen and twenty. But current medical practice ties these families' hands when it comes to helping their children recover. Conventional medical wisdom dictates separating the patient from the family and insists that "it's not about the food," even as a family watches a child waste away before their eyes. Harriet Brown shows how counterproductive--and heartbreaking--this approach is by telling her daughter's story of anorexia. She describes how her family, with the support of an open-minded pediatrician and a therapist, helped her daughter recover using family-based treatment, also known as the Maudsley approach"

The Wicked and the Just by Jillian Anderson Coats

In medieval Wales, follows Cecily whose family is lured by cheap land and the duty of all Englishman to help keep down the "vicious" Welshmen, and Gwenhwyfar, a Welsh girl who must wait hand and foot on her new English mistress.

As If Being 12 ¾ Isn't Bad Enough, My Mother is Running for President! by Donna Gephart

Preparing for spelling bees, having a secret admirer, and waiting for her chest size to catch up with her enormous feet are pressure enough, but twelve-year-old Vanessa must also deal with loneliness and very real fears as her mother, Florida's governor, runs for President of the United States.

Olivia Bean, Trivia Queen by Donna Gephart

After overcoming a number of obstacles, especially in the subject of geography, Olivia is on her way to Hollywood to appear on Jeopardy! and, she hopes, to reunite with her father who left the family two years ago.

How to Survive Middle School by Donna Gephart

When eleven-year-old David Greenberg's best friend makes the start of middle school even worse than he feared it could be, David becomes friends with Penny, who shares his love of

television shows and posts one of their skits on YouTube, making them wildly popular--online, at least.

How Angel Peterson Got His Name : and other outrageous tales about extreme sports by Gary Paulsen

Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.

Ashfall by Mike Mullin

After the eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano destroys his city and its surroundings, fifteen-year-old Alex must journey from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Illinois to find his parents and sister, trying to survive in a transformed landscape and a new society in which all the old rules of living have vanished.

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

The Pregnancy Project by Gaby Rodriguez

Gaby Rodriguez, whose mother and older sister both became pregnant as teenagers, explains what she learned from faking a pregnancy as a high school senior in order to find out how people would treat her.

Pregnant Pause by Han Nolan

Married, pregnant, and living at a "fat camp" in Maine, sixteen-year-old Eleanor has many questions about her future, especially whether the marriage will last and if she should keep the baby.

News from you/you name it

Reminder: request Advance Reader Copies from UHLS (to keep!) at
<http://horizon.uhls.lib.ny.us/cgi-bin/reports/arc.pl>

Next meetings: May 11, June 8