

Youth Services Advisory Council

October 12, 2012, 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: Pat Sahr NASS, Natalie McDonough GUIL, Mary Beth Earley APLM, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Chris McGinty BETH, Kim Graff RVLL, Chrissie Morrison EGRN, Judith Wines ALTM, Carol Roberts TROY, Kathy Stempel BERN, Lee Sawyer WSTR, Ann-Marie Helldorfer COLN, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Sharon Hodges PTRB, Carol Gaillard HOOFF, Diane Riganti UHLS, Mary Fellows UHLS

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions

UHLS updates

- Mary gave a synopsis of the Summer Reading Statistics.
- Best Practices Challenge. Twelve libraries participated in it. Why don't more of the libraries participate in the challenge?
 - Too much record keeping. It is a time vs. money thing.
 - Too many things going on.
- There will be no SRP mini grant next year. The grant is being combined with the Literacy Grant.
- Should we take down the Youth Service Blog? One library likes it because it is searchable. It takes time to go through all the YS emails.
- Went through the 2012-2013 list of YSAC meeting and Workshops.
- Comics Connect Grant—When would it be a good time for George to come? It was decided during a school break would be best.

Tech Tune-up

Mary did a brief presentation on:

- www.tumblr.com
- Instagram.com
- Pinterest-Carolyn Fagan from Troy gave a presentation.

Best learning from the summer

HOOFF: Used Cheney cash for children to purchase used books at the book sale. Gave children a slip of paper with the title of the book, author, brief description and put it in a raffle drawing for a book. This year there was a great follow through.

EGRN: Used Book Bingo. Had a Book Fortune Teller. The book fortune teller (an empty oatmeal container) had slips of papers in it with the title and call number of nonfiction books. The kids could pick a title and read that book. (They could pick until they got something they were interested in) A Globe was used to read books on various countries.

BETH: Had 175 teen volunteers. They have to do a 1-2 hour training to become a volunteer. They have a very successful teen book blog where teens can review the books.

WSTR: Did a program on forensics. They had a story quilt. They put books in a laundry basket so teens/tweens could read them, return them and take another.

Great reads:

Little Tug by Stephen A. Savage

From the Publisher: Little Tug may not be very tall or very fast, but when the big ships in the harbor need help, they know they can count on him to be there with a push, a pull, and a ride to safety. But what happens when Little Tug gets tired? This simple, endearing book with a charming retro feel and an emotional punch is the first book for Roaring Brook Press by the acclaimed author of *Polar Bear Night* (New York Times Best Illustrated book) and *Where's Walrus?*

Good news/Bad news by Jeff Mack

From the Publisher: Good news, Rabbit and Mouse are going on a picnic. Bad news, it is starting to rain. Good news, Rabbit has an umbrella. Bad news, the stormy winds blow the umbrella (and Mouse!) into a tree.

So begins this clever story about two friends with very different dispositions. Using just four words, Jeff Mack has created a text with remarkable flair that is both funny and touching, and pairs perfectly with his energetic, and hilarious, illustrations. Good news, this is a book kids will clamor to read again and again!

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

From the Publisher: August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. **WONDER**, now a *New York Times* bestseller, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope. **R.J. Palacio** has called her debut novel "a meditation on kindness"—indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, a diamond in the rough who proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

Stoneheart by Charlie Fletcher

From the Publisher: Deep in the City something had been woken, so old that people had been walking past it for centuries without giving it a second look... When George breaks the dragon's head outside the Natural History Museum he awakes an ancient power. This prehistoric beast, sentry-still for centuries, hunts him down with a terrifying wrath. And this is just the beginning... The taints and spits - statues with opposing natures - are warring forces; wreaking deadly havoc on the city landscape. The World War One gunner offers protection of sorts; and the wisdom of the Sphinx is legendary. But George and his companion Edie are trapped in a world of danger. And worse - they are quite alone. The rest of London is oblivious to their plight. This epic adventure exposes forces long-layered in the fabric of London. After entering its richly original and breathtaking world, the city streets and skyline will never again seem the same!

A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea by Micahel Ian Black

From the Publisher: Could anything possibly be more fun than a pig parade!? You wouldn't think so. But you'd be wrong. A pig parade is a terrible idea. Pigs hate to march, refuse to wear the uniforms, don't care about floats, and insist on playing country music ballads. Those are just some of the reasons. And trust me, this hysterical book has plenty more!

Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin by Josh Berk

From the Publisher: Being a hefty, deaf newcomer almost makes Will Halpin the least popular guy at Coaler High. But when he befriends the only guy less popular than him, the dork-namic duo has the smarts and guts to figure out who knocked off the star quarterback. Will can't hear what's going on, but he's a great observer. So, who did it? And why does that guy talk to his fingers? And will the beautiful girl ever notice him? (Okay, so Will's interested in more than just murder. Those who prefer their heroes to be not-so-usual and with a side of wiseguy will gobble up this witty, geeks-rule debut.

Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller by Joseph Lambert

From the Publisher: Helen Keller lost her ability to see and hear before she turned two years old. But in her lifetime, she learned to ride horseback and dance the foxtrot. She graduated from Radcliffe. She became a world famous speaker and author. She befriended Mark Twain, Charlie Chaplin, and Alexander Graham Bell. And above all, she revolutionized public perception and treatment of the blind and the deaf. The catalyst for this remarkable life's journey was Annie Sullivan, a young woman who was herself visually impaired. Hired on as a tutor when Helen was six years old, Annie broke down the barriers between Helen and the wider world, becoming a fiercely devoted friend and lifelong companion in the process.

Reminder: request Advance Reader Copies from UHLS (to keep!) at

<http://horizon.uhls.lib.ny.us/cgi-bin/reports/arc.pl>

Next meetings and training:

November 1: Early literacy spaces (Play at the Library) workshop

December 11: Tween/Teen workshop

January 11: YSAC mock awards/book discussion

February 8: YSAC

March 7: SRP planning workshop

April 12: YSAC

May 6: Creating welcoming environments (Wakanheza Project) workshop

June 14: YSAC

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Teen Services Discussion Group

Chrissie Morrison EGRN, Lee Sawyer WSTR, Chris McGinty BETH, Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS

BETH:

Training teens to be school helpers

Book Buddy and Paws to read

Teen volunteers help 2nd-5th grade students

Teacher meet and greet on line

Teachers sending library postings for Homework Alerts

WSTR

Teens are coming in the library to use the resources. Had 10 teens coming in and seem to enjoy being there. Some of the teens are helping the younger children.

EGRN

What to do about unruly teens and what to do when they get out of control.