

Youth Services Advisory Council

February 8, 2013

Upper Hudson Library System

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

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

Attendees: Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS, Joyce Laiosa VOOR, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Mindy Fowler SNLK, Judith Wines ALTM, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Lee Ricci APLM, Lisa Neuman MEND, Jen Duvelius EGRN, Beth Bomba COLN, Carol Roberts TROY

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions

UHLS updates

- Both grants have been submitted.
- The tween/teen technology minigrants are on Mary's desk waiting for review by next Friday.
- Beyond storytime: libraries should have all the information on grant money.
- Comics Connect – PTO presentations going well, they are approximately 15 minutes long. Please schedule if you haven't.
- Go to the UHLS website and click on the Beyond Storytime Logo. The Play at the Library Workshop presented by Maris Conner PowerPoint presentation and the Screencast Trainings are posted.

Common Core

Joyce Laiosa presented a very useful view of how we can adapt to Common Core and be ready to help the students, parents and teachers who rely on us. Her handout, Great Nonfiction! Read it! Learn about it! Promote it! is posted on the Youth Service Blog.

Libraries & the promotion of technology in kids' lives discussion

The group considered the question: What is the library's role regarding technology and young children?

Maker Culture/Maker Spaces

The group discussed maker culture and the tween/teen Maker Camp you may want to incorporate into your programming this summer. The handout is posted on the Youth Service Blog.

ALA resources to know

The group looked at the following ALA resources:

- Dia
- Great websites for kids
- Caldecott celebration 2013 (celebrating 75 years)
- Importance of Play White Paper

Little d Award shortlist

The group brainstormed ideas for funny book for 3rd-5th published in 2012:

- Wonder
- Bird and Squirrel
- Alvin Ho
- Beaver Brothers
- Captain Underpants
- Lunch Lady
- Vordack

GREAT READS

This is What Happy Looks Like by Jennifer E. Smith

When teenage movie star Graham Larkin accidentally sends small town girl Ellie O'Neill an email about his pet pig, the two seventeen-year-olds strike up a witty and unforgettable correspondence, discussing everything under the sun, except for their names or backgrounds.

Then Graham finds out that Ellie's Maine hometown is the perfect location for his latest film, and he decides to take their relationship from online to in-person. But can a star as famous as Graham really start a relationship with an ordinary girl like Ellie? And why does Ellie want to avoid the media's spotlight at all costs?

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."

Island: a story of the Galapagos by Jason Chin

Charles Darwin first visited the Galápagos Islands almost 200 years ago, only to discover a land filled with plants and animals that could not be found anywhere else on earth. How did they come to inhabit the island? How long will they remain? Thoroughly researched and filled with intricate and beautiful paintings, this extraordinary book by Award-winning author and artist Jason Chin is an epic saga of the life of an island—born of fire, rising to greatness, its decline, and finally the emergence of life on new islands.

Drama by Raina Telgemeier

Callie loves theater. And while she would totally try out for her middle school's production of *Moon Over Mississippi*, she can't really sing. Instead she's the set designer for the drama department stage crew, and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a middle-school budget. But how can she, when she doesn't know much about carpentry, ticket sales are down, and the crew members are having trouble working together? Not to

mention the onstage AND offstage drama that occurs once the actors are chosen. And when two cute brothers enter the picture, things get even crazier!

Curses Foiled Again by Jane Yolen

Aliera Carstairs is back. This time she's got her cousin—and best friend—Caroline in tow, and the stakes are higher than ever. The realm of Seelie, the fairy kingdom of which Aliera is the hereditary defender, is under attack, and only Aliera and Caroline can set things right. Caroline, fragile and wheelchair-bound, may seem like more of a liability than an asset, but Aliera knows there's more to her quiet cousin than meets the eye. *Curses! Foiled Again*, a follow up to graphic novel *Foiled!* is Jane Yolen at her best, reunited with her partner in crime, the fabulously talented illustrator Mike Cavallaro.

Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi

In America's Gulf Coast region, where grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts, Nailer, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota—and hopefully live to see another day. But when, by luck or chance, he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: Strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life. In this powerful novel, award-winning author Paolo Bacigalupi delivers a thrilling, fast-paced adventure set in a vivid and raw, uncertain future.

News from you/you name it

Joyce Laiosa announced her retirement this coming November.

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

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

Next meetings: March 7 (SRP Planning Workshop at Schenectady Public Library), April 12, May 6 Workshop, June 14

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