

## **Youth Services Advisory Council**

April 11, 2014

Upper Hudson Library System

Book Review 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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

No Teen Discussion was held

Attendees: Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS, Judith Wines ALTM, Jen Duvelius EGRN, Terry Volpe MEND, Cathy Brenner BETH, Mary Beth Earley APLM, Ann-Marie Helldorfer COLN, Chris Saxe COLN, Gail Brown VOOR, Lee Ackerman-Sawyer WSTR, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Kathy Stempel BERN, Carol Roberts TROY, Mindy Fowler SNLK, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Sharon Hodges PTRB, Christian Collins GRAF.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Welcome and introductions**

#### **UHLS Updates:**

Family Literacy Grant Libraries-you should have received all the the books for this grant: How Do Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague and Boy, Were We Wrong by Kathleen V. Kudlinski.

There is a Tween/Teen Workshop on April 24, 2014 at Schenectady County Public Library, 99 Clinton Street from 9:00 am to 11:30. Please see flyer on the UHLS website for more information. The presenter will be Terrie Gifford.

UHLS has acquired new professional books. The list is on the UHLS website, under Services, Professional Collections.

Articles that Mary selected that would be of interest to the Youth Service group were passed around. Attendees selected the method of receiving them, email or paper copies.

The IPADs for Storytime are not finished yet. They will be ready for test driving at the YSAC meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The May 9, 2014 YSAC meeting will be held at at Albany Public Library Main. We will offer Tech Stations – Squishy Circuits, MaKey MaKey and others that APL has - to give you some ideas for programing. For carpooling to attend the meeting and (optionally) small library concerns discussion group at 9:00: Mary will leave UHLS offices at 8:40. Diane will be leaving at 9:40, if anyone would like to car pool. One car will return shortly after noon, and one shortly after 1:00 (if the large library concerns discussion group has enough people interested to take place). Alternatively, find parking in the library lot or on Eagle Street (metered; use credit card), the one-way street that goes in back of the library.

Our own Berne Public Library has placed as a finalist in the NYS Teen Video Challenge. The video, made by Berne teens and starring Berne teens, is clever and funny and clearly the best! (No bias here . . .) **Berne Spark a Reaction** (Berne Public Library): <http://youtu.be/w7rVUYgL7iU>

UHLS is close to ready on a joint program calendar on which all interested libraries could list their youth services programs. Judith ALTM, Mindy SNLK, Anne Marie COLN, and Cathy BETH will be experimenting to see how it works.

New ILS: the Board has directed Tim Burke to begin negotiations to purchase the iii system. It's too early yet to have an indication on implementation time frame.

### **Technology Tuneup**

Mary gave a demonstration of Vine (6-second looping videos) and shared some ideas for library usage. You can make instructional videos, use it to show art work your patrons have made, video a selection of books (big books), toys, provide snippets of programs you have done (be careful of privacy issues). <https://vine.co/>

### **Everyday Advocacy: what does it mean for us?**

<http://www.ala.org/everyday-advocacy/engage>

Mary gave an overview of the website and a discussion ensued on when we advocate:  
Following up on the teen services document brought to the Directors Association meeting.  
When we make fund raising calls.  
When we apply for grants.  
When a reporter calls.  
Putting articles in local newspapers.

### **Serving customers with disabilities/being inclusive**

The group discussed service dogs – different types, how to welcome service animals, how to explain to kids why there is a dog in the library.

### **Bookflashes**

Mary gave a brief description of the books on the highlights of the March review list.

### **Difficult Book Discussion for June 13, 2014 meeting**

Grave Mercy by Robin LaFevers was chosen as the title to be read and discussed.

### **Great Reads**

**Does a bear wear boots?: think about what everyone wears by Harriet Ziefert ; illustrations by Emily Bolam.**

ISBN: 9781609054243

"This title in the Think About... series shows that while every animal needs things to protect it from the elements, only people can produce and choose to wear different kinds of clothing"-- Provided by publisher.

**The lion who stole my arm by Nicola Davies ; with illustrations by Annabel Wright.**

ISBN: 9780763666200

When his ambition to become a great hunter like his father is crushed by a lion attack that causes him to lose an arm, young Pedru is overcome by a desire to kill the lion that mauled him but questions his resolve when an opportunity arises.

**The 26-story treehouse by Andy Griffiths ; illustrated by Terry Denton.**

ISBN: 9781250026910

Andy and Terry live in a 26-story treehouse. (It used to be 13 stories, but they've expanded.) It has a bumper car rink, a skate ramp, an antigravity chamber, an ice cream parlor with 78 flavors, and the Maze of Doom—a maze so complicated that nobody who has gone in has ever come out again. Well, not yet, anyway. This time, the two friends have a whole week to finish their next book, and Andy even knows what it should be about—the story of how he and Terry first met. But, life is NEVER boring in the treehouse, and emergency shark operations, giant storms, and wooden pirate heads are just the beginning....

**In the shadow of blackbirds by Cat Winters.**

ISBN: 9781419705304

In San Diego in 1918, as deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to séances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.

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

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

**Next meetings April 24 (Tween/Teen Workshop) May 9 at APLM, June 13**

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