

Youth Services Advisory Council

June 13, 2014

Upper Hudson Library System
Book Review 9:00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon meeting
Teen Discussion 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Attendees: Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS, Judith Wines ALTM, Molly Chat EGRN, Elise Harms EGRN, Aaron Norton EGRN, Terry Volpe MEND, Le Ricci APLH, Lisa Neuman APLM, Lee Ackerman-Sawyer WSTR, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Kathy Stempel BERN, Carol Roberts TROY, Mindy Fowler SNLK, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Sharon Hodges PTRB, Carol Gaillard HOOF, Beith Rienti GUIL.

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions

UHLS Updates:

- The Brueggers coupons will be in delivery next week.
- August 28, 2014 is the GLBTQ Workshop at Guilderland Public Library. It is a full day workshop with two speakers in the morning and book discussion and booktalking in the afternoon. For those who volunteer to booktalk, title choices will be provided. You'll pick from the list and booktalk that book.
- Question: would anyone be interested in attending a workshop at the Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery, if MVLS and UHLS held one? Answer: yes, especially if the workshop topic related to visual literacy or art in some way.
- Save the date: there will be a Storytime Skills Workshop on October 2, 2014. Location to be announced.
- Reminder of the older kits that are available for loan: Chocolate Kit, Collage Kit, Gargoyle Kit, Stained Glass Kit, Badge A Minit Kit, and Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library2 Kit. The first four are program kits. Reserve by viewing calendar on the YS blog (<http://blogs.uhls.org/youthservices/>) to see when they are available, and then emailing yskit@uhls.lib.ny.us.
- The Youth Services combined program calendar is up and running. You can find it at: <http://events-ys.uhls.org:8080/cal/main/showMain.rdo> News release going out end of next week; please participate! Contact Mary to get a login and directions.
- Mary has requested a Kids PAC & Teens PAC in the new ILS system. That's still under negotiation, as is the entire ILS package.

- Read It Forward, a collaborative project with libraries and UHLS is under way. The book “The Paladin Prophecy” by Mark Frost was distributed to participating libraries. Most books have been distributed to interested readers.

Difficult Book Discussion

Our annual “difficult book” discussion: Grave Mercy by Robin LaFevers. Mary asked for suggestions of titles for the next difficult book discussion.

Bookflashes

Mary provided quick booktalks of the best books on the review list.

Diversity in Books

The group discussed the issue of diversity in books for youth, in our collections, and in our communities.

Dia

Mary highlighted the initiative Dia - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day). Dia is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration, a national initiative of ALSC, emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. The group viewed the extensive website resources at <http://dia.ala.org/> and was encouraged to plan a celebration for next April.

Technology Tuneup

Participants brushed up on their tech skills with a lightning-speed TED talk:
http://www.ted.com/talks/david_pogue_10_top_time_saving_tech_tips

SRP sharing: what’s risky, challenging, and exciting coming for you in your library summer?

Among the ideas shared:

Maker Space by Appointment – connecting experts to kids and teens who are interested
Mad Scientist Party
SUNY Robotics Workshop
Zombie movie made by teens

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

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

Next meeting: September 12, October 2 (Storytime Skills Workshop),

November 14, December 12.

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