

Youth Services Advisory Council

September 12, 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, Cathy Brenner BETH, Terry Volpe MEND, 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, Beth Bomba COLN, Elissa Valente COLN, Bethany Koehn GUIL, Kristine Schultz APLD, Mary Beth Early APLM, Debbie Sternklar VOOR, Mary Beth Mulligan ALTM, Tracy Clague NASS

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions

UHLS Updates

- Summer Reading Program statistics are due today. Please fill out the Survey Monkey form as soon as possible.
- The Youth Services Calendar on the UHLS website is a huge success. Thank you to everyone that participated in it.
- The Read it Forward was a great success. The comments were very positive in Survey Monkey.
- Information on ProPel Project, based on statewide Ready to Read at New York Libraries initiative, shared.
- Migration to new ILS. The training will begin in October. It will go live in late February. We will take a look at the Kids Catalog.

Technology Tuneup

Teen Read Week is October 12-18. There is Information on <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>. The theme is Turn Dreams into Reality @ your library.

Teens can download a Teen book finder app from YALSA.

Albany Public Library's My Card

Mary Beth Earley gave a presentation explaining Albany Public Library's new My Card for children. PDF explaining the My Card found here:

<http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/documents/mycard.pdf>

LEGO Wedo sets in programming

Cathy Brenner from Bethlehem Public Library gave a presentation of the LEGO Wedo sets that she uses in programming. It is an education set using Robotics and programming for Grades 2-5.

More information can be found here: <https://education.lego.com/en-us/lesi/elementary/wedo>

Bookflashes

Mary booktalked the Best of the Review copies from the Review list this month.

Discussion: programming & food allergies

There was a group discussion on serving food at programs. Most libraries have their own set of rules when food is served at library programs; from not serving food at all to asking on registration forms if there are any food allergies they should know about.

Summer Reading Program sharing to benefit others:

COLN thought the theme was great, a lot you can do with it. They had very successful programs and attendance. Teen participants wrote reviews of YA books and they were put on Colonie TV.

Westerlo held free standing programs. Some community members gave programs. They ended 2014 Summer Reading Program by building your own root beer floats & ice cream sundaes!

VOOR Light Trick Photography *

Advertised this program as "Learn how to paint with light, and take a photo your artwork with your cell phone or our iPad. We'll gather all of the photos to make a gallery show."

GUIL-lots of museum passes went out. Teen Arm Knitting workshops

Great Reads:

These Broken Stars by Amie Kaufman

"Two star-crossed lovers must fight for survival when they crash land on a seemingly uninhabited planet."

One Dead Spy: the life, times, and last words of Nathan Hale America's most famous spy by Nathan Hale

The author's historical namesake, was America's first spy, a Revolutionary War hero who famously said 'I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country' before being hanged by the British. In the Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series, author Nathan Hale channels his

namesake to present history's roughest, toughest, and craziest stories in the graphic novel format.

Kate the great...except when she's not by Suzy Becker

Fifth-grader Kate faces a challenge when her mother asks her to be especially nice to Nora, a classmate and fellow flute player who is sometimes mean.

Lily the unicorn by Dallas Clayton

Lily the unicorn teaches her new pal, Roger the penguin, that it's fun to try new things.

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

In a semi-autobiographical graphic novel, Raina's disappointing bond with a cranky, independent younger sister is further challenged by the arrival of a baby brother and an estrangement in their parents' marriage.

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

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

**Next meeting: October 2 (Storytime Skills Workshop), November 14,
December 12, January 9, February 12 (SRP workshop; snow date is February 13),
March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12**

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