

## **Youth Services Advisory Council**

November 14, 2014

Upper Hudson Library System

Small library concerns discussion group 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

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

Large library concerns discussion group 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Program software webinar 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS, Debbie Sternklar VOOR, Carol Gaillard HOOFF, Kristina Ronald GUIL, Terry Volpe MEND, Mindy Fowler SNLK, Jen Duvelius EGRN, Carol Roberts TROY, Beth Bomba COLN, Ann-Marie Helldorfer COLN, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Lee Ackerman-Sawyer WSTR.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Welcome and introductions**

#### **UHLS Updates:**

##### **Summer Reading Program**

- Today is the deadline for the Summer Reading Program materials order!
- In delivery you will be receiving another CSLP catalog to share with a school of your choice.
- The 2015 SRP Teen Video Challenge entry Deadline is February 25, 2015. For more information and entry form, visit: [www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)
- SRP numbers update: 1.9 million. At UHLS the number of programs was up 5%, while attendance was up 15%. UHLS total program attendance surpassed 40,000 this summer. Five years ago it had not yet reached 30,000. In contrast, registration for children and teens was down. Children's reading was up negligibly, while teens' reading was down by 46%. What could help with children and teen registration? Brief discussion ensued.
- Uncommon Approaches to the Common Core conference being held again by the State August 11-12 2015. Presenters will be sought, so if you're doing good work with schools and want to share, watch for the call for presentations.

##### **Joint program calendar PR bookmark**

It was decided that UHLS will make 100 copies of this bookmark for each library that is participating in the Joint Program calendar. UHLS will send the pdf of this bookmark to each library to make their own copies when more are needed.

##### **ProPEL**

WSTR, RCSC, APL, the three Prototype Project on Early Literacy (ProPEL) libraries, have begun. You will see updates periodically on youthserv email list and the YS blog about things that are helpful.

### **Read It Forward**

The Paladin Prophecy by Mark Frost was this first year's book. It was a learning year: social media didn't help at all, yet in the survey (which 18 teens answered) one teen mentioned the good marketing. Reported teen interest varied from library to library. There is enough interest from participating and other libraries to do this again, so there will be a meeting in December for next year's RIF. (Watch for an email on youthserv.)

### **Little d Award**

UHLS has been a partner in this [local award](#) for a humorous children's book for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders for a number of years. As UHLS looked at its commitments, evaluating this partnership made us realize that, since it's mainly played out in Albany, APL would be a stronger partner with more to gain. So Albany Public Library is now the library organization partnering in the award, rather than UHLS.

### **Caldecott-Newbery meeting plan**

Rather than doing mock award discussions as in previous years, this year we will make our April meeting a discussion of the award winners and honor books, as well as what you thought should have won. We will meet April 10<sup>th</sup> at either Guilderland Public Library or William K. Sanford Town Library to discuss the winner of the awards [Update: we'll be at Guilderland]. MVLS people will also be invited. More information to come after the awards are announced in early February.

### **Upcoming meeting topics**

Mary shared plans for focusing one upcoming meeting on disability awareness and one on collection management, and asked for ideas as to what topics would be most useful. Mentioned for disability awareness: hidden disabilities, font for dyslexia, finding Braille books to buy, ADA amendments, sensory storytime demo, NYS resources (like Talking Books), assistive technology covered at NYLA program, TRADE centers (swaps for assistive technology). Mentioned for collection management: online databases for kids and teens (Career Cruising at VOOR), media trends, what to purchase to help with new Common Core Standards, app advisory and selection for use in programs, the need for the library to have/loan iPads.

### **Library related laws to know about**

Handout: July 2013 Law; Distribution of Library Card Information to Students (information appended)

Handout: 2009 Law; [Guidance on Locally required summer reading assignments](#)

### **Kids Catalog**

We have a [Kids Catalog](http://sierra.uhls.org:90/search) (<http://sierra.uhls.org:90/search>) coming with our new ILS, and some opportunity to customize it. One thing to know: currently, searches cannot be limited by location – a huge lack of functionality. Mary is working with Joe Thornton to identify the best way to leverage support to persuade III to do that programming.

Mary is convening a task force to work on the customization that is possible with her. Deadline for expressing interest in being on the task force is Monday. Expected work: reviewing other

versions of this Kids Cat, collaborating to determine colors, design of page, photos, etc. Functionality will be less customizable, but there may be a few decisions.

## **Migration update, Q & A**

There was a brief update about the Sierra migration with Joe Thornton.

## **Take Your Child to the Library Day**

Discussion about this day that you can plan events around and market heavily. Many libraries did so with good success last year. The 2015 date is Saturday, February 7. More information on the NYLA website (under Advocacy) and elsewhere.

## **A Book on Every Bed**

An idea for encouraging reading in your community: every child wakes up on Christmas morning (or another winter holiday) to find a gift-wrapped book on their bed! Promote the idea paired with lists of suggested gift books for different ages. Maybe you can even make a deal with a local bookstore that the library gets a cut of the sales of books families purchase for this project! <http://www.familyreading.org/bookOnEveryBed.htm>

## **Plan now for Dia!**

Dia-<http://dia.ala.org/>-a national initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds, is typically celebrated on April 30. UHLS libraries are encouraged to use the theme and materials and celebrate “Children’s Day, Book Day” (Dia) in their own communities. Carol Roberts of Troy Public Library has received a grant for this, and will share more at the March meeting learned from the training she attends.

## **Ideas for new UHLS tech YS resources**

Mary and attendees discussed possibilities. Mary asked about re-energizing DDR and Wii with new games, but there was no interest. Possible new tech tools to consider:

- Little Bits: <http://littlebits.cc/about>
- Snap Circuits: <http://www.snapcircuits.net/>
- Leap Motion: <https://www.leapmotion.com/>

## **CE resource: Web Junction**

Attendees received a handout on the now-free to NY libraries self-directed CE provider and a quick look at the website: <http://learn.webjunction.org/>

## **How do you keep up?**

The group discussed ways of working at keeping current. Shared:

YSAC meetings ☺

Newsletters from Eric Carle Museum, MySci, CMOST, CDCCCC

Barnes and Noble web site to see what they’re promoting, as this drives demand to some extent

Publishers emails

Books of Wonder (bookstore) newsletter

Entertainment Weekly for teen stars  
Rolling Stone for top music

### **Great Reads/Listens/Views shared by attendees:**

#### Ironside by Holly Black

ISBN: 9780689868207

As the possessor of Roiben's true name, sixteen-year-old Kaye returns to Faeryland to try and complete a nearly-impossible quest that will release him from the spell of the faery queen who holds him in thrall.

#### Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny by John Himmelman

ISBN: 9780805099706

Although she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anyone else at school, Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny, never hurts another creature--unless she has to.

#### I am a Witches Cat by Harriet Muncaster

ISBN: 9780062229144

A "special witch's cat" is certain her mother is a witch because she keeps special potions in the bathroom, grows magical herbs in her garden, and whirls her broomstick around the room once a week.

#### Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson

ISBN: 9780670012091

"Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a 'normal' life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives."-

#### Young World by Chris Weitz

ISBN: 9780316226295

Jefferson, with his childhood friend Donna, leads a tribe of teenagers in New York City on a dangerous quest to find an antidote for a mysterious illness that wiped out all adults and children.

#### Revolution by Deborah Wiles

ISBN: 0545106079

It's 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and Sunny's town is being invaded by people from up north who are coming to help people register to vote. Her personal life isn't much better, as a new stepmother, brother, and sister are crowding into her life, giving her little room to breathe.

#### One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia

ISBN: 0060760885

In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata

ISBN: 9781416918820

Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan

ISBN: 9780803738553

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

**Next meetings: December 12, January 9, February 12 (SRP workshop; snow date February 13) March 13, April 10 (GUIL), May 8, June 12.**

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## **Appendix**

### **Distribution of Library Card Applications & Materials Law: SB2018A**

#### What must happen

Upon request of the director of a public library within the school district boundaries, school districts are required to:

- Distribute informational materials regarding the library, instructions on how to get a library card, application for a library card
- Distribute this information to all students annually as they start kindergarten, grades 6 and grades 9. Practically speaking, this means in the fall.
- Distribute this information to all new students enrolling in the school
- Make the information available in the school library at all times

#### What should happen

The director sets up a meeting with the principal and they agree on a timeline and process.

#### What can happen

The school and library agree on an alternate set of grades, rather than K, 6, and 9, to receive materials.

The school and library agree on more than grades k, 6, and 9 receive materials. If the public library can afford the printing, why not provide information to more or even all grades?

What won't happen

Any of this, if the director doesn't specifically ask and arrange for it to happen.

The school pays anything out-of-pocket to make this happen.

Law: <http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/S2018A-2013>