

## **Youth Services Advisory Council**

December 12, 2014

Upper Hudson Library System

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

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

Book Review & Teen Discussion 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS, Debbie Sternklar VOOR, Carol Gaillard HOOFF, Kristina Ronald GUIL, Terry Volpe MEND, Molly Chatt EGRN, Ann-Marie Helldorfer COLN, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Lee Ackerman-Sawyer WSTR, Kathy Stempel BERN, Chris Saxe COLN, Diane Burger Troy, Mary Beth Earley APLM, Lee Ricci APLB, Kristine Schultz APLD, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Christian Collins GRAF, Natalie McDonough BETH.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Welcome and introductions**

#### **UHLS Updates**

- January 9, 2015 Youth Service meeting will be on inclusiveness. Recommended reading; Girls Like Us by Gail Giles.
- The SRP Workshop is on Thursday, February 12, 2015, snow date Friday, February 13, 2015. It is at Schenectady County Public Library. The Summer Reading Program 2015 materials are in and being held at UHLS until January 2015.
- A task force is working on the Kids Catalog in Sierra
- UHLS has a new kit the Very Ready Reading Program. Find all UHLS kits on the UHLW website under Services – Youth and Family Services – UHLS Resources.

#### **Bookflashes**

Mary did a presentation on the best of the review copies.

Handout: Highlights of the Upper Hudson Youth Review List 12-12-14.

#### **What to buy to support Common Core**

Refer to [http://www.uhls.org/workshops\\_2013.asp](http://www.uhls.org/workshops_2013.asp) for handouts from the Common Core and Storytime Skills workshop held on October 24, 2013.

A few comments: teachers have lists with old books withdrawn from collections. Some libraries have Common Core books in the adult section explaining what it is.

Handout: Authentic Texts for Common Core Instruction and Public Libraries and the Common Core State Standards (from workshop; see link above).

#### **Discussion of Youth Service reference collections**

Most libraries have withdrawn the bulk of the YS reference collection due to lack of use.

Some YS reference books were put in circulation. World Book is still very used in some libraries but not all.

## **Online databases for kids and teens**

Demonstration of the Career Cruising database by Debbie Sternklar of VOOR.

A handout of databases was distributed. UHLS will arrange a trial if two or more libraries are interested. Survey on database trials to come.

## **App advisory and selection for use in programs**

Handout: All About Apps. Discussion.

## **Discussion of ebooks for kids and teens**

Who is ordering? What devices are being borrowed?

Some – not all – YS staff are ordering the YS ebooks. Ebooks not tremendously used in the kid, teen world. When devices are loaned with ebooks on them, then more use.

## **Media Trends**

Handout: Media Trends. Discussion.

## **Great Read:**

[Farmer and the Clown by Marla Frazee](#)

ISBN: 9781442497443

Whimsical and touching images tell the story of an unexpected friendship and the revelations it inspires in this moving, wordless picture book from two-time Caldecott Honor medalist Marla Frazee. A baby clown is separated from his family when he accidentally bounces off their circus train and lands in a lonely farmer's vast, empty field. The farmer reluctantly rescues the little clown, and over the course of one day together, the two of them make some surprising discoveries about themselves—and about life!

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

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

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

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