

YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 11, 2015

Upper Hudson Library System

Book Review 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Meeting 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Teen Discussion Group 12:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Terry Volpe MEND, Molly Chatt EGRN, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Carol Roberts TROY, Lee Ricci APLB, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Lee Ackerman-Sawyer WSTR, Judy Petrosillo BERN, Chris McGinty BETH, Tor Loney APLM, Nora Burrows, APLM, Mia Orobona CAST, Anne Cataldo EGRN, Debbie Sternklar Voor, Bethany Koehn GUIL Sharon Hodges PTRB, Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS

AGENDA

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

UHLS UPDATES

- Summer Reading program statistics are due today. They are in Survey Monkey. Please complete them if you have not done so already.
- There are Applebee coupons left, please take some today. They will be recycled after this meeting.
- RIF follow up. There were 168 books given out. Seventeen survey takers and positive feedback from teens were in the backs of the books and on the survey. A meeting will be held in November to discuss the RIF book for the next year. Any interested libraries that would like to participate, please contact Mary.
- Welcome to our new colleague, Deanna DiCarlo, our Manager, Adult and Outreach Services.
- Mary visited 10 Summer Reading Programs. Please ask her for help if needed.
- ProPEL update. Mary has finished ELCAA work with APL, RCSC & WSTR. This will carry forward probably in October.
- Kids Catalog—YA titles do not show up in the Kids Catalog at UHLS request.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1000 Books before Kindergarten is a great program that some libraries have adopted for their communities. Several UHLS libraries have expressed interest in doing this program. A good next step seems to be a meeting where we brainstorm ways the program might be implemented and ways UHLS might help – either through supporting or making it a collaborative program. Mary will send out a Doodle poll to set up a meeting to discuss.

TECHNOLOGY TUNE-UP

Mary gave a brief presentation on: Bookopolis and ABC Mouse.

<https://bookopolis.com>

<https://www.abcmouse.com/>

Connect in-library and through mobile devices connected to the library network. You can have Guest Accounts (no posting, displaying or saving) or Personal Library Account. (After parent responds to an email). You can save the children's music, artwork and progress.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REVIEW LISTS

Mary gave a presentation of the highlights of the Review List.

BEST PRACTICES INDIVIDUAL BRAINSTORMING

The group brainstormed best practices from their libraries that might be forwarded to writer of Public Libraries' magazine column on best practices.

SRP ASSEMBLY COLLABORATION

The group brainstormed ways to collaborate with our assembly and legislature members, following a partnership with Assemblyman John McDonald this summer.

HIGHLIGHTS AND BEST LEARNING OF THE SUMMER

Summer Reading Program highlights include: Maker spaces for younger tweens. A video made and posted on the web site. Hero and Scientist programs. A dinosaur dig and marshmallow catapult. Super Hero camp where the props made were used in 3 different programs at different branches. Learned the communication between branches is very useful. Daryl Baldwin gave a spectacular program with balloons. A group sewed heart pillows for Albany Medical center. Had a RAD training. Unstructured programs were well attended. LEGO party, Super Hero party, and a balloon straw blowing program. An Ice cream social compliments of Stewarts Shops on registration day at which we raffled off a T-Shirt. We had Maker Monday, Teen Tuesday/Tales Tuesday, Wonder Wednesday, Thursday-Tales, Friday-films from Weston Woods and family movies at 3:00. Did a video promotion for the SRP. Ran a Stuffed Animal Camp with Teen volunteers. Made a scarecrow for the Altamont Fair. Many libraries had Home Town Heroes come and do a program. There were great bulletin boards. Good interaction with some school libraries. Puppet People program. And a painting program that didn't work out so well. The attendees had their pictures taken with fire hats on. Used Teen volunteers, which brought more tens to the library. Held events on the same day every week. Had a graphic novel class with Barbara Slate which was well attended. Held a Comic Jam with local artist Ira Marcks. Had Teen Tech time. Had a teen lock-in program. 3D printer demonstration.

NEWS FROM YOU

Teen Reader Con will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the University of Albany, the downtown campus on 135 Western Ave, Albany 9:00-4:00 pm.

BETH, Chris McGinty: We purchased some Playaway Launch Pads. The Launch Pads have a very delicate screen and most of them have cracked. We were going to return them. We were given

the opportunity to replace the single tempered glass Launchpads in our collection with the double tempered glass Launchpads that Findaway is currently making. Since these items are very popular with our youth, we decided to give the swap a try. If your library was interested in purchasing some Launchpads and are interested in how the new ones are working out at Bethlehem, please let me know and I will contact you after they have circulated a bit here. I'm sure the double tempered glass will solve the issue we were having.

GREAT READS

This Raging Light by Estelle Laure

(Synopses from Good Reads)

Her dad went crazy. Her mom left town. She has bills to pay and a little sister to look after. Now is not the time for level-headed seventeen-year-old Lucille to fall in love. But love—messy, inconvenient love—is what she's about to experience when she falls for Digby Jones, her best friend's brother. With blazing longing that builds to a fever pitch, Estelle Laure's soulful debut will keep readers hooked and hoping until the very last page.

Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms by Katherine Rundell

(Synopses from Good Reads)

Even a life on the untamed plains of Africa can't prepare Wilhelmina for the wilds of an English boarding school." Wilhelmina Silver's world is golden. Living half-wild on an African farm with her horse, her monkey, and her best friend, every day is beautiful. But when her home is sold and Will is sent away to boarding school in England, the world becomes impossibly difficult. Lions and hyenas are nothing compared to packs of vicious schoolgirls. Where can a girl run to in London? And will she have the courage to survive?

Nimonia by Noelle Stevenson

(Synopses from School Library Journal)

This celebrated webcomic, a mash-up of medieval culture with modern science and technology, is now available in print. Lord Ballister Blackheart, a knight, has assumed the role of a supervillain in order to expose the nefarious schemes of the kingdom's front organization, The Institute of Law Enforcement. The kingdom's champion is Lord Blackheart's nemesis and former best friend, Sir Ambrose Goldenloin. Blackheart's prickly relationship with Goldenloin further explores the limits of their friendship. Enter the title character, a brash young shapeshifter who doggedly follows Ballister until he agrees to take her on as a sidekick. Nimona's skills as a shapeshifter up the ante in the ongoing rivalry between Ambrose and Ballister. Despite her anger management issues, the teen becomes Ballister's invaluable ally and together they form an alliance of mutual trust and dependence. Action scenes dominate as Nimona shifts with Hulk-like ferocity from frightful creatures such as a fire-breathing dragon to a docile cat or a timid child. Dialogue is fresh and witty with an abundance of clever lines. A complementary color palette of Blackheart's muddy browns contrasts with Goldenloin's fresh transparent yellow-greens. Both color schemes highlight Nimona's intense reds. Readers will note subtle visual differences in webcomic images. The print edition includes an exclusive epilogue not available online. At its core, Nimona is a story of rescue. Each of the main characters rescue allies, friendships, the Kingdom, and ultimately, themselves.

Lumber Janes by Grace Ellis and Noelle Stevenson

(Synopses from Goodreads)

At Miss Qiunzilla Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's camp for hard-core lady-types, things are not what they seem. Three-eyed foxes. Secret caves. Anagrams. Luckily, Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley are five rad, butt-kicking best pals determined to have an awesome summer together... And they're not gonna let a magical quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! The mystery keeps getting bigger, and it all begins here.

The Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan

(Synopses from Barnes and Noble)

Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, he's tracked down by a man he's never met--a man his mother claimed was dangerous. The man tells him an impossible secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. The Viking myths are true. The gods of Asgard are preparing for war. Trolls, giants, and worse monsters are stirring for doomsday. To prevent Ragnarok, Magnus must search the Nine Worlds for a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. When an attack by fire giants forces him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents, Magnus makes a fatal decision. Sometimes, the only way to start a new life is to die...

The world's foremost expert in bringing ancient stories to life for modern young readers through fast-paced, hilarious, and high-stakes adventure quests turns to Norse mythology for the first time.

The Fall by James Preller

(Synopses from School Library Journal)

A compelling look at the aftermath of bullying, from the bully's perspective. Sam Proctor thought it was funny the first time he posted a hateful comment on Morgan Mallen's social media page. It was just a game, after all, and superpopular Athena Luiken said it was his turn to play. Even after Sam befriends Morgan and starts hanging with her outside of school, he continues to post anonymous trash on her page. When Morgan jumps off of a water tower and kills herself, Sam is forced to confront his actions and wonder if a bully can ever truly be forgiven. Told through journal entries, Preller's latest novel expertly captures the protagonist's voice, complete with all of its sarcasm, indifference, and, at the same time, genuine remorse. Readers will relate to the teen, who's less a bully than an average guy who gives in to peer pressure and inaction. This fast-paced story will spark discussion on cyberbullying, depression, and how to deal with tragic events. However, the ending introduces an element of magical realism that dampens the impact of an otherwise persuasive realistic tale

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

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

Next meetings:

- October 1 (Storytime Skills/early literacy training – all day at Schenectady)
- November 13 UHLS (discussion group before/after meeting)
- December 3 (Librarian MakerDay at APL – all day)

- January 8 UHLS (book review before/after meeting; teen services discussion after meeting)
- February 4 (SR workshop, COLN; snow date February 5)
- March 11 UHLS (youth book award meeting)
- April 8 Attend the NYLA YS Section Spring Conference – it's in Albany!
- May 13 UHLS (book review before/after meeting; teen services discussion after meeting)
- June 10 UHLS (discussion group before/after meeting)

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Quote of the day:

“ . . . I have long felt that we're in the curiosity business. Sure, we answer questions and procure and deliver information. But, underneath all of that, we inspire imagination. In our collections and programs and services, in the direct contact we have with our young customers, and in the room between the books and the stories and the information exchanges, we carve out little spaces where curiosity can grow.

And boy do we need curiosity. From earthquakes to oil leaks, the world of today offers up issues and problems whose solutions demand cooperation and collaboration, openness and objectivity. Those qualities, in turn, owe their understanding to a receptive attitude. Inquisitiveness has never been more critical to our young people, and to our planet.”

- Thom Barthelmess, ALSCConnect June 2010