

Youth Services Advisory Council

January 8, 2016

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: Mary Fellows UHLS, Diane Riganti UHLS, Carol Gaillard HOOF, Mia Orobona CAST, Tracey Clague NASS, Lee Ackerman Sawyer WSTR, Rose Stuart EGRN, Beth Bomba COLN, Lee Ricci APLB, Mary Beth Earley APLM, Kate Seidlinger TROL, Sharon Hodges PTRB, Carol Roberts TROY, Jane Chirgwin RENS, Mindy Fowler SNLK, Gail Brown VOOR, Barbara Goetschius RCSC

UHLS Updates

- The newest addition to the UHLS staff is Anne Pitlyk. She will be doing rotating collections and working with Deanna DiCarlo in Adult services.
- The Summer Planning Workshop is on Thursday, February 4, 2016. Snow date 2-5-16. It is at COLN. Registration deadline is 1-28-16.
- The Summer Reading materials will be in the delivery late next week.
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten supplies will be ordered soon.
- RIF book meeting is Tuesday, January 19 from 11:30-1:00. Please feel free to bring your lunch. We will be choosing the RIF titles.
- Bookmarks for the shared YS calendar. How can we advertise this more? Ideas: use the bookmark design as a banner and ask libraries to put it on their Facebook page. Link the site to flyers. Put it on the Library Hopper pass when that project comes to fruition!
- The March 11th YSAC meeting is the Youth Award Book meeting. The book awards will be announced Monday, January 11, 2016. A signup sheet went around so people could sign up to do a book discussion at the meeting. More information to come in email.
- No April YSAC meeting. The Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association Spring Conference is at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center Friday April 15, 2016 from 8:30 am – 4:15 pm. Please take this opportunity to attend!
- 1-20-16 CDLC will be holding a social gathering at Nine Pin Ciderworks in Albany from 5:00 – 7:00. All welcome!
- Mary will be gone from February 6th to March 6th. She will make arrangements for other people to contact if help is needed. An email will follow at a later date.

Kids Catalog

The kids catalog has not been very useful and all indicators are that iii can't/won't be making any changes that will allow us to search more finely. The questions is whether to leave it up, imperfect and underused as it is, or take it down. If we opt to leave it up, do we make cosmetic improvements to make it more attractive? Mary will send a survey to gather input. Stay tuned.

Leveraging community engagement in programming

- Handout—We could use your help!

A new example of a form to get the help you need in your library from your community members. Benefits: offering more programming at low cost, strengthening community and library ties. See follow-up email sent to youthserv on 1/19/16.

You could attach this handout to your library website, leave it on the circulation desk, and put the flyer out next to your book sale items. After a patron fills out the form, they should meet with the director or other staff member to go through an interview process. Have a list of questions for the interview process. Judith Wines RCSC has some good pointers for this.

Teen experience in the library

Highlights from recent articles:

- Let the teens bring in their own things and use the teen room as a place for them to gather.
- Put out a craft table. Put something on it that they could do. Have a craft table so teens can help younger patrons.
- Teen clubs: Knitting club, Kindness club, Anime club, Cyber Kids club.
- What would you like to do more of?
- Praise the teens for helping.
- Be yourself, you can reinvent yourself at the library. What happens outside the library stays outside.

Highlights of the Juvenile Review List

- Handout of the highlights

Trends for 2016

- Handout of Trends for 2016

Great Reads

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald (598.944 MAC)

ISBN: 9780802123411

As a child Helen Macdonald was determined to become a falconer. She learned the arcane terminology and read all the classic books, including T.H. White's tortured masterpiece, *The Goshawk*, which describes White's struggle to train a hawk as a spiritual contest. When her father dies and she is knocked sideways by grief, she becomes obsessed with the idea of training her own goshawk. She buys Mabel... on a Scottish quayside and takes her home to Cambridge. Then she fills the freezer with hawk food and unplugs the phone, ready to embark on the long, strange business of trying to train this wildest of animals.

News from You

Beth Bomba of COLN shared the great success of their kindergarten visits where they facilitate both kids and parents getting cards. Not only do kids hear about and get excited about the

library, but they and their parents get everything they need to become users. See follow-up email, sent 1/8 to youthserv.

Tracey from NASS has received money from Stewarts Shops to purchase IPADS. Any suggestions for security for these IPADS? Several offered advice.

Reminder: request Advance Rader Copies from UHLS (to keep!) at <http://horizon.uhls.lib.ny.us/cgi-bin/reports/arc.pl>

Next Meetings: March 11, April 15 YSS Conference in Albany, May 13, June 10

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