

Youth Services Advisory Council

June 10, 2016

Upper Hudson Library System

Small Library Concerns Discussion 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Meeting 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Attendees: Bethany Koehn GUIL, Mary Fellows UHLS, Rose Stuart EGRN, Barbara Goetschius RCSC, Alex Bernat APLM, Lee Ricci APLB, Christine McGinty BETH, Mia Orobona CAST, Carol Gaillard HOOF, Mindy Fowler SNLK.

BookFlix webinar: Scholastic provided a webinar on the features and creative uses of BookFlix. Attendees were asked for feedback on BookFlix, with the following responses: they find it easy to use, the content is of good quality, and it's a useful supplement to Overdrive. Members felt that the quantity of pairs is not quite there yet, and would really like an app. A question was asked about whether BookFlix records are findable in Encore, and the answer is yes.

UHLS updates

- An FYI: The State is enforcing Central Library Funds rules differently, and it appears that Central Library Funds may not be used for youth materials going forward. UHLS is arguing the point. Stay tuned.
- Kids Search customization following purchase of new "lens" to make it searchable by library: we're waiting for (and pushing for) information from iii. Once we have it, Mary will put out a call for a virtual task force to help with the customization.
- Family Literacy Grant 2016-2019: Mary walked the group through the grant opportunity for BELLS (Benchmarking Early Literacy Library Services). Deadline for libraries to commit to full participation is Friday, June 17.

"Difficult book" discussion

Participants discussed this year's title, "Exit, Pursued By A Bear" by E. K. Johnston from the perspective of its place in our collections, what teens or parents might find objectionable, how to respond to specific concerns, when/if staff would use it in programs or recommend it to teens, parents, or teachers.

Learning from STEM conference

Christine McGinty and Carol Gaillard shared their learning from a terrific conference: NASA Space Science Training - Explore Mars. This two-day training provided tools and resources for

YS librarians to develop programs for children ages 8-13. Chris will share handouts through our listserv, youthserv.

The quote of the day, applicable to Summer Reading Program!

Change your thinking about work tasks from “have to do” to “get to do.” We get to do these things because we have free minds, working bodies, and live in a society where basic needs are covered for most people.

- Paraphrase from Life is Good: How to Live with Purpose & Enjoy the Ride by Bert and John Jacobs

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

Next meetings:

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