

## UHLS | Youth Services Advisory Council

September 9, 2016

Small library concerns discussion group  
Meeting

9:00 am – 10:00 am  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Attendance:

Mary Fellows (UHLS), Diane Riganti (UHLS), Bryana Wachowicz, (GUIL), Elissa Valente (COLN), Gail Brown (VOOR), Ann-Marie Helldorfer (COLN), Christine McGinty (BETH), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Mindy Fowler (SNLK), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Sharon Hodges (PTRB), Ted Riese (MEND), Lisa Neuman (APLD), Mia Orobona (CAST), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR/RVLL), Molly Chatt (EGRN), Lee Ricci (APLB), Alex Bernat (APLM), Stephanie Anderson (APLM), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR).

### Meeting Minutes:

#### UHLS Updates

- The Children's calendar on the UHLS website will have children's and adult programs.
- Summer Reading Program statistics are due September 16, 2016. The survey link is on an 8-24-16 email from Mary.
- There are no library funds for Tumblebooks or BookFlix going forward because the State changed how the Central Library funds can be used. Mary asked if libraries wanted to do a cooperative purchase. There has been little interest.
- RIF-Mary shared some comments on the RIF yearly project. This seems a worthwhile program to continue and we'd like to see more library participation. There are only two meetings to choose a book. UHLS purchases the copies of the book and the libraries reimburse them for as many books as they want. More information to come in the fall.
- BELLS Grant (Benchmarking Early Literacy Library Services) The first training is on 10-20-16. Joyce Laiosa will be presenting. Twenty eight people have signed up. There will be a chance for more to sign up in the next two years of the grant.
- A "scary" book was shown at the meeting: the incentives catalog for our 2017 Summer Reading Program. Order forms and catalogs will be sent to libraries sometime in October.
- Schedule notes: Our November YSAC meeting will be on Thursday, November 10th due to the holiday, Veteran's Day. There is a YSAC meeting on 12-9-16. It will include "The Best of the Best" youth books featuring Sue Rokos from MVLS.
- The Public Speaking class will be held again beginning sometime in February. Look for more information later this fall.
- There will be another Beanstack training at a later date for libraries not ready to move forward right away.

## **Active Shooter Drill**

A resource book was sent around the room with a discussion following. A parent asked one of our libraries for resources on this topic to talk to her child about drills the school was holding. Library staff asked Mary, who found the resource "I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared Because I Know All About ALICE." The group discussed what we might provide when asked about this. Ideas included information on how to talk with kids after the 9/11 attacks. Participants agreed that this would be a good parenting program to have and maybe partner with the State Police. We discussed how we can help parents seeking information.

## **Summer Reading Program Discussion Highlights**

- Mini camp-held four consecutive days.
- Family Game Night
- Teen Hangout
- Giant Games
- Outdoor programs were held. (Tie Dye)
- Set up a library table at the Farmers Market

Based on discussion about the changing face of summer programming, Mary will do a "white paper" to be presented to the directors, hopefully at the DA meeting, about how books and reading tie into new ways of doing summer programming. Some libraries use the term, Summer Learning Program. Participants were invited to email Mary with some ideas of what you would like conveyed.

## **Beanstack Webinar**

Introduction of your Beanstack "sandbox" sites and a webinar with Beanstack CEO Jordan Lloyd Bookey about setting up and using Beanstack. The webinar could also have been viewed remotely. Emails to follow with information

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

Next meetings: October 14, November 10 (Thursday), December 9 (includes Best of the Best 2016 book reviews) January 13-Youth Mental Health First Aid training, February 8-SRP Planning Workshop (Feb 9 snow date), March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9

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