

## **UHLS I Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting**

**December 9, 2016**

### **Small library concerns discussion group Meeting**

**9:00 am - 9:50 am**  
**10:00 am - 12:30 pm**

#### **Attendance:**

Mary Fellows (UHLS), Diane Riganti (UHLS), Sue Rokos (MVLS) Mia Orobona (CAST), Molly Chatt (EGRN), Ann-Marie Helldorfer (COLN), Lisa Neuman (APLM) Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR/RVLL), Carol Roberts (TROY), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Mindy Fowler (SNLK), Lexi Consler (APLY), Tor Loney (APLD), Chinasa Seyse (APLH), Stephanie Peters (APLM).

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

##### **UHLS Updates**

- Beanstack: There is more helpful information about Beanstack on the UHLS web page: Services → Youth and Family Services → Beanstack.
- The materials ordered for the BELLS Grant libraries have come in and are out in delivery.
- Mary Fellows and Chris McGinty gave the training “Everyone Serves Families with Young Children” at the Bethlehem Public Library Staff Day. This training, part of the NYS Ready to Read at New York Libraries initiative, is available to libraries. BELLS libraries – all 27 of you! – have committed to hosdt this training for your staff. More information coming out soon on how to do that.
- Flipster is the new magazine interface. Following some dialogue about the need for youth titles to also be available, the e-Content Advisory Committee (eCAC) Chair told Mary that while no youth titles can be funded from central library funds, BETH is putting some money towards children’s’ magazines that will be available to the whole system.
- New UHLS Youth Services kit: There is an Early Literacy Kids Coding Kit available to borrow from UHLS. The kit comes in 2 bins with: The [KIBO](#) 10 Robot (ages 4-7), [Cubetto](#) Block Robot (ages 3+) and [Code and Go Robot Mouse Kit](#) (ages 5+). These robots teach young children about coding. The kits will be listed on our website. You can request this kit the same way we ask you to request all kits: sending an email to [yskit@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:yskit@uhls.lib.ny.us).

##### **Trends 2017**

There was a discussion and [handout](#) of the new projected Trends of 2017.

##### **Motivation**

Although time was too short to discuss it, Mary shared a [handout](#) on self-motivation.

##### **News from you/you name it**

There was discussion about lending policies for youth materials.

**Best of the Best: Youth Books 2016**

Sue Rokos from MVLS gave a presentation of the Best Books of 2016.

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

**Next meetings:** January 13 – Youth Mental Health First Aid training (requires registration),  
February 8 – SRP Planning Workshop (February 9 snow date), March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9

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**Quote of the day:**

“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.”

— **Maya Angelou**