

UHLS I Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting

March 9, 2018

Book Review

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Meeting

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Book Review and Teen Discussion Group

12:00 am - 1:00 pm

Attendance:

Mary Fellows (UHLS), Diane Riganti (UHLS), Lisa Neuman (UHLS), Hanna Ricottilli (RENS), Sara Hopkins (BRUN/GRAF) Kathy Stempel (BERN), Amy Reylea (TROY), Joelle Adler (CAST), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Ann-Marie Helldorfer COLN), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR/RVLL), Molly Chatt (EGRN), Lee Ricci (APLB), Lexi Consler Neudecker (APLD), Natalie McDonough (BETH), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC)

Meeting Minutes:

UHLS Updates:

- UHLS has purchased new STEM kits – a Green Screen kit and a Create A Chain Reaction kit. A flyer was handed out with the list of all kits and a reminder about [how to find them on our website](#) and request them.
- [Registration is now open](#) for the free G.O.A.T. Teen Librarian Meetup on April 26 at EGRN. This will (hopefully) be a tri-state meetup, so if you serve teens, you'll want to come.
- The [YSS Spring Conference](#) will be held in Syracuse on Friday, April 13. It's always a worthwhile day of training.

Youth Media Award Winners

There was a discussion held about some of the Youth Media Award winning books and how they might be used:

- Newbery: Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
- Caldecott: Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell
- Michael L. Printz Award: We Are Okay by Nina LaCour
- Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award: Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson

Further discussion about what would make the discussion of the Youth Media Award Winners more helpful took place. Idea: before the Awards, youth services staff members pick a book from a list, read it, and discuss it at the meeting.

Highlights of the review lists

Mary presented some highlights of NF books and J & YA Fiction review books. Mary cannot review 2018 picture books for the group since she is chair of the Caldecott committee this year, and confidentiality rules are strict. As an alternative, participants at book review meetings will be

encouraged to talk about a picture book from the list that they have found noteworthy or useful.

The Bill Cosby/Sherman Alexie dilemma

There was a discussion held about whether popular opinion of an author does or should impact selection, deselection or programming with their books in the real world.

Partnerships & Outreach

A discussion of successful and unsuccessful partnerships was held, including best practices and practices to avoid.

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

Next Meetings: April 26, (Teen Librarian Meetup at EGRN), May 11, June 10

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