

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

**September 14, 2018**

**Small Library Discussion Group**

**Meeting**

**Large Library Discussion**

**9:00 am - 9:40 am**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Not held**

### **Meeting handouts:**

- [Spaces- Ideas](#)
- [Dyslexia](#)
- [Tips for Serving Youth with Disabilities](#)
- [Checklist: Serving Youth with Disabilities](#)

### **Attendance:**

Mary Fellows (UHLS), Diane Custard (UHLS), Ann-Marie Helldorfer (COLN), Lisa Neuman (APLM), Lexie Consler Neudecker (APLD), Natalie McDonough (BETH), Bryana Wachowicz (GUIL), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Hannah Ricottilli (RENS/ APLM), Ted Riese (MEND), Lise Smith (HOOF), Joelle Adler (CAST/EGRN), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR/ RVLL), Molly Chatt (EGRN), Tracey Clauge (NASS), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Amy Relyea (TROY), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC)

### **Meeting Minutes:**

#### **UHLS Updates:**

- 2018 Upper Hudson Library Expedition –A discussion was held with regard to any questions about the Expedition ex: keeping statistics, where was the map stamped, what if more maps are needed, what is a spirit stick, when there are teams how are prizes given out?
- Costumes – Do you want to do them again? When is a good time? Winter break in February? A poll will be sent out asking for dates of your winter break. Then a costume (s) will be chosen.
- RIF – 19 libraries participated, Beneath by Roland Smith was the book, 268 books were handed out. There were 10 entries for the drawing. Look for a message about RIF 2019.
- October 11, 2018 Training - Thinking Outside: Linking the World of Books to Nature Through Environmental Programming at Schenectady County Public Library. Deadline for registration is 10/9/2018.
- This is the last year for the Family Literacy Grant – BELLS. The class will be 11/13/2018. You will get BELLS BUCKS to spend. This class is also for part time people, volunteers, and anyone who does storytimes.
- The Automation Advisory Committee met to discuss MYCard feedback. The committee reviewed feedback received on its initial draft proposal for eliminating barriers to youth access at UHLS member libraries.

- Discussion held on interest in a workshop on Prevention of Child Abuse, and support for families with victims of abuse. How can the library help in the area? Mary will investigate further.

### **New ideas for youth library spaces, large and small**

Mary gave a slideshow presentation of new ideas for youth library spaces. A discussion was held about what was best in the slide and suggestions of what can be done in our libraries. Color, hanging things from the ceiling, chalkboard and posters on end caps.

### **Effectively serving youth with learning differences**

A discussion was held using the handout: Assessing our practices: serving youth with disabilities.

### **Summer Reading Program reviewed:**

Mary gave a review of the new statistics that the state is collecting and asked for feedback. Many libraries had various successful summer reading programs. There was a Steam Lab, Teen Lock in Night, Laser Tag, Rock Camp complete with working volcanos, visit from the staff of the Treadwell nature Center, Mardi Gras Parade, Sock Hop, World Wildlife Fund Animal Adoption, a Snowman, pizza parties, Goosechase Scavenger hunt, a Drag Queen story hours, Tech themed programs, and many others.

### **Good reads:**

#### **The Stuff of Stars by Marion Dane Bauer**

ISBN: 9780763678838 Ages 4-8

Publishers Weekly

spare, supple verse, Newbery Honor author Bauer (Winter Dance) tells a big story—that of everything there is, how it all came to be, and how the matter that makes up the universe is the same as the matter that makes “All of us/ the stuff of stars.” The universe starts with a single speck, “invisible as thought,/ weighty as God,” before it explodes, forming stars and planets. But the planet we live on is a long way off yet, the narrator tells a beloved child: “no oceans,/ no mountains,/ no hippopotami.” Finally, Earth’s magical combination of conditions lets it turn “that starry stuff/ into mitochondria,/ jellyfish,/ spiders,” and, eventually, another speck grows into something else special: “YOU burst into the world.” How to make these abstract ideas visible? In a brilliant stroke of visual imagination, Caldecott Honor artist Holmes (Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets) uses the swirls and waves of marbled paper to represent the ebb and flow of cosmic matter. Her spreads appear to move and shift on a grand scale, while Bauer suggests that, just possibly, the power of creation and the power of love are not so different. Ages 4–8. (Sept.)

**Reminder:** request Advance Rader Copies from UHLS (to keep!) at  
<http://reports.uhls.org/cgi-bin/staff/arc.pl>

**Next meetings: October 11 “Thinking Outside” Training at Schenectady County,  
November 6 (Tuesday!) at UHLS, December 14, January 11, 2019, Summer Reading  
Program Workshop February 7 SRP (snow date February 8) March 8, April 11  
(Thursday) G.O.A.T Teen Meetup2, May 10, June 14.**

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