

UHLS I Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting

May 10, 2019
Book Review
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9:00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 am - 1:00 pm

Attendance:

Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey (UHLS), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Hannah Ricottilli (RENS), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Amy McCarthy (GUIL), Amy Relyea (TROY), Frank Somers (BETH), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Jen Lubbers (EGRN), Lisa Nueman (APLM), Carol Roberts (TROY), Joelle Adler (CAST), Anne-Marie Helldorfer (COLN)

UHLS Updates:

Sneak Peek at New STEM Kits in Green Room: The UHLS website is being updated and these kits will be available soon for request:

- Botley the Coding Robot and Accessory Kit
- Sammy the Coding Robot and Friends
- KIBO new accessories and Program Guides

Full information is available on the UHLS website [here](#).

READSquared: is available for reading program tracking (Summer Reading and other programs you hold) until December 2022, courtesy of the State. The John Love (Bethlehem) program is also available to use. Rob Carle at UHLS will help you set up either option if you need help. Mary took a poll of what libraries are using/ thinking about using and put out the question/ suggestion of incorporating a READSquared work session into the June YSAC meeting.

myON: E-books for kids is available until the end of September just like last year, courtesy of the State. Libraries are encouraged to put links up on their websites for patrons. There are also links to printable bookmarks, etc. in the email that was sent out on 5/7 from Mary. Find them [here](#).

MiSci and CMOST (The Children's Museum of Science and Technology): Mary has inquired about getting passes for you to use as incentives this summer.

BELLS Grant: Our new STEM kits are courtesy of monies from the BELLS Grant as are the ALSC Early Literacy posters that we ordered. Mary showed mock-ups of five different early literacy stickers designed by Ira Marks that will be coming to libraries soon to give to kids. Bookmarks are also being made with the 5 skills. Mary reminded the group that ALSC webinars are still available for staff to take until the money runs out.

New and exciting! Early Childhood Literacy Certificate from Library Juice Academy. UHLS is offering on a first come- first served basis the opportunity to take courses towards earning a certificate in Early Childhood Literacy. Details were shared, and will be sent out via email soon.

Next YSAC: June 14! There will be giveaways! Discussion will focus on leadership, tech and summer plans.

Presentations/Discussion:

Serving Deaf Patrons at the Library presented by Carol Roberts (TROY)

Carol worked previously as a sign-language interpreter. “Deaf” or “hard of hearing” is the preferred terminology. Deaf people do not consider themselves disabled. English is their second language, sign is their first. The term AUDISM was discussed. It is defined as discrimination against individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Having an ASL interpreter available upon request for programming was discussed. Handout: [Serving Deaf Patrons](#)

CLEL Conference Learning presented by Anne-Marie Helldorfer (COLN)

Anne-Marie attended the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy Annual Conference. Some of the workshops she attended discussed Early learning and early literacy, Bilingual Storytime, The Brain Architecture Game and Dialogic Reading. Conference materials are available [here](#). Handout: [Learning from CLEL Conference](#).

The idea of future UHLS-organized training on bilingual storytimes, including ASL, was discussed after the presentation.

YSS Spring Conference: Takeaways and Highlights Joelle Adler and group

Ideas brought back from the YSS Spring Conference in April were shared:

-Tropes/ Stereotypes in Children’s Literature:

Picture Books- are we including culturally diverse selections? How are characters used and portrayed in books, diverse or otherwise? Look for balanced representation and how to find better books that go deeper and are more discerning.

-Mindfulness during story time:

Breathing as a group management technique

Book Review: Highlights of the list

Mary shared favorites from the list of review copies.

Discussion: Background checks on performers. Some points of discussion were:

- How strict should we be?
- Policies are different across libraries for staff, volunteers and performers
- Additional money required for background checks

It was suggested that YS staff have a conversation at your library about your policy regarding safety and liability. A short discussion followed regarding what age children are required to be in order to be in the library without adult supervision. This varies across libraries.

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

Next meeting: June 14

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