

## UHLS I Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting

June 14, 2019

Small Library Discussion Group  
Meeting

9:00 am - 10:00 am

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Attendance:

Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey (UHLS), John Edvalson (APLW), Hannah Ricottilli (RENS, APLM), Judy Crilley (RVLL), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Jen Lubbers (EGRN), Lisa Neuman (APLM), Sara Hopkins (BRUN), Kelly Vadney (WTVT), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Amy Relyea (TROY), Ann-Marie Helldorfer (COLN).

### UHLS updates:

- **Grant updates:** Our new stickers that highlight the 5 Early Literacy Skills (Play, Read, Talk, Sing and Write) have arrived and will be on their way to the libraries soon! Here's a picture:



It is hoped that they will serve as a reminder to parents and caregivers to encourage, build and participate in their children's early literacy development.

- **TGGB:** The Great Give Back is growing! In 2019 The Great Give Back is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. This year the program, whose mission is to provide a day of opportunities for library patrons to participate in meaningful service-oriented experiences! 2019 will be a pilot year that expands the initiative from Long Island to the rest of New York. More information to come!
- **Expedition Party:** Save the date to attend the Expedition Party! On Tuesday, Sept., 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm ALL are invited to celebrate. It will be held at The Crossings Park in Colonie (thank you to COLN for helping us access the site). Feel free to bring a picnic dinner and stay to enjoy the food, music and library love! **(Cider and doughnuts will be served.)**
- **SRP:** Please send us your Summer Reading Program marketing materials. We will put them in a binder and have them accessible to share with all the libraries. If you did not attend the meeting, an envelope will be coming shortly.
- **CR BOCES:** COLN – 2 school libraries will be open two hrs. /day for 4 days a week.

**Discussion: Voting programs for kids this fall!** Some ideas regarding our younger patrons having their own election were:

- Using Info Bits to research candidates
- Storytime based on Duck for President
- Voting for which new toy for library to purchase. A bar graph was added so that kids could see the voting and that their vote mattered! (Thank you TROY for sharing)
- "I voted" stickers from Oriental Trading Co.
- Vote for favorite picture book character. (Thank you to EGRN for sharing)
- "March Madness" bracket like voting

**New and favorite tech tools:** Some great tech tools/ websites to check out!

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2019/03/01/tech-trends-libraries/>

**AASL Best Apps**

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards/best/apps>

<https://standards.aasl.org/project/ba18/>  
<https://standards.aasl.org/project/bw18/>

**Pinterest page:**

<https://www.pinterest.com/mrsjinthelibrary/tech-tools-for-librarians/>

**Google Extensions:**

<https://www.helloteacherlady.com/blog/2017/02/5-must-use-google-chrome-extensions-for.html?rq=5%20Must>  
<https://www.helloteacherlady.com/blog/2017/04/5-more-must-use-chrome-extensions-for.html>

**Group favorites:**

- **Canva** <https://www.canva.com> (free business accounts for non-profits) Canva is a graphic-design tool website. It uses a drag-and-drop format and provides access to over a million photographs, graphics, and fonts. It is used by non-designers as well as professionals. The tools can be used for both web and print media design and graphics.
- **LIT Conference** <https://www.esc.edu/lit/> **FREE!**  
*Join us for this FREE conference on using technologies in education. SUNY Empire State College and the Saratoga Springs City School District will host its annual Learning with Innovative Technology (LIT) Conference at the Saratoga Springs Maple Avenue Middle School, 515 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. This conference is designed for educators of all types, including K-12 teachers, higher-education faculty and students, technologists, librarians and anyone else interested in the use of technologies in education.*
- **Remind** <https://www.remind.com/> app for managing/reminding volunteers
- **Voglistics** [https://www.voglistics.com/volunteer-scheduling.htm?gclid=EAlaQobChMliJiYoPz14glVhI7lCh0jIAqREAYASAAEgL2YvD\\_BwE](https://www.voglistics.com/volunteer-scheduling.htm?gclid=EAlaQobChMliJiYoPz14glVhI7lCh0jIAqREAYASAAEgL2YvD_BwE) volunteer management software
- **Google Forms (replacing SurveyMonkey)**
- **Fat Girl Reading Blog** <http://fatgirlreading.com/>
- **Instagram:** follow BookBentos <http://blogs.slj.com/neverendingsearch/2019/05/04/building-beautiful-book-bentos/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/bookbento/?hl=en>

**Leading Discussions and Meetings:** Mary shared her expertise in managing meetings and groups.

**Handout:** [Leading A Meeting](#).

**Great Giveaway:** Hundreds of books from Mary's service on the Caldecott Committee and other goodies were given away.

**Upcoming highlights of the summer:**

**WSTR :** Albany Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering Build a Space Video Game program. WSTR is having it on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact the 4-H office.

**NASS:** Family Fort Night, Centennial Celebration Archeological Dig and Presentation

**COLN:** Night with the Stars at Siena College Observatory (Programs for all age groups), Galaxy Golf, Star Wars Legion Friday, July 26 after hours from 7:00-9:00 PM.

**BRUN:** Civil War Living History Event

**WTVT:** Solar System Ambassadors Program **Return to Human Spaceflight**  
<https://solarsystem1.jpl.nasa.gov/ssa/home.cfm> , Star Lab going to summer school

**BERN:** Civil Air Patrol STEM Kits: Astronomy (Telescopes)  
<https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/aerospace-education/programs/stem-kits/available-kits-for-selection/astronomy-stem-kit>

**RCSC:** Mars Survival Camp, Drop –In Story Science Programs, Using the back wall to make a galaxy mural with SRP books read

**TROY:** Building marshmallow catapults with bucket “planets” to catch them, Perler bead experiments (UV Rays)

**VOOR:** Mad Science: Rocket Launching

**EGRN:** Video Game Truck <http://www.capitalregiongamesonthego.com>, Goal of 10,000 Books for the Community!

### **Staff Care:**

Beyond the usual (thank you’s, time off, pitching in, bragging up your staff to other staff or administrators, bringing in food, sharing the funny stories) . . .

- **Gratitude log at desk:** What are you thankful for today? And/Or: What happened today that made you see the positive difference your work makes? Keep this. Share it at your wrap-up. Share it in your monthly reports to your supervisor/the board. Print out different stories and post them around the staff offices.
- **Book:** [Burnout: The Secret to Unlocking the Stress Cycle](#) by Emily Nagoski, recommended by Barbara Goetschius from RCSC

### **Life after SRP and Vacation: Looking ahead to fall!**

Banned Books week is in September: <https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=get-crafty-for-banned-books-week-library-hacks>

**Read Squared:** Rob Carle stopped by to offer his services to help set up Read Squared, and to answer any questions. Here is a link to some helpful screencasts on the UHLS website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/uhls.lib.ny.us/training/>

**Reminder:** request Advanced Reader Copies from UHLS (to keep!) at

<http://horizon.uhls.lib.ny.us/cgi-bin/reports/arc.pl>

**Next Meeting: To be determined...stay tuned!**

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