

## YSAC 5.19.20

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Attendance: Mary Fellows, Amy DuBrey, Lisa Newman, Elissa Valente, Debbie Bevevino, Lee Ackerman-Sawyer, Gordon Noble, Mindy Fowler, Ann Parisi, Carol Roberts, Jane Chirqwin, Mary BPL, Anita Wilson, Joelle Adler, Lisa Fesmire, Amy Relyea, Suzanne Cardinal, Heide Carle, Cathy Brenner, Kim Roppolo, Mary Klimack, Kate Lambert, Elizabeth Maynard, Amy McCarthy, Anne Coletta, Colene Phoenix, Debbie Sternklar, Molly Chatt, Tori Russo, Bryana Wachowicz, Rebecca Robinson, Judy Crilley, Sherish Behatti

[Meeting PowerPoint](#)

### **Updates:**

#### **State resources:**

· Online resources

A resource list of freely available online and e-resources for students, librarians and educators is now on the Summer Reading site at

<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/online-and-e-resources-for-families-students-and-schools/> Check back regularly for updates and additions.

· Teen Video Challenge for 2020 – Find information on promoting the contest via social media and full entry details including when teens can submit their videos at

<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/teens/teens-video-challenge/> Consider promoting this as a collaborative project between public libraries and schools/school libraries, as well as one that teens can be working on NOW!

**Teens can do it at home!! June 1- Aug 2**

· Downloadable Materials and Flyers:

2020 materials are undergoing some additional revisions to reflect changes due to COVID-19 and library closures. To see currently available handouts, visit

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/facts.htm> They will continue to be updated and revised throughout May.

--A link has been added to the DayByDayNY <http://daybydayny.org/> sites to connect the English and Spanish versions. A link can be found in the upper right corner of each home page. <http://daybydaynysp.org>

## **READsquared**

- State webinars: The last state one has been archived [here](#), UHLS wants to be your first contact for help from Read Squared. We will schedule a help session in the near future.
- Questions about READsquared implementation or SRP in general? Deb B: When to start Summer Reading? VAFL is starting the first official day of summer

## **Performers**

- State <https://performersandprograms.com/index.html> now has a virtual program section. Click on the region of the state to access the list of performers , UHLS has a document of virtual performers:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BPHAXzPvy4k6P6oZ81LWgsq4HL05fih6hRBUFTKV464/edit#gid=0>

You can navigate there by the above link or by going to [UHLS](#), scroll down and click on UHLS INFORMATION FOR MEMBER LIBRARIES, scroll down document to VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING/REMOTE SERVICES > [UHLS Shared Virtual Presenter/Program Options](#)

- Questions/discussion about performers

Elissa: Monthly newsletter, scheduling one performer and one workshop-type virtual program and then evaluating

Judy: Thank you for the resources particularly Turtle Dance from SPAC. We turned it into a program idea

Cathy B.: No firm decisions, still working on it.

Lisa F: Steve Songs is coming at the end of June, Miss Lisa is coming in, Yoga online, Storytimes with Take and Make bags, Drive thru storytime (acted out) in Aug.

Lisa N: All virtual content, APL is testing out things with different performers. Some problems with different platforms. Pushing to use ZOOM because it seems more intuitive than others.

Mary: Make sure you vet them. Get a digital clip and make sure it is going to be something you are happy to put out under the library's banner.

Lisa N: Can we share some ideas for pre-vetted Take and Make bags?

Debbie: One idea we are using is a Zen garden in a take out tray.

Mary: [Take and Make Ideas Take and Make Ideas That Your Library is Using](#): Use his document to share ideas that your library is using for this summer.

Joelle: CAST is giving out kits with craft supplies before Take and Makes to ensure kids have the basic supplies they need.

Judy: Do storytimes online need to come down every week?

Mary: No. Take down after the Pandemic is over and things go back to “normal.”

Judy: Do we have to write to publishers? No [SLJ COVID-19 Publisher Information Directory](#)

Molly: EGRN is leaning towards “liberal” use of books online

### **SRP – What are you doing? What help do you need from UHLS or your colleagues in this meeting?**

- **Marketing documents** UHLS is working on sharable marketing materials, made in Canva. PDF versions are also available.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JzB8RWZPMWBOjCWJ6CVDGoNwkkOvFH1itwNcUJvPygg/edit>
- **RIF**: books are at UHLS and will be sent out ASAP...available in Overdrive and Hoopla too!

Question about registration

Mary: I advised one library that is doing one program for everyone and all on paper not to do a separate registration, just people who turn in logs as participants. Upside: 100% participation rate! Statistics cannot be the only story this year. Remember to collect testimonials. Mary will share more information.

This year is a beta test for READsquared and a lot of things. Release your anxiety about statistics! We have a “get out of jail free” card with the Pandemic. Maybe this is a year to experiment with other changes you’ve been wanting to try also.

Carol: What is everyone doing about mask wearing?

Elissa: masks at the front door, starting with curbside, limited # of people at a time, figuring out staff #'s,

Mary: Re-opening document will have guidelines for reopening. Also: remember that this is a really hard time to be a leader. Cut people (your director, supervisor) as much slack as you can.

Heidi: The directors have been advised to have the boards take up a mask policy. That masks are required and if you cannot wear one then curbside is available.

## **StoryWalk™**

Our storywalk will be focused on Early Lit (0-5). The pages are posted on posts, Mary is putting together helps and instructions.

Laminated at 11x 17 size

Joelle: Yes have had to occasionally trim some pages.

Mary has to approve if you choose your own book. You can design your first page yourself.

Mary's timeline: Will be emailed soon!

Heidi: If libraries are able to pick up posts from you can we arrange to do so? (Contact Mary)

Molly: Are you getting a discount on posts?

Mary: We are getting supplies from Home Depot. Let me know if you are interested in doing more than one walk and want more posts.

Budget amendment has been approved and is green lit so it's fine to start getting in touch with partners.

New grant year budget year starts July 1. Money may be able to be put towards additional one or new/ more books.

## **Some Info:**

Posts are 4x4 and should be no more than 40 paces apart but can be as close as you want. (1 pace =30 inches). Posts are dug 3 feet into the ground.

Kim: using actual books or using photocopies.?

Mary: Photocopies not allowed

Jane: will it be easy to get permission to get one in a park?

Mary: If idea is not welcomed let it sit for a while and go back and try again

Elissa: Think about easy maintenance around the base of the post (Mowing and weed whacking for groundskeepers). COLN put a small mound of gravel around each post.

Suzanne: NASS is thinking about the rail trail (Albany down to Hudson). Any other libraries interested?

Carol: How are book pages attached?

Mary: Industrial strength velcro

How to get posts in the ground?

Mary: you need a hole (post holer or electric auger) and someone strong.

Ann Marie Parisi: what lib has one up?

Joelle: Ours (CAST) is not up yet, having trouble getting in touch with state parks

### **Great reads, listens, views**

Joelle: Listening [To All the Boys I've Loved Before](#) series. Good light, romantic comedy. Good narration. by Jenny Han Ages: 12/13 +

Debbie S: [Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus \(Life of a Cactus Series #1\)](#), Denver activity guide, quick read, kids liked it.

Elissa: [The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes](#) (also on Hoopla). , [The Field Guide to the North American Teenager](#). Good YA read

Suzanne: [Frankly in love by David Yoon](#)

Kim Roppolo: [Float by Laura Martin](#)

Carol: [My Dark Vanessa by Kate Elizabeth Russell](#) , disturbing but a good read. Interesting psychology

Mary: [The](#) series.