

## Youth Services Advisory Council

Virtual

July 30, 2020

GoToMeeting: 13

**In Attendance:** Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey (UHLS), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR), Beth Rienti (GUIL), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Cathy Brenner (BETH), Molly Chatt (EGRN), Jen Lubbers (EGRN), Deb Bevevino (VAFL), Sarah Hopkins (BRUN), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Anne Coletta (BETH)

### **UHLS updates**

**READSquared app** – The app is now available for free from the state.

**Expedition stuff giveaway** – Remember the stickers and tattoos? We have lots! Please email requests to Amy at [amy.dubrey@uhls.org](mailto:amy.dubrey@uhls.org)

**Want more EL stickers/bookmarks to give away?** Please indicate how much of each in the link below. Don't worry about amounts, more are being ordered!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XvaeBsIZEEeNBjz6KUXclf3EpwfxBRJkC3RYQR9VDKBE/edit#gid=59509414>

**ARCs** – Lots of books available and more will be listed soon. Keep checking back!  
<http://reports.uhls.org/cgi-bin/staff/arc.pl>

**Giveaway books** –

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1txutMj7A2fchnmRbrgylltCZjnbAw3a0t5H-Q19iN3w/edit#gid=0>

**ARLS** – Formed. Amy McCarthy and Cathy Brenner are the children's and teen representatives, respectively. The first meeting is August 21. More info to come.

UHLS website ARLS link: [https://www.uhls.org/anti\\_racism\\_task\\_force.asp](https://www.uhls.org/anti_racism_task_force.asp)

*\*\*Just a reminder: UHLS has a PA system we can loan you for outside programs!\*\*  
Send an email to [bookit@uhls.org](mailto:bookit@uhls.org). or contact Mary or Amy with any questions.*

### **Where you are: issues and positives**

Current state of library service at your library. Issues you've encountered, positives you have identified.

Deb B: Have inside programming-12 person programs. Now I need 2 different storytime times. Baby storytime shelved for now. Each family gets a package with craft and scarf, bells etc.

Barb G. Will be doing storytime in the park. Limit of 5 families. Staff has been calling people to let them know the library is open. People logging off storytimes after 4 minutes. (Not staying for 15 min)

Molly: Beginning to realize that a large portion of people are choosing to not be in public gatherings. Open for drive thru and building (15 patrons allowed at a time );don't hit capacity most of the time.

Sarah: Out of curiosity, for the libraries who are open, are you guys offering public bathrooms or your bathroom staff only right now?

EGRN: They are locked but the key can be requested for emergencies.

RCSC: We have a Men's room and Women's room. The Men's room is now staff only and the Women's room is public use but we have been finding that people are coming and going very quickly and they are not using the bathroom much.

Cathy: Pop up library outside on our walk: We have tons of new books, DVDs, or the Children's Area, and we drag out a whole checkout station. We have our giant URL on a stand and we have Plexiglass at the checkout station and you go up and scan your own stuff. No bathrooms open to the public

Beth: We are still doing curbside and it's been intense. We needed a new shed. We are talking about transitioning to a Zoom storytime rather than posting on Facebook/YouTube. And we are talking about how to get some materials outside for browsing but we are worried about cleanliness.

Molly: EGRN has started doing Zoom storytimes and it is definitely better that you can see the kids.

Mary: SLJ article saying that many families are just looking for the one book read by the librarian and not the whole storytime. One book a day might be the new way to go.

Debbie: Have people had better experiences with Zoom vs. GoToMeeting?

Molly: Audio seemed better on Zoom and more people are familiar with it.

### **Take and Make Kits** – [Slide Show](#)

Mohawk Valley Library System has done this Fairy homes and gnomes project where they have had their libraries make fairy homes or gnome houses in different parks or different places on the library grounds. Take a look at it here: [MVLS: 518 Fairy Homes](#)

Jack and the Beanstalk Plant Maze:

[http://www.njagsociety.org/uploads/1/7/0/5/17057112/a\\_maze\\_for\\_plants\\_lesson\\_plan.pdf](http://www.njagsociety.org/uploads/1/7/0/5/17057112/a_maze_for_plants_lesson_plan.pdf)

<https://www.browndoggadgets.com/> (Bristlebots)

<https://teachergeek.com/> (Rubber band race cars)

### **Grab and Go Ideas:**

Plan these now for the coming months; we're going to have minimal or no in-person programming for a while yet.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HGkBzgeiBE0NyIPKfLOIqEF2I-rykO\\_6elBBnzpYs3Q/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HGkBzgeiBE0NyIPKfLOIqEF2I-rykO_6elBBnzpYs3Q/edit)

Kits for purchase (Also for ideas!): <https://www.mackin.com/hq/mackinmaker/take-make-kits/>

### **Ideas for more low-contact services**

Subscription book boxes for teens, maybe also tweens

Circling back to the presentation by Lexi Consler-Neudecke (APLD) in November 2018 about her teen book boxes, here are some links:

[https://www.uhls.org/minutes/ysac/handouts/Book\\_boxes\\_article.pdf](https://www.uhls.org/minutes/ysac/handouts/Book_boxes_article.pdf)

<https://www.pewaukeelibrary.org/programs-and-services/teen/teen-book-boxes/>

<https://teenservicesdepot.wordpress.com/2020/01/11/library-subscription-box/>

<https://www.ila.org/publications/ila-reporter/article/101/book-box-how-a-cardboard-box-became-our-trendiest-teen-program>

Best practices:

Monthly

Easy registration that includes questions about their reading preferences

Boxes: recycled boxes the library receives, cheap bulk boxes, have Friends /teen volunteers make cloth bags

Include:

- 1-2 library books

- Candy
- Bookmark
- Origami instruction or other easy craft instruction
- Invitation, information on reviewing book
- How to register for next box or unregister

### Nature scavenger hunt

Send photo of all their finds together

### **Book Reviews, YSAC meetings, UHLS Youth Services going forward**

Exploring new ideas, wanting your input. Survey coming on some of this.

Book reviews, while we're all virtual

- Review lists: read-only during the meeting (so you listen!)
- After the meeting, we'll make it fillable and I'll send a link in email.
- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GGFUAsPa\\_Bfkh8jVDWfpg0tl870-1VvAfhTJ8WGxVX0/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GGFUAsPa_Bfkh8jVDWfpg0tl870-1VvAfhTJ8WGxVX0/edit#gid=0)
- We'll leave it live for two weeks, and then send the books

### **Mary's Review Books Highlights:**

[Brown Baby Lullaby by Tameka Fryer Brown](#)

[Princess Adventures by Sylvie Misslin](#)

[I am Perfectly Designed by Karamo Brown](#)

[Finding Narnia: The Story of C.S. Lewis and His Brother by Caroline McAlister](#)

[Lilah Tov Good Night by Ben Gundersheimer](#)

[Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy](#)

[Packs: Strength in Numbers by Hannah Salyer](#)

[Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots by Michael Rex](#)

[Black Girl Unlimited by Echo Brown](#)

[Go With the Flow by Lily Williams and Karen Schneemann](#)

[Stand Up, Yummi Chung! by Jessica Kim](#)

[The President of the Jungle by André Rodrigues](#)

## One Person, No Vote by Carol Anderson

### **SRP updates**

Tell us how it's going at your library – what kind of participation are you experiencing? What kinds of programs are you offering and is attendance what you expected?

- Overall the number of registrants is lower but most of the registrants are participating.
- Missing in person interactions.
- Feels like SRP is in a bubble; so different from the usual.

### **Online fee free games:**

Board Game Arena: <https://en.boardgamearena.com/>

There is a free account and limited games to play or the paid one - <https://boardgamearena.com/premium?country=US> - (\$24/year). Allows voice chat and a wider selection of games.

### **Great Reads, Listens, Views:**

Jen: [Stepping Stones by Lucy Knisley](#)

Sarah: [The Okay Witch by Emma Steinkellner](#)

[Witchlight by Jessi Zabarsky](#)

Debbie: [Crying Laughing by Lance Rubin](#)

[Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson](#)