

## Youth Services Advisory Council

October 20, 2020

Virtual

**Attendance:** (18) Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey (UHLS), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WTVT), Angela Kranser (BRUN), Amy McCarthy (GUIL), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Lisa Fesmire (VOOR), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Moly Chatt (EGRN), Barb Goetschius (RCSC), Daniel Barker (APL), Debbie (VAFL), Anita Wilson (PTRB), Beth Rienti (GUIL), Heidi Carle (RVLL), Rebecca Robinson (TROY), Jen Lubbers (EGRN), Carol Roberts (TROY)

### UHLS updates

**SRP 2020:** what do the numbers show?

- Big drop in total registration and attendance – 53K to 17K
- Twice as many children’s self-directed programs, but only a 10% increase in participation.
- About the same number of self-directed teen programs as in 2019, but 74% increase in participation!

*What matters more is what your board and community know about what you’re doing during this odd time. Numbers don’t tell the whole story.*

**StoryWalk™** – grant money pivot approved for 2020-2021! Let’s talk about options! Survey to go out soon.

- When is the earliest you would want a new SW?  
*-Spring (May): WSTR, RVLL, Winter? APL*
- What post options should we offer?
- What other options would be helpful?  
*-light blocking page behind bookpage, have library title page and info be a separate page for sharing*

**Kidbytes** to be reimagined! Ways to get/share information:

1. Youthserv: Mary will send things out on this listserv that she judges that almost everyone should know

2. Kidbytes will be renamed and information shared will be idea-related and include children, tween, teen, and family information. Mary will post, Jack Scott at SALS will post, new colleague at MVLS will post – but we hope you will post too! A place to share.

**ARLS update-** Amy McCarthy (Youth Services rep from GUIL)

Task Force working hard, working in subgroups on different topics. For example, the Collection Committee is currently looking at diversity assessment tools and putting together a training to go with them and also following up with libraries that are doing a diversity audit on their collections. Please feel free to reach out with recommendations for community resources!

### **New: Upper Hudson's Got Talent!**

- **[Upper Hudson's Got Talent!](#)** - sign up sheet
  - We want to learn from each other. Share what you have done that has worked well, that you're proud of. Add your name to the list and Mary will follow up with you.

### **Today's Talent:**

- **[Virtual Fantasy Booklist](#)**
  - Debbie (VOOR) shared Fantasy Finder for 6-7 grade on [VOOR website](#) and school library classroom, pics from Google image, done in Google slides, interactive with links.
- **Grab-and-go storytime kits**
  - -Beth (GUIL): Virtual and pick-up with crafts, small puzzles, lacing cards, stick/finger puppets, coloring sheets etc.
    - [GPL Storytime Kits for YSAC](#)
  - -Barb (RCSC): 20-21 kits for families, selection of books, dvd's, toys/puzzles, activity book of ideas for the adults to choose from, list of everything in the kit is in the bag.
    - [RCS Story Kits](#)
    - [RCS Get Up and Dance Contents](#)
    - [RCS Get Up and Dance Kit](#)
  - -Lee (WSTR): STEAM kits, monthly theme, multilevel, sent out in ziploc bags.

### **Program and service ideas**

- Activity walk/ sidewalk obstacle course, leaf confetti

[Sidewalk chalk Obstacle Course](#) (YouTube video)

[101 Genius Sidewalk Chalk Ideas To Crush Summertime Boredom](#)

[How To Make Amazing Leaf Confetti With Leucadendron Greens!](#)

- Barb (RCSC): Use the back of the storywalk signs to do an activity walk going back the other way
- Record a poem a day – whole library activity
  - o <https://www.public-domain-poetry.com/toppoetry.php>.
  - o <https://poets.org/anthology/poems-your-poetry-project-public-domain>

### **Refocus on our old brand – books and personal service. Idea brainstorm:**

- **Library Take-out** (Carol, TROY) re-brand services you are already offering, make them sound fun! Pair with a local coffee shop or bakery or restaurant, offer a coupon for food/drink. Promote local businesses!
- **Book Bundles Request** (Barb, RCS & Mary) add a wrapped book for a surprise and a personalized bookmark “Chosen for you from Ms. Barb”
- **Personalize Service!** add just a little something extra
- **One minute reviews** (Daniel, APL) posted on Instagram, planning on doing 2 per month, pairing staff with the books!
- **Holiday lists of books** to gift or make a gift in honor of someone to the library.

### **Highlights from the list (Mary)**

#### **NONFIC:**

[Condor Comeback by Sy Montgomery](#)

[The Big One: The Cascadia Earthquake and the Science of Saving Lives by Elizabeth Rusch](#)

[Solar System: By the Numbers by Steve Jenkins](#)

[Finish the Fight: The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote by Veronica Chambers](#)

[Dark Was the Night: Blind Willie Johnson's Journey to the Stars by Gary Golio](#)

[Girl on a Motorcycle by Amy Novesky](#)

**FIC:**

(YA, older teens) [We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez](#)

(YA, mid to upper teens) [Hello Now by Jenny Valentine](#)

(CH) [Before the After After by Jacqueline Woodson](#)

**PIC:**

[I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes](#)

[Becoming a Good Creature by Sy Montgomery](#)

[The Suitcase by Chris Nallos-Balesteros](#)

[Frederico and the Wolf by Rebecca J. Gomez](#)

[Swashby and the Sea by Beth Ferry,](#)

**Great reads, listens, views**

Barb (RCSC): [Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake, Illustrated by Jon Klassen](#)

**You Name It:**

**[Influential literacy expert Lucy Calkins is changing her views](#)**

**Request an ARC!:** New books added semi-monthly!

**<http://reports.uhls.org/cgi-bin/staff/arc.pl>**

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