

UHLS Youth Services Advisory Council

June 22, 2021

Attendance: ZOOM (21): Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey (UHLS), Joelle Adler (CAST, EGRN), Sara Hopkins (BRUN), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Emily Viscuso (GUIL), (Anita Wilson (PTRB), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Whitney Burke (VAFL), Lisa Fesmire (VOOR), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Lexi (APLD), Liz Maynard (RCSC), Gail Brown (VOOR), Debbie Scott (WTVT), Judy Crilley (RVLL), Amy McCarthy (GUIL), Beth Rienti (GUIL), Colene Phoenix (NASS)

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UHLS updates

- **StoryWalks**
 - We are updating the page listing of all the StoryWalks. Mary sent out an email requesting that you edit or update your information. When most of the responses are in, we'll make the page live and you'll be notified
 - StoryWalk borrowing – a new, simplified page is coming soon! Please send any storwalks you wish to “share” (you will not get them back) to Amy at UHLS. Please only the actual book pages (no photocopies), laminated and in good condition.
- **Free YS librarianship webinars from State archived:** [Webinars Hosted and/or Sponsored by Library Development: Library Development](#)
- **CSLP PSAs:**
 - Find on the Summer Reading site at [L&E Kids Video & Audio](#) These short and fun video clips can be customized to add your system or library information and are a great way to promote and encourage library use and Summer Reading participation!
 - Share the PSAs and the PSA shorts (excerpts from the PSA) with your schools, and ask them to share with students and families to promote reading during the summer! [PSA Shorts](#)
- **2021 Teen Video Challenge.** Videos accepted June 1 – August 6. Log in to your CSLP account, go to programs & themes tab, then Teen Video Challenge.

ATF Update

- **21 Day Equity Challenge** through the United Way has begun. Please consider joining this challenge. For twenty-one straight days you will receive an email with links to actionable items that you can choose from.

Information page where daily challenges will be posted: [21 Day Equity Challenge | United Way of the Greater Capital Region](#))

Link to signup: <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/sySSOg?vid=jra3i>)

- **Project READY** speaker series is being planned now. These speakers will be available for both the participants in Project READY as well as other UHLS member library staff. We're hoping to have these sessions recorded and archived. Series to begin in late July then Sept and Oct.

- **Dr. Gretchen Sorin**, historian and author, of *Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights*, was the speaker at the UHLS Annual Celebration, which was arranged by ATF. We are working on a UHLS-wide read culminating in her offering a staff-training (on the role libraries play in the fight for civil rights) as well as a separate public program that incorporates both her book and the PBS documentary, *Driving While Black: Race, Space, and Mobility in America*, that was done by Ric Burns (Ken Burns' brother). Look for more information on this in July.

-**Diversity Audit**: More info on Diversity audit coming soon. It was noted that the BIPOC tag needed more fine tuning.

-**Learning Circles** The task force is wondering if there are any barriers to participation. Looking for feedback so they can reach as many people as they can. Please email Amy McCarthy at mccarthy@quilderlandlibrary.org

-The task force is doing an end-of-year review of their work and looking ahead to where they are going.

Summer 2021 Program Survival

- **Outdoor programs survival:** What do you need?
 - water, sun protection, hat, bug spray, hair tie, flexible attitude! Umbrella or pavilion, participants (ha!), patience, help-volunteers, [Outdoor Storytime Survival Kit](#)-ALSC
- **Social distancing ideas:**
 - Safety graphic: [Choosing Safer Activities](#)
 - chair setup, step-by-step crafting at [Ultimate Summer Reading Programming Guide 2021](#)

Program roundup

- Amy DuBrey and Gail Brown: [Messy Play](#) at VOOR
- **Teen art contest:** [Teen Virtual Art Gallery](#)
- **ASL online class.** Teach the alphabet, a song, a poem, etc.
- **Outdoor no-touch escape room:** ["Imagine Your Story" Outdoor No-Touch Escape Room](#)
- **Mini-Con Costume Contest** with an evening of cosplay creation: <https://carnegie-stout.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5620>
- **TikTok challenge:** make the library part of your video. Program to learn, eat, and work on a video that may be featured in the library's TikTokRed Carpet Showcase. [TikTok Challenge: Library](#)
 - allowed teen to use community service hours for this program (promoting library)
- **Fall for Fine Arts** – all ages virtual program - weekly series introducing an artist and their works, a related book or a booklist, examples and/or demonstration of steps by

teacher/librarian, and then a creative space of making together with supplies provided by participants. Later on a gallery of works created. [Fall for Fine Arts](#)

- **NaNoWriMo:** Sign up to be a novel writing station! Space to write, Oshosh PL offers refreshments and “word ninjas”—slips of paper with random words or situations printed on them—to help writers in need of inspiration. www.nanowrimo.org;
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTdX-ucPvw1fUkoYEOHKQxKviz0Hlat4n6Sv8VdqyfRaQHKw/viewform>
- **Promoting books while doing something else interesting:**
 - The Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants: [Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants - Flower Arranging Tutorials](#)
 - Makeup lesson: [Books & Looks](#)

Group Discussion: What else could you do while promoting books?

- knitting/ quilting circles
- other crafting
- cookie/cupcake decorating
- sewing
- hair and makeup inspired by books like Austen, HP, Bridgerton etc.
- books and brew/beverage at a brewery or over ZOOM, make a themed beverage, fancy tea and bubble teas too
- Broadway show/musical think Cats or the Lion King
- travel stations, a monument or country
- braiding, nails
- paper airplanes
- origami
- smores/ campfire cooking, campfire stories /scary stories
- cooking in general
- play doh or clay sculptures, then talk about art and sculpture specifically
- any crafts with a popular audiobook, or short stories like Moth radio program
ra ra radishes, go go grapes, Vegetable sculptures

Books and Media:

Notables List: This is what is being talked about as the best books of 2021 so far:

- [2022 ALSC Notable Children's Books Committee discussion list for Annual Conference 2021 - ALSC](#)

Mary's favorites of our June review books:

1. [Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh](#)
2. [Pumpkin by Julie Murphy](#)
3. [Billy Miller Makes a Wish by Kevin Henke](#)
4. [A Year of Everyday Wonders by Cheryl B. Klien](#)
5. [Above the Rim by Frank Morrison](#)

6. [Mars Is by Suzanne Slade](#)
7. [Strange Nature by Gregory Mone](#)
8. [The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Warga](#)
9. [Da Vinci's Cat by Catherine Gilbert Murdock](#)
10. [A Sitting in St. James by Rita Williams -Garcia](#)

- **Tiny Library display** - from Kenton County Library (KY): monthly display of miniature books based on the top YA titles checked out in library system.
 - Each miniature book contains reading suggestions based on read alike list.
 - A QR code in the Tiny Book leads to a Google Form where teens can choose the books they want to pick up from the library.
 - When they pick up their book, they also get their own Mini Book Craft Kit to make their own tiny library at home. Info: [Tiny Library](#)

Group discussion: What else could you do with tiny books?

- MEND is using a tiny book as a giveaway for people who visit their StoryWalk to write notes or feedback
- a poem - one stanza per page
- book wishlist, turn in to library for hopeful purchase
- banned books- read a likes, links to articles about banned books

Great reads, listens, views/ You name it!

Judy from RVLL asked for ideas on how to present [Julian is a Mermaid](#) by Jessica Love.

Some Ideas:

- make a costume/s and have a mermaid parade
- have music and use colorful scarves

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