

UHLS Youth Services Advisory Council

August 24, 2021

VIRTUAL

10:00- 11:30 Meeting

Attendance: (Zoom,12) Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey (UHLS), Whitney Burke (VAFL), Jen Lubbers (EGRN), Elnora Baker(APL), Lexi(APL), Joelle Adler (CAST/EGRN), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR), Kate Lambert (BETH), Debbie Scott (WTVT), Chris _____?

UHLS updates

- Meetings: virtual or not? Best guess is that we will do mostly virtual and at least one in-person meeting, depending on Covid numbers.
- Send Mary SRP info – goes in a binder that is loanable! Great source of ideas.
- New professional collection book: [Passive Programming Playbook](#). Put it on hold in Sierra.
- SRP Statistics – **due 9/24**. Amy is checking Survey Monkey and will send you a PDF copy of your answers ASAP!
- StoryWalk updates – [list available here](#) on UHLS website of all current locations! Many new titles. Grant information for next year is still unknown.
- Teach My Kid to Read-green backpack with decodable books is available from [TeachMyKidtoRead.org](#) if it is something you want to loan to patrons (Mary's opinion is that it is still in development stage).

ATF Update

- 130+ people signed up for the Driving While Black program on August 26!
- The ATF is transitioning to the Racial Equity Committee. A message will be sent out in the fall about the need for new committee members.
- Cathy Brenner is leaving Bethlehem so Amy McCarthy and Mary will be seeing Project READY through to completion.
- Tool kit for libraries hosting their own public Antiracism Learning Circles is on the UHLS website under [Programming](#).

[Slideshow of what libraries did this summer](#) (plus all slides used for the meeting) Take a look!

SRP recovery (breakout rooms)

Topics: Considering factors within the library's control:

- If we're in similar circumstances next summer, what would you do again?

- (WSTR) invited therapy dogs to general programs (not therapy dog programs); adults/parents really benefitted
- (EGRN) people loved outdoor programs
- (BETH) learned which programs work and do not work outside, outdoor programs gave younger kids more freedom to move around, extra boost in community marketing for the library since you were highly visible!
- (VOOR) Used a local park regularly, bigger space, no set up, has garbage pails and lighting as opposed to our uneven, small lawn.

- What would you do differently?

- (WTVT) more outreach, maybe a bike mobile to go where the patrons are (pool, senior center)
- (VAFL) consolidate to bigger programs (better participation) than lots of smaller ones

- What decision or program gained the library the most? (Examples of gains: happy patrons, new partner, community visibility, engaged staff, big statistics, media coverage.)

- (WSTR) partnered with the town and took the place of the recreation program this year. The town saw the library in a different light and learned about all we do.

- (BERN) Gained a lot of community volunteers (esp. animal programs) having people come to the library to share their animals, hobbies, etc.

Fall/winter programs – how are libraries doing it

- What are other libraries doing?

- [Early Childhood Program Plans for Fall 2021](#)

- [Fall Early Childhood Programming Survey \(Responses\)](#)

- How are you doing it? In person or virtual? (“hands” poll with optional live comments)

- Most either in person or mix
- Outdoor storytimes (no registration), virtual bingo, hours changing (opening fri nights)
- (VAFL) Board meeting in Sept so things may shift again to outside (we also got a tent, so we will plan some outdoor storytimes)

- Do you intend to keep going with the take it, make it kits? (“hands” poll with optional live comments) **everyone yes!**

Fall/winter programs – ideas (please refer back to [slide show](#)) and below!

Out of Your Gourd: Fall Pumpkin Art Projects

- Daylong event outdoors, with stations or times for different age groups
- Series of programs, each week featuring a different project or age groupings
- Have models and photos of what can be made
- Have one that's a BYOG (Bring Your Own Gourd) to turn into something funny or creepy
- See if a local farmer will donate pumpkins or gourds. Advertise the farm heavily at your event and in marketing, and send a thank you card with photos to the farmers.
- Find a local carver willing to create a masterpiece and then demonstrate some skills.
- Bring in movement by having a pumpkin or gourd rolling contest
- Serve pumpkin treats!

Banned books week is Sept 26-Oct 2, 2021

Ideas:

- Write a letter to a favorite banned or challenged author.
- Create a display:
 - [Banned Books Week Display Ideas | Advocacy, Legislation & Issues](#)
 - Pinterest page: https://www.pinterest.com/BannedBooksWeek/_created/
- Hold a [Banned Books Trivia](#) event
- Hold a banned book storytime (for teens/adults; excerpts of banned books are read)
- Stream a Banned Books Week webinar. Designed for libraries and schools to stream as programs during Banned Books Week celebrations:
<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/webinars>
- Many more resources here: [Banned & Challenged Books | Advocacy, Legislation & Issues](#)

Other Fall Ideas:

-BETH has done a virtual pumpkin decorating contest

Crowd source a program idea

Scarecrow contest ideas

- different materials for different age groups (Toddlers paper take and make) Adults and teens from materials around the house.

- Use Themes: Maybe a family member look- alike contest! Post pics on social media.
- Use newspaper stuffing.
- Display on the library lawn.
- Do a scarecrow storytime reading to the scarecrows using scarecrow picture books.
- Have a town wide scavenger hunt looking for them.

Great reads, listens, views

- [Call and Response: The Story of Black Lives Matter](#) by Veronica Chambers
- [Instant Karma](#) by Marissa Meyer (clean teen book, just kissing)
- [The Guinevere Deception](#) by Kiersten White
- [A Wolf for a Spell](#) by Karah Sutton
- [Da Vinci's Cat](#) by Catherine Gilbert Murdoch (time travel)

Mental health check-in

What have you done to boost your spirits? – ask people to put in chat or say

-New shoes! Silly summer reading shoes



-Puppy-sitting! Sewing, not doing more work at home.

-Checklists. Feeling accomplished!

-binge watched [The Expanse](#)

-watching [cat videos](#) or just [cute animal videos](#), [baby laughs!!](#)

-growing weird plants (prickly pear, willow)

You name it

-something interesting to check out: <https://millionexperiments.com/Region>

-english language learner resources topic for future YSAC

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

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

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