

UHLS Youth Services Advisory Council

December 10, 2021

VIRTUAL

9:45 – 10:00 Networking

10:00 – 11:30 Meeting

Attendance: ZOOM (12) Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey (UHLS), Lee Ackerman -Sawyer(WSTR), Heidi Carle (RVLL), Jen Lubbers (EGRN), Amy McCarthy (GUIL), Leanna Sweet (GRAF), Debbie Scott (WTVT), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Anne-Marie (COLN), Lee Ricci (APL)

UHLS updates

Book review list is open [as of 12/13] for choosing. Books will go out after the next director's meeting on 1/7/2022.

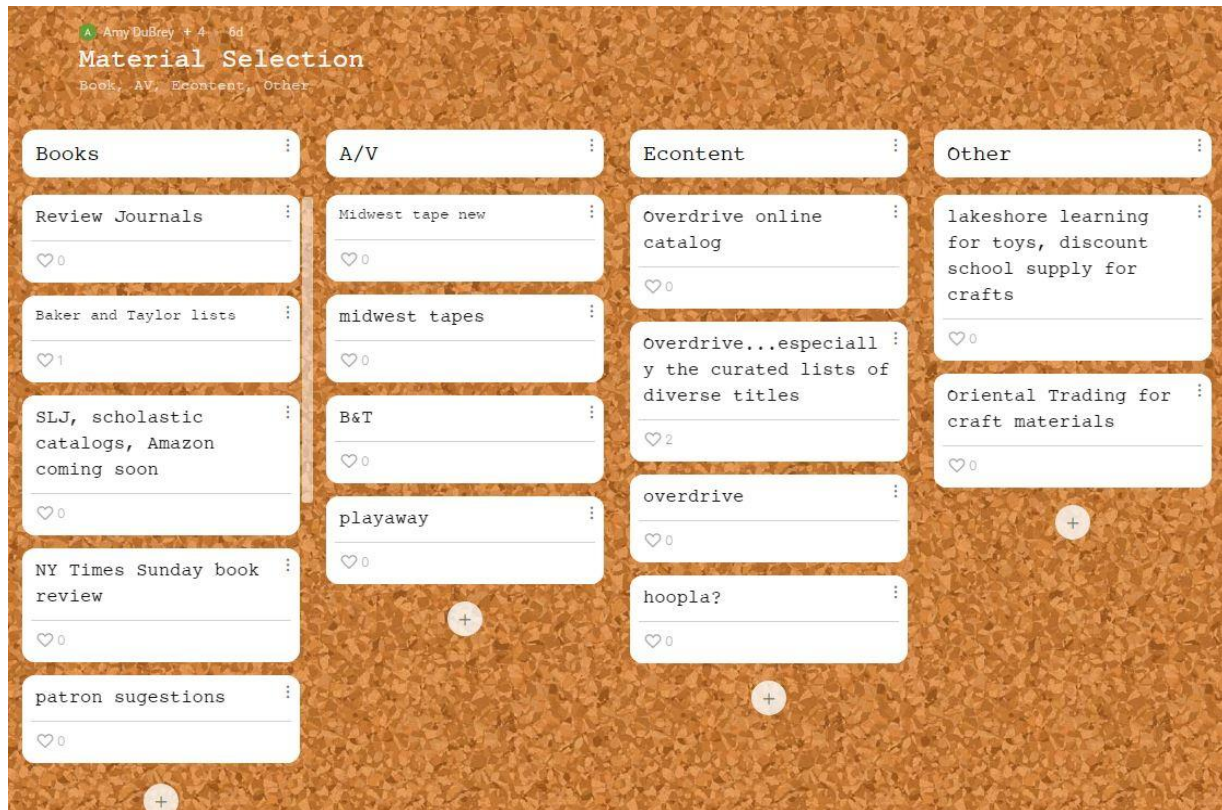
- **SRP Supply Order Form** Due 12/31! These are SRP supplies for your library that UHLS orders and pays for.
- **CSLP Summer Symposium:** Access the recording [here](#). Of particular interest are the Keynote from Liz McChesney and Marketing and Library Summer Programming Marketing Crash Course.
- **SRP Workshop** - something different this year: two workshops: February 16, 9:30-12:30 (virtual) and March 10 9:30-12:30 (virtual) More info coming!
- **Hello Library** is done due to a legislation change. Money has been transferred into Outreach funds and Mary still has management of the funds. There's an addition of a new category, at-risk youth 0-21, that allows money to be spent for youth. Details of this new process are still being determined.
- **Something exciting!** Four collections of I'm Your Neighbor! [Welcoming Library from I'm Your Neighbor Books](#) We are purchasing 4 that should come in Feb. More info about how we are going to rotate these through our libraries to come.
- **More Storywalks** to come in 2022 too!
- **Next YSAC: Jan 13th Best Books 2021 with Joyce Laiosa at 11:00 am.**

Racial Equity Committee Update- Amy McCarthy

- Welcomed 2 new members Christiann Gibeau (COHS), Seth Struck (GUIL). The group is realigning its subcommittees to be able to use helpers (see next)
- Looking for "helpers" - not as much responsibility as committee members; helping on particular projects. Let Amy McCarthy or Mary know if you'd like to be involved!
- Mary is very, very close to having a board training and staff training menu with trainers The McLean Group ready to send out to libraries!

Materials selection information and discussion

- **What sources do you use?** –from [Padlet](#)
- **Books, A/V, Econtent:** Goodreads, [Brightly](#), Apple Books, "First Look" carts from Baker and Taylor, [YALSA](#)



Pros and cons of sales people.

- **Pro:** One library notes good relationship with Penworthy, nice to see the readers in person
- **Con:** They call too much, no time to read reviews of the books the sales person brings to show, sometimes the relationship and little gifts can guilt a selector into ordering.

Pros and cons of book previews (receive books, keep what you want)

- **Pro:** can look up reviews before deciding
- **Con:** extra step to have to send things back, costs of shipping and labor in packing up

Compensating for your biases when selecting:

Bias: tend not to display books that we don't favor, like to face-out what goes out

- Note your emotional reactions, and ask yourself where those emotions are leading you (To select? Or not select?) and try to adjust for the bias
- "Classics" now recognized as problematic: some keep on their shelves and make a bookmark list like "If you like pioneer times stories like Little House on the Prairie, look for these books"

What are your indicators of success? Is success all about circulation? Comments:

- Balancing books that will go out with ones that may not: value a diverse collection as well as circulation
- Use books in storytime that have universal themes. Track use statistics.
- Use the collection as a tool for staff in developing programming.
- Normalize books that may seem or be "other" in your community.
- Less strict "use" standard when weeding for well reviewed biographies and other books
- Ease of Use: Putting non fiction series together like WHO Is, Magic School Bus. Making things easier to find.

Reader's Advisory:

- Talk to school librarians to find out what kids are reading
- Make lists to help yourself and patrons (historical fic, etc.)

- Challenge yourself to read things that are on those lists
- Look at what is requested from other libraries

Good to share!

– presenters, programs, apps, reads, listens, views

[American Girl podcast](#)

Book Review List Highlights:

[Soul Food Sunday](#) by Winsome Bingham

[A House](#) by Kevin Henkes

[Gladys the Magic Chicken](#) by Adam Rubin

[A True Wonder: The Comic Book Hero Who Changed Everything](#) by Kristen W. Larson

[Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear](#) by Trang Nguyen

[Run: Book One](#) by John Lewis

[Born Behind Bars](#) by Padma Venkatraman

[It Doesn't Have to Be Awkward: Dealing with Relationships, Consent, and Other Hard-to-Talk-About Stuff](#)

by Drew Pinsky and Paulina Pinsky

[A Walk in the Words](#) by Hudson Talbott

[The People Remember](#) by Ibi Zoboi

Program ideas- February, March, April

Novel Engineering Program- Article Request [here](#)

Trends to look for in 2022!

ARC Request:

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

New ARC's available on a semi-monthly basis!

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