

UHLS Youth Services Advisory Council

September 20, 2022

IN-PERSON

9:00 – 10:00 Book review open

10:00 – 12:00 Meeting

12:00 – 1:00 Book review open

Attendance (14): Mary Fellows (UHLS), Amy DuBrey(UHLS), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR), Colene Phoenix (NASS), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Leanna Sweet (GRAF), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Gail Brown (VOOR), Carol Roberts (TROY), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Amy Caccia (VAFL), Molly Chatt (EGRN), Joelle Adler Hoagland (CAST/EGRN), Tai Filippelli (COLN)

UHLS updates

- RIF author visit with Lauren Wolk was a success and we will be looking to replicate that next year.
- Storytime Bootcamp – **October 6, 8** – 12:30. Information on [UHLS homepage](#) and sent in email. Go [here](#) to register.
- Looking ahead . . .
 - SRP workshop likely to be done similarly to last year, good chance that we will also do some form of GOAT Teen Services Meetup in late spring.
 - SRP 2023: All Together Now- In the spirit of community togetherness UHLS is looking to purchase a HUGE 45 foot parachute to be available for libraries to borrow. We are also exploring the idea of drone pictures taken of the events.
 - Future SRP Themes
 - 2024: Adventure Begins At Your Library
 - 2025: theme is art; slogan: Color Our World
 - 2026 theme is dinosaurs
- **SRP statistics due on Friday, September 23.** 😊
- **Equity Committee update**
 - Two spots available for a 2 year term
 - Focus is equity, broadened. It includes racial equity and also LGBTQIA+ equity and more. Consider joining – meetings are twice a month on the second Thursday at 2:00 – 3:30. Email Judith Wines judith.wines@uhls.org or Mary mary.fellows@uhls.org if you have more questions or are interested.

Benefits and drawbacks of splitting teen collection by age

In some libraries, in response to challenges, staff are splitting the teen collection by age (older and younger). Most smaller libraries YA collections are all grouped together due to space issues. The group discussed, noting that in large collections splitting may be more appropriate. No libraries represented currently split their collections in this way. General consensus is that the teens are going to find what they are looking for wherever you put it.

SRP successes:

EGRN had an observation that the entire library was excited about this year's SRP compared to years pre-Covid because of the increased people brought in.

EGRN and TROY made murals/art at the library to promote and celebrate SRP that involved outside staff. (staff other than YS)

WSTR involved staff and community in planning programs.

NASS had a fish naming contest! (FYI: Bubbles and Coral were the winners!)

VALF had success in more input from staff in planning programs.

One SRP thing that you'll replicate...

WSTR said more opportunities via programs for people to socialize and reconnect the community.

VAFL had a book writing project based on the Village Cat (the postmasters cat is apparently very friendly and visits everyone!) Looking forward to another village book project next year!

GRAF in conjunction with Grafton Historical Society published the winner of a scholarship's entry about how they would describe their town, where to go, what to see, etc.

One thing UHLS could do to make SRP easier for you

RENS suggested a nicely styled bingo card printed up to hand at all libraries with summer reading graphics.

Highlights of the list

[A Spoonful of Frogs](#) by Casey Lyall

[Booked: The Graphic Novel](#) by Kwame Alexander

[Gigi and Ojiji](#) by Melissa Iwai

[If You're a Kid Like Gavin](#) by Gavin Grimm

[Queer Ducks \(and Other Animals\): The Natural World of Animal Sexuality](#) by Eliot Schrefer

[Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country](#) by Kelly Yang

[Yoshi and the Ocean: A Sea Turtle's Incredible Journey Home](#) by Lindsay Moore

[Finding Fire](#) and the Path to a Published Picture Book:

We spent an awesome hour with Logan S. Kline, learning about his first published picture book, [Finding Fire](#). In addition to being an author and illustrator, Logan is the husband of UHLS's very own Kim Roppolo, director of Stephentown Memorial Library!



Find him online at <https://www.loganskline.com/>

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[ARC'S Available!](#)

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

(These ARCs cannot be added to your collection in any way.

By requesting ARCs, you are agreeing to give them to your kid, tween, or teen readers.)

Quote of the day:

A goal without a plan is just a wish.