

## UHLS Youth Services Advisory Council

September 27, 2023

1:30 – 2:30

Virtual

*Apologies for the sketchy notes taken by Mary, who was also running the meeting!*

**Attendance (9):** Mary Fellows (UHLS), Lee Ackerman Sawyer (WSTR), Amy Caccia (VAFL), Carol Roberts (TROY), Sarah Russo (GUIL), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Sarah Bailey (TROY), Sara Hopkins (BRUN), Debbie Sternklar (VOOR)

### UHLS updates

- SRP stats - thanks for submitting (or please get them in).
- The Great Giveback and Global Youth Services Day - earlier Mary had sent a notice that a celebration of these two days could be melded. That came from a COLN proposal, which then had to be retracted because the Town/Albany County got involved and things got complicated. Libraries doing TGGB are encouraged to leverage teen participation.
- Next YSAC: Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 - 3:00 with librarians from a public library system in Wisconsin! Agenda to come.
- Storytime Bootcamp for staff new or newish to doing storytime: Thursday, November 16 at UHLS, 8:00 - 12:30. Free. CE credit offered. Registration [here](#).
- A session of Youth Mental Health First Aid will be scheduled for late fall/early winter.

### SRP debrief

Mentioned:

- School supply drive (TROY and BRUN have both done in different ways)
- Seasonal clothing swaps (BRUN)
- To patrons who sign up, sending emails of a book in serial form. Patrons get a message a day with the next few hundred words (typed out by library staff) of the selected book. Public domain literature is eligible, such as Anne of Green Gables. Sara of BRUN does this one, and has used Substack as a platform. Project Gutenberg was also mentioned.
- 4H in Albany County is more fully staffed now and willing to support library programming.
- Brunswick uses the digital platform Substack to share classic literature in blog and email newsletter form, inspired by the popular Dracula Daily internet phenomenon. BRUN is currently sharing Anne of Green Gables a few hundred words at a time, taking text from the Project Gutenberg website. Patrons can choose to sign up to receive Anne of Green Gables updates via email newsletter or they can read along on the blog. Any public domain book is eligible for this type of digital read-along. <https://brunswicklibrary.substack.com/>

### **Fall/winter programming ideas:**

- [Make a Fascinator](#) - could be multi-generational. Tie in royalty, tie in with a clothing swap, with a program all about hats.
- [March 10 Mario Day Party](#) - who doesn't love a good Goomba Stomp?

### **Good to share:**

- [Bruce and the Legend of Soggy Hollow](#) by Ryan T. Higgins
- [A Very Cranky Book](#) by Angela and Tony DiTerlizzi

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### **Quote of the day:**

It's not about 'what can I accomplish?' but 'what do I want to accomplish?' Paradigm shift.

-Brene Brown