

UHLS Youth Services Advisory Council

January 12, 2024

10:00 - 11:00 Virtual

Attendance: Zoom (12) Mary Fellows (UHLS) Amy DuBrey (UHLS), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Gail Brown (VOOR), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Anita Wilson (PTRB), Anita Caccia (VAFL), Danielle Weeks (VAFL), Rose Stuart (COLN), Carol Roberts (TROY), Laurie Buckley (APL)

Youth trends to watch: Mary led a discussion on trends for 2024, with a focus on potential program ideas for the year ahead:

- [Fruit Infused Coffee](#)
- [Theme Dressing](#)
- [Girl Dinner](#)
- [Micropreneurs](#): lawn mowing, dog walking, drop shipper, etc.
- Cinema experience in the library: teens are reviving the movie theater industry
- Mental Health with a focus on techy therapeutic and immersive products and experiences aimed at reducing stress and anxiety.
- [charcuterie candy boards for kids](#)
- [Bubble Cakes](#) (sugar bubbles)
- [Mocktails](#)
- [Mini Foods](#)
- [Squeegee painting](#)
- [Jellyfish](#) - hairstyles, crafts, wearables,
- [Inchstones](#) - climbing stairs, etc (celebrating small accomplishments)
- [Collaborative parenting groups](#) and [here](#)

Science of Reading discussion

“Once children learn to read, they can teach themselves about anything they want to know.”
- from video

[Building the Reading Brain](#) - video

The discussion about the video focused on the importance of a balanced approach to teaching reading, combining sight words and phonics, and the crucial role of adult support in building children's self-esteem and confidence in reading as well as the skills (Read, Write, Sing, Play, Talk) being used and taught in storytimes and the importance of Early Literacy Messages.

UHLS updates

- [Equity Challenge](#) being rolled out to libraries – 8 areas; choices of what you do; monetary reward
- [Upcoming SRP workshops](#) - Feb 15, February 29, March 13 – CHANGE!
- [Smokey Bear Reading Challenge](#) and refer to email of 1/11
- New grant project: *Sex, Accurate Information for Youth, and Libraries (SAIYL)* focuses on promoting and expanding libraries' collections of sexuality and reproductive health information for youth
 - Confidential Personal Assessment
 - Trainings: some required and some optional
 - Review Center (of books and materials) at UHLS, plus lists
 - Money for purchase of books for your libraries
 - Milage and Substitute compensation/ stipends
 - UPDATE: Please refer to email from Mary of 1/15 for more information, including grant overview and library memo of agreement

Highlights of the list

[Oh, Olive](#) by Lian Cho

[Ketanji: Justice Jackson's Journey to the U.S. Supreme Court](#) by Keekla Magoon

[I'm From](#) by Gary R. Gray ill. by Oge Mora

[Say My Name](#) by Joanna Ho

Great reads/views/ listens

[The Last Mapmaker](#) by Christina Soontornvat: a great middle grade adventure

[Plan A](#) by Deb Caletti

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.)

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