

UHLS Youth Services Advisory Council

Friday, March 8, 2024

10:00 – 11:15 Virtual

Attendance: Zoom (7) Mary Fellows (UHLS), Lee Ackerman-Sawyer (WSTR), Suzanne Cardinal (NASS), Kathy Stempel (BERN), Danielle Weeks (VAFL), Lee Ricci (COLN), Nureet Carmel (CAST)

UHLS updates

- Amy DuBrey left UHLS; please be patient with response time until her position is filled, yet also please ask for what you need!
- [Upcoming SRP workshops](#) – [Teen SRP](#) on March 13, 9:30 – 12:30, [CCBC Shorts](#) (must register; recorded) on 3/20 10-10:40, [YNOTS](#) (no registration, recorded) on 3/21 2:00 – 3:00. [GOAT Teen Services Meetup](#) (must register) in person on April 30 at EGRN
- [Smokey Bear Reading Challenge](#) email to come on webinar information from yesterday. Libraries are encouraged to carefully consider the program's guidelines, and to consider doing it in the fall for less confusion with SRP.
- New grant project: ***Sex, Accurate Information for Youth, and Libraries (SAIYL)*** has 11 libraries participating. Start is on hold for a bit because of UHLS YS staffing.

Discussion on sustainability

Mary led a discussion on sustainability from an eco standpoint and also from a staffing/programming standpoint. Highlights:

Eco (some thoughts from [ALSC blog post](#)):

- Consider over-reliance on single use items like craft supplies and coloring sheets.
- NASS uses mugs and washes dishes rather than using paper cups for programs
- NASS purchases big bags of snacks rather than the single serving bags used during COVID

- WSTR accept community donations; looks at what was donated and then plan programs around that.
 - o Good websites from Lee Ackerman-Sawyer:
 - [Calendar of STEM-related seasonal events and holidays | NISE Network](#)
 - [STEM Calendar for Educators: Month by Month STEM | Science Buddies Blog - sciencebuddies.org](#)
 - [Hands-On Teaching Ideas - Activities for Home or School](#)
 - [Red Ted Art - Kids Crafts](#)
 - [Babble dabble do](#)
 - [DLTK's Crafts for Kids \(dltk-kids.com\)](#)
 - [Sciencetoymaker](#)
 - [T H E T O Y M A K E R](#)
 - [The Art Dream](#)
 - [Home - Facts Just for Kids, Teachers and Parents](#)
 - [Canon Creative Park](#)
 - [Over 65 STEM Activities For Kids - The Homeschool Scientist](#)
 - [28 Days of STEM Activities and STEAM Activities for Kids - Left Brain Craft Brain](#) - this links to a variety of sites
 - [30 Family STEM Activities to Wow the Kids | Kids Activities | \(masandpas.com\)](#)
 - [Little Bins for Little Hands - Simple Science and STEM for Every Day](#)
 - [STEAM Powered Family: STEM Resources for Curious Kids](#)
 - [10 Simple and Fun STEAM Activities - Teaching Mama](#)
- Look for reusable, upcycled, or repurposed materials for programs and activities. Make sourcing local options a priority.

- Thrift shops and sites also a good source – Goodwill, Albany Freecycle (where you can ask for what you need also), FB Marketplace
- [FlexCon](#) (2 hrs from Albany)
- Think about what will become of the items after the program or event. Am I generating waste or can items be repurposed, donated, or used when they go home?
- Using good materials for a project can make art that people will be more likely to keep.
- More information: “[Waste Not, Want Not](#)” and [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#)

Staffing

- If you don't have enough staff to sustain an acceptable level of youth services, you either: redefine acceptable level of services, hire more staff, or cut back on the services you do offer.
- Work smarter
 - VAFL: Do fewer events, but of higher quality
 - Have fewer participants – but the relationship with them is strong.
 - May need to educate administrators about the need to measure Young Adult Services in a way other than number of bodies attending. Quality of conversations, indicators of deeper relationships (one teen showed Danielle her prom dress)

Mary share useful toolkits for YS work

[Championing Children's Services Toolkit](#) - a variety of advocacy resources to empower staff to engage their communities to build healthy, successful futures for children.

[Toolkit for Program Challenges](#). Shows the difference between program and material challenges and provides a thorough, step-by-step checklist for planning and protecting vulnerable programs.

[Intellectual Freedom Programming Toolkit](#). - fake news, book bans and more

[Toolkit: Library Services to Underserved Children and Their Caregivers](#).- covers Autism and Sensory Processing Disorder, Children with Print Disabilities, Financial Insecurity and Homelessness, New Americans, and Spanish Speaking Populations.

[Learning Beyond: 21st Century Summer and Out-of-School Time Programs for Youth](#). Use information here to share with administrators or partners to support changes you want to make.

[Public Library & School Library Collaboration Toolkit](#) - partnership ideas, concrete examples of successful partnerships, and templates for starting and maintaining a partnership with a school.

[Early Childhood Trauma Toolkit](#) – informs about various traumas experienced by young children, identifies their impact on communities with young children, and offers ideas for supporting families, caregivers, and educators working with young children who may have experienced trauma.

[Advocacy Toolkit](#) – helps for teens and adults to advocate for teen services and libraries

[Environmental Toolkit](#) - BINGO game, quizzes info on clothing swaps, more for Earth Day or sustainability or environmental programs

[Making in the Library Toolkit](#) - materials and resources for professional development, outreach, collections, and programs to successfully integrate the Maker mindset into programs and services. The core components of making, DIY and crafting.

[Partnering Toolkit](#) – great kit on partnering. Focuses on partnerships to benefit teens, but most information applies to any partnership.

[STEAM Programming Toolkit](#) - materials and resources to successfully integrate STEAM into programs and services. Evaluation piece that can be repurposed to other types of programs.

[Teen Intern Program Toolkit](#) – if you ever want to hire a teen intern

[Teen Literacies Toolkit](#) – includes useful information on basic literacy and creating a literacy-rich environment for teens; can be applied for other age groups.

[Professional tools for librarians serving youth](#) -

Access | Advocacy | Copyright | Digital Media | Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion | Early Literacy | Environmental Scan | Intellectual Freedom and much more!

Readers Advisory Go-To's – what are you recommending to kids and especially boys in grades 3-5?

- [Mr. Lemoncello series](#)
- [Spy School series](#)
- [Lockwood series](#)
- [Lightning Thief series](#)
- [The Westing Game](#)
- [The Wild Robot](#)
- [Lincoln's Grave Robbers](#)
- Annotated bibliographies shared by Lee Ricci at COLN (see end of notes)

Other Readers Advisory recommendations:




- [Divine Rivals](#) duology
- [Simon Sort of Says](#)
- [Truly Devious series](#)

Your conundrums, crowd-sourced: pose a problem you're experiencing to your colleagues for their ideas

Getting teens into the library. Ideas:

- D & D
- Food!
- "Parties" (labeling is important)
- Pick up on popular culture

- Involve teens in creating programs for younger children/families. COLN teens make costumes and props and held a life-sized CandyLand.
- VAFL: teens are making props and costumes for ComicCon in Saratoga Springs – YSAC road trip???
- Resources from COLN:
 - [Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation](#) from Tai Filippelli

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Extraterrestrials</h2> 	 <p>J Anderson, John Stowaway (2021) Leo stows away on an alien pirate ship, hoping to persuade the pirates to help him find his kidnapped father.</p> <p>J Brooks, Nick Nothing Interesting Ever Happens to Ethan Fairmont (2022) Sixth-grader and inventor Ethan Fairmont and his friends, Kareem and Juan Carlos, stumble across an extraterrestrial visitor.</p> <p>J Buckley, Michael Finn and the Intergalactic Lunchbox (2020) When Earth is invaded by alien bugs, 11-year-olds Finn, Lincoln and Julep use a pink unicorn lunchbox to save the planet.</p> <p>J Buxbaum, Julie The Area 51 Files (2022) Sky Patel-Baum and her pizza-obsessed hedgehog, Spike, her otherworldly neighbor, Elvis, and his fluffy pup, Pickles, investigate why extraterrestrials are disappearing from Area 51.</p>	 <p>J Eason, Alethea Hungry (2007) Sixth-grader Deborah, an extraterrestrial posing as a tween, is expected to eat her best friend, Willy, at her family's annual feast.</p> <p>J Gibbs, Stuart Space Case (2014) 12-year-old Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, must solve the murder of one of the moon's scientists.</p> <p>J Griffiths, Andy The 130-Story Treehouse: Laser Eyes and Annoying Flies (2021) Andy, Terry and Jill are abducted by a giant flying eyeball and arrive on Planet Eyeballia, not a friendly place.</p> <p>J Jung, Mike Unidentified Suburban Object (2016) As the only Korean student in her school, seventh-grader Chloe Cho feels like an alien. When her parents tell her the whole truth, it might be more than she can handle.</p>
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L'Engle, Madeleine
A Wrinkle in Time (1962)
 Meg Murry and her friends work with unearthly strangers in a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

J Miller, Darcy
Margot and Mateo Save the World (2018)
 Their town invaded by slug-like aliens, sixth graders Margot and Mateo team up with a visiting scientist to save the day.

J Murray, James
Area 51 Interns: Alien Summer (2022)
 Twelve-year-old Viv Harlow and her friends must gear up and work together to save their parents from alien abduction.

J Oakes, Cory
Dinosaur Boy (2015)
 Fifth-grader Sawyer, a boy with a dinosaur gene, his best friend Elliot and a mysterious new girl decide to rescue Sawyer's bullies from a galactically horrible fate.



J Oppel, Kenneth
Bloom (2020)
 An alien invasion begins with a rainstorm and the growth of toxic plants. Only Anaya, Petra and Seth are immune to the plants.

J Ormsbee, KE
Midnight on Strange Street (2020)
 A group of friends with telepathic abilities catch the attention of the most powerful man in Callaway, Texas, and extraterrestrial forces, as well.

J Rodkey, Geoff
We're Not from Here (2019)
 A boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants, the Zhuri, don't like humans, so the boy and his family try to change their minds.

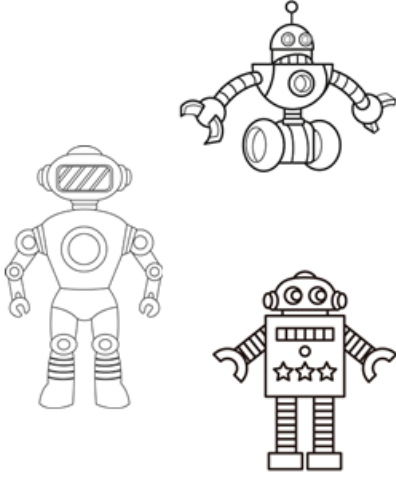
J Sorosiak, Carlie
Leonard (My Life as a Cat) (2021)
 An alien, sent to Earth to study its inhabitants, winds up in the body of a cat, contending with the indignities of kitty litter and hair balls and a compulsion to shred the curtains.



J van Eekhout, Greg
Weird Kid (2021)
 Jake Foster, a shapeshifting extraterrestrial, and his friend, Agnes, investigate the mysterious takeover of their neighbors by alien impostors.

J Winkler, Henry
Alien Superstar (2019)
 A six-eyed alien stars on a popular TV show, playing an alien, but his fans think he is just a character in costume, while he must keep his true identity a secret.





Robots



J Almond, David
 Brand New Boy (2022)
 Dan's and Maxie's new friend George is a robot. When George is pulled from school, Dan and Maxie are determined to recover him and set him free.

J Angleberger, Tom
 Fuzzy (2016)
 Max and her robot classmate, Fuzzy, navigate Vanguard Middle School and, together, they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

J Applegate, Katherine
 Dogtown (2023)
 In Dogtown, a shelter for unwanted canine and robot dogs, Chance, a three-legged dog, Metalhead, a robot, and Mouse strive to find forever homes.

J Bacon, Lee
 The Last Human (2019)
 After machines take control of Earth, twelve-year-old robot XR 935A discovers and befriends a twelve-year-old human girl.

J Brown, Peter
 The Wild Robot (2016)
 Alone on a remote, wild island, Roz the robot must learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

J Crimi, Carolyn
 Weird Little Robots (2019)
 When eleven-year-old Penny Rose moves to a new town, she makes a friend, joins a secret science club and discovers the robots she builds are alive.

J Ewing, Eve
 Maya and the Robot (2021)
 A forgotten robot comes to life just when aspiring fifth-grade scientist Maya needs a friend--and a science fair project.

J Fisher, Catherine
 The Clockwork Crow (2020)
 With the help of a mechanical bird, Seren Rhys sets out to find Tomos, a missing boy, thought to have been taken by fairies.

<p>J Fox, Helen Eager (2004) Unlike Grumps, their old-fashioned robot, the Bell family's new robot, Eager, is programmed not only to obey but to reason, question and exercise free will.</p> <p>J Kenny, Padraig Tin (2019) Christopher, a real boy with a real soul, lives with an engineer who builds robots. After an accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher discovers who he really is.</p> <p>J Korman, Gordon The Superteacher Project (2023) Mr Aidact, the most popular teacher at Brightling Middle School, is an expert on everything. Oliver and Nathan are suspicious and determined to solve the mystery.</p> <p>J Lerner, Jarrett Enginerds (2017) When a group of friends receive robots that act like real creatures, it is up to them to save the day.</p>	<p>J Patterson, James House of Robots (2014) Fifth-grader Sammy Hayes-Rodriguez struggles when his inventor mother makes him take a robot to school with him.</p> <p>J van Eekhout, Greg Cog (2019) Cog looks like a twelve-year-old boy, but he is a robot. After an accident leaves him damaged, Cog must find his way back to Gina, the scientist who created and cared for him.</p> <p>J Vaughan, MM Friendroid (2019) Twelve-year-old Danny and Slick recount how their friendship begins and when they discover Slick's true identity.</p> <p>J Warga, Jasmine A Rover's Story (2022) Res was built to explore Mars. As he navigates its difficult landscape, Res is tested in ways that go beyond space exploration.</p>	<p>J 629.8 Becker, Helaine Hubots: Real World Robots Inspired by Humans (2018)</p> <p>J 629.8 Buller, Laura Robot (2018)</p> <p>J 629.8 Clay, Kathryn Tiny Robots (2015)</p> <p>J 629.8 Gifford, Clive A Robot World: Discover Amazing Robot and Their Robot Powers (2017)</p> <p>J 629.8 Lepora, Nathan Robots (2018)</p> <p>J 629.8 Shores, Erika Animal Robots (2015)</p> <p>J 629.8 Sobey, Ed Build Your Own Robot: Science Fair Projects (2016)</p> <p>J 629.8 Zuchora-Walske, Christine Weather Robots (2015)</p> <p>J 629.892 Ceceri, Kathy Bots! (2019)</p> <p>J629.892 Van Vleet, Carmella Robotics! (2019)</p>
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