

YALS Meeting
Lane Memorial Library
10/23/08

Winter Meeting:
[Kimball Library](#)
Atkinson, NH
January 22, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kirsten Corbett (Hampton); Alec Estabrook (Merrimac); Jason Etheridge (Keene); Amy Friedman (Hills Memorial); Jean Grout (Exeter); Ann Hoey (State); Lisa Houde (Rye); Jenn Jasinski (Nashua); Nancy Lang (Dunbarton); Kate Norton (Manchester City); Susan Petrikas (Seabrook); Carol Sanborn (Hampton Falls); Denise Schaaf (Goffstown); Kathy Watson (Kimball); Gail Zachariah (Keene).

NEWS FROM THE STATE:

Ann Hoey will be asking for book nominations for the 2010 Flume Awards. Information will be sent soon. As in the past, Amy Friedman will be collecting the nominations. A web presence was discussed for comments.

Ann mentioned the possibility of NH joining the National Cooperative Summer Library Program. NH, along with MA and TX, are the only states that currently do not participate. The state library is supportive and costs to NH libraries would be less. Along with the Summer Reading Program for Children, they offer a complete Summer Reading Program for Teens and an on-line Adult Reading Program. It was mentioned that the teen program has been successful. Each library would receive two manuals and two CD's. This will be voted on in March of 2009. Start year would be 2010. Check out the website at: www.cslpreads.org. The only con mentioned was that leftover incentives could not be sold for profit.

NHLA CONFERENCE MAY 2009:

Kate and Susan would like more information on a few of the presentations suggested for the conference, especially the topic of Superheroes.

The NEMA conference will be held two weeks after NHLA conference. Be aware that the same people might be contacted for programs. This will be an interesting test year with the split of the two conferences, especially among vendors.

NOTE: The program committee will meet on Thursday, November 20 from 9-11:00 am at UNH Manchester. Ann will attend for YALS if Kate and/or Susan are unavailable.

Jenn will talk to Anne Donahue and Andrea Thorpe, who orchestrate the conference, to see if YALS can get a table for exhibits, or if YALS can combine an exhibit with YALSA. It was discussed that a good exhibit might be video game playing.

RECAP ON NELA:

Those who attended the conference agreed that it wasn't the best, although the program where video games could be played was great. Also, the program on Hot Teen Titles was "interesting". Handouts from the conference should be available on the NELA website. Of note was the Teen Read Advisory for Non-Teen Librarians.

YALS NETWORK GROUP:

YALS is now a recognized section of NHLA. Ann mentioned that the bylaws have been accepted by NHLA. YALS is obligated to file a report to NHLA to renew which Ann said she would do. YALS will now

need to charge a nominal membership fee of \$5.00. It was mentioned that we need to put out information about our group on the NHAIS-L listserv and mention that we would welcome new participants. Invitations for new members will be sent out in December. Membership would run from January 1 through December 31.

LIBRARY SWAPPING:

The idea of sharing a video gaming system amongst the YALS group was mentioned, but nixed. It was decided that the systems are too expensive to travel through so many library communities.

However, sharing unusual and seldom used supplies, along with the variety of librarian talent, was discussed as a possibility. Jenn will make a template available to post available supplies and talents on a the YALS website.

WRESTLEMANIA:

Three libraries are participating in this contest sponsored by YALSA and World Wrestling Entertainment. Hampton, Keene and Goffstown.

NATIONAL GAME DAY:

Keene is participating in National Game Day on Saturday, November 15 with video and board games.

TEEN READ WEEK RECAP:

Keene showed the movie *Blood & Chocolate*; Keene is also doing a program for teens to show them how to use webcams to make their own trailers! Manchester made Halloween Cards; Hampton Falls started up a reading group for 5th grade girls where they craft while a story is read to them;

OTHER PROGRAMS:

Rye started a knit club "Knitting for Peace" where they knit blanket squares for the SPCA.

A henna program was discussed, what materials worked well, how to structure it.

SIDE NOTES:

There was an article in VOYA that said that people will respond to personal invitations more so than e-mail. Lisa has had good success with this for her programs.

Jean brought the Travelling Pants to hand over to Stratham. She also brought along new novels to share.

Nancy shared *What It Is*, a book that is part graphic novel and part how to write a graphic novel.

Big thanks to Ann for free books.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise E. Schaaf, Goffstown Public Library