

YALS Meeting
05/04/06
Dunbarton Public Library
10:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday August 24, 2006 at the Exeter Public Library

State Library news:

The State will be sticking with the Ebsco Host databases, with some upgrades to features or databases available. There is also a new downloadable audio book project through OverDrive. Libraries can buy into the system and allow patrons to download books at the library or remotely.

The Flume Award:

34 schools and libraries submitted votes and the winner is "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown. The 2007 nominees will be posted on the YALS website and the committee is working on a poster to promote the award and an actual award for the winner.

CHILIS Conference:

Nancy received only a couple of Teen Summer Reading brochure samples, which were displayed along with bookmarks listing the program ideas from our program fair. The file of programs was emailed to those who requested it, and will be sent to Jen to be put on the YALS site.

NHLC 2007 will be at the Mount Washington. We discussed some program topics to suggest to the committee: Blogging and MySpace and how libraries can use them to promote programs for teens and/or safety issues for teens using them. The "Visiting Geeks" present a program for parents on teen safety online and how teens are using and misusing MySpace. Some colleges and employers such as summer camps are looking up applicants on MySpace and taking the teen's postings into account in admissions and hiring decisions. Another idea was a program on copyright and licensing issues regarding use of movies and music in programs.

Websites for Teens: Alex brought a short list he had compiled, along with a printout from the New Jersey Library Association's website listing good sites for teens. (<http://www.njla.org/sections/youngadult/websitesforteens.pdf>)

Summer program ideas:

Exeter is planning an animé drawing program lead by a student, smoothies and appetizers for their cooking program, and a web page design program. They are using the theme "Reading is a High flying Adventure." Seabrook is planning a medieval theme, "Jaust Reading" and a fencing demo. Dunbarton is planning a "Trash to Treasures" craft night and playing the Pirates constructible strategy game. New Boston has 8 teen programs planned, chosen by the Teen Advisory Board, including two murder mystery nights. Other programs mentioned: Movie nights, animé club, Open mike for poetry and music, cultural program introducing the culture and foods of a country. The Society of American Magicians New Hampshire branch offers free (or for gas money) instructors. The Society for Creative Anarchism also offers free/gas money programs or demonstrations. Hudson did an adult summer reading program last year, offering a raffle ticket for each library book read. Weekly drawings were held for coupons/gift cards from

local pizza parlors, car washes, and restaurants. The teens in Hampton want to make a charitable donation instead of getting prizes for their reading. Prize ideas shared included locally owned stores, bowling, mini-golf, Nashua Pride and Fisher Cats baseball, Manchester Wolves arena football, New England Patriots foundation (which sent a 4 pack of VIP skybox tickets to a NE Revolutions soccer game). The Manchester Monarchs sent stacks of team pictures last year, as summer is their off-season. Sometimes the best way to get prizes from the 'big box' stores is to ask members of the community to sponsor a prize by buying a gift card.

Teen Advisory Boards:

Most meet monthly. Surveying the teens on paper often helps clarify their ideas more than just talking. TABs can recommend purchases of books and music CDs, program ideas, and put together lists and displays of recommended reads.

New YA books: On the Head of a Pin by Mary Beth Miller involves an accidental shooting and its cover-up, as well as child abuse.

Movie licensing:

Neither of the major licensing companies seems to cover anim . Nancy had received a letter from ADV films indicating that they can provide screening permissions. How much and what type of advertising is allowed varies by license. For most, libraries can only advertise the title of the movie in-house.