

**YALS Board Meeting
Local Government Center, Concord NH
1/28/16**

Call to Order: 10:02 AM

In Attendance: Barb Ballou (New Boston – Whipple Free Lib), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public), Madeline Gielow (Weeks PL – Greenland), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack PL), Julie Lanter (Exeter PL), Grace Larochelle (Hooksett PL), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua PL), Danny Lykansion (Hudson-Rodgers Memorial Lib), Kathy Watson (Kimball Library – Atkinson), Gail Zachariah (Keene Public)

Next Meeting: 3/24/16, 10 AM @ LGC in Concord, per room availability.

Secretary's Report: November '15 minutes approved.

President's Report: Not much new to report, as Gail was unable to attend NHLA meeting and Ann was absent to report in her stead.

Treasurer's Report: \$3562.15 balance as of today.

State Report: Ann Hoey was absent today.

Conference Report:

- Conference 2016 will take place Sept 22nd 2016
- LGC in Concord is booked, though we are open to other suggestions in the meantime,
- Author luncheon: Gail brought a list of options to consider. Most are in the 2000-3000 range, though in the past we've been able to recoup up to \$1500 for an author expense. Ellen Oh, President of We Need Diverse Books campaign and YA author is available for our conference date and at a low cost. She is looking like our top priority but Francisco Stork and Dhonielle Clayton were also discussed as favorable options.
- Bookseller for award books: We liked our experience with Water Street books in Exeter, and Julie from Exeter PL can act as liaison if we want to go with them again. However, we will also ask Ann if she can reach out to Gibson's since they are local to Concord, to find out how they operate and if they would offer a comparable discount to Water Street.

✓ **Action Items:** Gail to contact Ann to see if she can find out if and how Gibson's can work with us as bookseller for Flume and author books. Ann to hopefully follow up with Gibson's upon confirmation with Gail.

- Isinglass Booktalks: We'd discussed improving upon booktalks more, as even our shorter version we tried last year (splitting them up into two groups) felt long. Ideas include: speed-dating version of booktalks to smaller groups during networking sessions or sprinkling reviews of just two or three books before and after other sessions.
- Programming panels: Most feedback from the last conference indicated YALS members want more information on successful programs for teens, so that will be the focus of this conference. After discussing what types of programs we'd like to focus on, we will look into hosting three panels (one on gaming programs, one on volunteer/community, and one on stealth/passive programs. We also discussed after-hours/lock-ins as a possible topic. We will also have a "post-it" wall where any conference attendee will be able to post additional program ideas that have worked for them to encourage networking and idea-sharing. We also discussed showcasing gaming options during networking sessions.
 - ✓ **Action items:** Gail will put out a query for panelists for each session. Danny, Gail, and Liz can possibly speak to gaming. Sylvie can possibly speak to volunteering.
- Wild Apricot: Last conference we had 2/3rds of group sign up through this online service paying either with credit or Paypal, so we will host this payment option again. We discussed who should cover this and membership duties – Bylaws state secretary, but treasurer is also a good option since money is involved, but webmaster could also play a role.
 - ✓ **Action items:** Liz will connect with Barb (webmaster), Donna (treasurer) and Gail (president) to determine this.

Flume/Isinglass Book Award

- Wikis have been updated to newest submissions. Deadline for Flume submissions is 1/29/16. Flume has a good number of nominations with more likely to come in. Isinglass is a small list but still has time to grow.
- Board discussed combining awards into one teen read award. This wouldn't increase a cost on YALS because it wouldn't be taking on two awards, it would just be expanding the age range of one. Last year when discussing pros and cons of this, some expressed concern that middle school librarians can't buy the full list of awards if some titles are recommended 9th grade and older. But we don't see this as an issue if we combine, as we would make sure there are titles that are for a middle school audience, and school librarians could direct students to the public library if they wish to read additional titles that are aimed at an older audience.
 - ✓ **Action items:** Liz will coordinate CHILIS board and Isinglass Committee chair w/YALS reps to discuss this more and make a decision on if/when/how this might happen.

New business:

Google calendar: Issues with correct time and info were still happening last month, but Gail has recently had her privileges updated as webmaster to be able to address this inconsistencies moving forward.

Summer Program ideas:

- [Todd Brodeur, Frisbee expert](#) – Kimball and Sandown have both hosted Todd’s program, which is part show, part workshop. It has worked with both small and large audiences.
- [Stranger Than Fiction Improv](#) – Liz is in contact with this Portsmouth improv troop to do a show/workshop for summer reading opener. Their producer is interested in opening up more performance options for libraries.
- [Quidditch](#) demo? – Liz is also looking into New England Quidditch teams in hopes one may be able to do a demo for summer, but no luck so far. Nashua has a casual group that gets together, but college teams come with uniforms and more cred – but is summer a bad time for them? Hopefully more info.
- [Giant Board Game](#) (Giant Games Company) events can be rented out - includes set up and break down. Company also sells the games individually.
- Color Run and other running events: [“Teen Librarians” group on Facebook](#) has been discussing color runs/color wars (inspired by Holi color festival in India). Gail expressed some people have allergy/breathing issues w/powder so we discussed other ideas like a Costumed Run.
- [Mark “The Rock” Rothstein Jump Rope program](#) has been to libraries and enjoyed.

New books read:

Challenger Deep – NBA Youth winner

Bone Gap- Printz Winner

All In (#3 *Naturals* series)

Truth Witch

Rook

Because You’ll Never Meet Me

Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly

Conviction

Simon Vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda- Morris Award winner

Memory of Light (ARC)

Whisper to Me (ARC)

You Know Me (ARC)

Adjourned at 11:18 AM