

YALS Meeting - Local Government Center

1/26, 2017 Meeting Called to Order at 10:00a.m.

In Attendance: Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public Library) Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library) Susanne Cortez (Lebanon Public Library) Ann Hoey (NH State Library) Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library) Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith Public Library) Tanya Ricker (Plymouth/Pease Public Library) Brittany Moore (Hall Memorial) Karla Kittler (St. Pauls School) Madeline Gielow (Weeks/Greenland) Vicky Sandin (Rodgers Memorial/Hudson)

Location and Date of Next meeting: March 23, 10:00 a.m. at Local Government Center.

Secretary's report: Previous minutes approved from November 17, 2016.

Action Items: Minutes approved.

President's Report: Susanne announced that CHILIS officially voted to let go of the Isinglass award.

Action Items: See action items for Flume/Isinglass Report.

Vice President's Report: Tanya attended the NHLA committee meeting to finalize the May 4&5 NHLA Conference to be held in the Sheridan in Portsmouth, NH. Each section was asked to recommend programs. YALS recommended; Summer reading programming for Teens, How to Promote Flume/Isinglass awards, YA Smackdown, and How school and public libraries can collaborate. Emelia Fleck (Plymouth Regional High school), Ethel Gaides (assistant superintendent from SAU #48), Karyn Isleb (Head of Youth Services, Manchester City Library) have volunteered for the panel on public and school library collaboration. We still need volunteers for the other three panels.

Also recommended as a general program topic was "Taking Dewey Out of the Library" and there are already two speakers for this panel but we could use at least one more.

Action Items: A unanimous vote was passed "Supporting school librarians visiting the NHLA conference at a reduced afternoon rate for the session on Friday." Tanya is hoping to have all slots filled for all 5 programs by the next NHLA conference committee meeting on Feb 9th. Contact Tanya if you are interested in volunteering for any of the above programs.

Treasurer's Report (in absentia): The current balance is \$3,795.52.

State Report: Anne ceded time for the Flume/Isinglass report.

Website: Barb has added a link on the website's programming page and discovered the formatting is malfunctioning on this page.

Actionable items: Barb hopes to have the problem resolved by Friday, January 27th..

Fall conference discussion: Susanne has confirmed Hookset as our alternative site for our Fall Conference and we must continue to wait to book our primary site, the Local Government Center as they only permit us to reserve rooms 6 months in advance. Tanya contacted Lisa Bunker who asked for a 1,000 speaker fee. We will ask for a reduced rate of \$500 plus lunch. Recommended programming was marketing for nonprofits with a focus on social media, show and tell programming, a technology petting zoo, the Flume/Isinglass awards and a panel on safe spaces at the library.

Actionable items: Tanya will contact Lisa Bunker regarding a reduced speaker fee.

Flume and Isinglass Awards: The committee voted unanimously to combine the Isinglass and Flume awards. Currently, the Flume award is 10 books, Isinglass used to be 12. It was recommended that the committee combine the awards into one award containing 12 titles as nominees books total (effectually 2 books serving each grade level for 7-12) and to immediately open up the Flume wiki to books covering the 7th and 8th grade.

The timeline for the Flume has recently changed, a list of nominated books will be selected in April for the Flume/Isinglass combination. This slate of books will be presented at the NHLA conference in May. The next winner will be chosen in April 2018. There will be no award winner in 2017 due to the new timeline.

Actionable items: . Those interested are invited to meet on March 9th at 3:30 at the Local Government Center for one hour to plan the combination of the Isinglass and Flume award. Ann and Tanya are currently seeking recommendations of books from teens for the Flume award and hope to also include books for 7th & 8th graders. These book nominations will be accepted all year, but nominees will be selected in April. If you are interested in joining the Flume committee please contact Tanya.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Books and Programming Ideas to Share:

Tanya recommends *Carve the Mark*

Brittany recommends *Prez: Vol. 1*

Sylvie recommends *The Sun is Also a Star*

Karla recommends *The Circle* (also an upcoming movie, still unrated)

Sylvie reviewed interactive movies and Barb as her write up on our programming page.

Escape rooms were discussed with two NH locations mentioned, *Locked* in Manchester and *Key to Escape* in Nashua.

Madeleine recommended UNH 4H's babysitting course which is a free program that trained staff members and enabled Weeks PL to provide 6th graders and up a 5 night babysitting course.

Tanya invited libraries to explore the "Discover Space Exhibit" opening February 23rd at Pease PL.

Julia discussed her library-wide Hamilton Sing a Long.

Adjournment: 11:30 am