

YALS Meeting
Whipple Free Library, New Boston
9-25-14

9:30 refreshments

Call to order: 10:08 am

Present: Barb Ballou (New Boston-Whipple Free), Ann Hoey (State), Tanya Robbins (Plymouth-Pease Public), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack), Danny Arsenault (Hudson-Rodgers Memorial), Shanna Smith (Farmington-Goodwin Library), Sylvie Brikiatis (Windham-Nesmith Library), Jennifer Bryant (Sandown), Kirsten Rundquist Corbett (Sandown), Candace Yost (Greenland-Weeks Public)

Next meeting: Thursday, November 20th at Kimball Library, Atkinson

Secretary report: Minutes approved from May (good job Kathy!)

Presidents report (Sylvie Brikiatis): Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: \$3608.03 balance

State report (Ann Hoey):

- *Flume:* Wikispaces for Flume Wiki – but Wikispace is no longer free! Membership is \$50 a year. Most wikis are priced these days, so do we want to stay with a paid option? Free option includes Google Docs, but you're required a Google account to use it. We have a large base of librarians and teachers who contribute to Flume wiki. WordPress blog is another option, or a page within our YALS website (can Joanne help with this?). We decided to pay for this year on Wikispaces, and evaluate other options during the year to see if there is another option we'd prefer to try.
- *CSLP Call for Ideas:* CSLP is working on 2016 manual (Sports/Wellness/Fitness – Get in the Game – Read). They are looking for ideas for teen manual for programs. Ann sent out feelers for suggestions, but hasn't gotten a response. She is encouraging us to send her ideas, even if they aren't fully fleshed out. Email your ideas for fitting programs to Ann (insert address). Also will take suggestions for books, crafts, etc. Sub-themes to inspire you: sports and gaming, mind and body wellness, movement activities, and books to fit in those themes too. Please send ASAP.

**YALS spring conference 2015 (potential)
May 7th at the Plaistow Library**

- Speakers confirmed: Nancy Werlin is Guest Author. Nancy Keene will speak on Technology. Flume booktalks will be presented. Ellen Koen? Former member of nh charitable foundation to speak on grant sources and grant-writing.
- Need to confirm lunch caterer (Panera, Uno, 99 in area – reach out to Kathy at Atkinson and Plaistow staff to get suggestions for more local-small business options– Sylvie will helm, and we need to make sure we cover dietary issues) Confirm by January meeting at latest. For breakfast, we still have leftover coffee from last year’s conference (on hold with –ask Kristen and check exp date), and if we want to provide breakfast again we need to organize – with a signup, and confirm we can use Plaistow’s Keurig. Also need to set up registrations (open in February at latest, to have confirmations by April).

Programming:

- Henna program (via Shanna from Goodwin) – Shanna has website that has a lot of information: www.shanna5.weebly.com. Some basic info to know: doesn’t cost a lot to do. You can buy most of the materials online (see website). Be sure to list ingredients at programs so participants can be aware in the event of allergies. Henna works best in warmer/humid climate so it’s best for a summer program (and even up here you need to find the warmest spot to let it brew). It’s helpful to find local artsy person who can freehand the design if you’re not confident to do it yourself. If you’re doing the art, have volunteers to cover sign-ups/sign-ins, food, and other business. Play a movie that they can watch while they wait for their henna to dry (needs 20 minutes so it doesn’t smear), and provide snacks to tie in with Middle Eastern culture. It’s helpful to limit the age to older kids and teens, and to get a permission form signed, and to limit each participant to one design. If you need to propose this to director or trustees, tie into any relevant materials to circ (Bollywood movies, middle eastern books and music materials) plus multicultural experience. Highly recommended to visit website for lots of tips and other information. (You can also hire Shanna out if you are afraid to do it yourself!)
- Homeschool spelling bee at Sylvie’s library on January 12th (snow date 15th). Winner will go to state spelling bee in Concord as rep for homeschooling community. Grades 4-8. Register thru Oct 31st. Registration fee \$10 per family to cover.

Other Flume Business: We need to make sure YALS supplies any give-away books at the booktalks. Lisa should submit for reimbursement for any supplies/giveaways bought for the Flume booktalks.

Voting change and timeline:

- Currently promoting books on 2014 lists to teens, and voting in April 2015. Nominations for next list will be taken from November-March.

- We'd like to shift so that we announce list in spring, promote list during summer, and do voting in October during Teen Read Week (this is just a guideline – votes can be gathered earlier). Winner would possibly be announced at NELA Conference, depending on timing (other announcement options would be fall NHLA, a YALS meet-up. Then nominations for new list would be from January-March, to announce new list at May conference. We would start this timeline for 2015 list.
- We will have one funky year where in 2015 we'll have two winners, but after that the timeline will be much more streamlined. Additionally, it will be a nice tie-in to Summer Reading, in hopes that schools can put nominees on summer reading lists, and most of the promotion will be during that period.

Elections: We need a VP nominee!

- Donna Hynes stepped forward as Treasurer Nominee! Yay!
- VP responsibilities include: Conference Chair. This is still not a heavy load, as most of the spring conference planning is taken care of ahead of time, and conference planning is a group-effort, not a solo job. Eventually you move on to President, then Past-President.
- We will push VP nomination to November, and make YALS community aware that **if we do not get this VP nomination and make an executive board, YALS will have to dissolve as an organization.**
- We can look at option of hosting all YALS meeting in Concord, if central location makes a position on board more appealing.

Manga-to-Go Kits

- A lot of us have manga collections that are too big for our spaces, but teens who are rabid for more. Danny proposed a travelling collection out of the state, a la "READS to Go." Regarding transportation, a whole large series might fit in a delivery bag. Or we can start an exchange at the YALS meetings themselves.
- Cataloging issues: Would they have a temporary barcode, or a "traveling barcode" (each library's system might not work well).
- What do we do when it goes missing or gets damaged?
- Sylvie will put our feelers for ideas from Reads-to-Go and Liz will ask YALSA list for input on exploring this idea.

Resource Page on YALS website– Proposed idea of creating a resource page for loanable materials to use in programs (soldering irons from Nashua, rainbow looms, digital cameras mentioned on CHILIS list, etc). Would manga kits be part of this?

New books:

Pawn (and sequel Capture, not released yet)
(that's it, we've been busy!)

William Shakespeare's Star Wars series. Especially if you are a fan of both Shakespeare and Star Wars.

Adjourned at 12:13 PM