

## YALS Meeting Minutes 5.23.13

- I. Introductions
  - a. Kirsten called meeting to order at 10:02am.
  - b. Present: Kirsten, Tanya (congrats on getting her MLS and being promoted to full-time), Lisa, Donna, Lisa, Sophie, Sylvie, Kathy, Lucia, and Gail.
- II. Next meeting: Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Rye, coffee at 9:30, start meeting at 10:00
- III. Prior meeting minutes: Approved
- IV. President's Report: nothing
- V. Vice President's Report: not present/nothing
- VI. Treasurer's Report: not present/nothing
- VII. State Report: Ann Hoey not present, but she wanted discussion of the Teen Summer Reading Program evaluation form
  - a. Form included in the papers distributed at the beginning of the meeting
  - b. If we know the questions ahead we can collect the necessary data
  - c. A separate evaluation for Teen SRP will be great
  - d. Electronic form is by far the easiest and best way to collect data, paper copy distributed is a printed version of a Google form.
  - e. Feedback on questions:
    - i. Include other themes as options (some are using Dig into Reading/Groundbreaking Reads rather than Beneath the Surface)
    - ii. This form focuses on the usefulness of the CSLP program
    - iii. Could we ask questions to gauge success of summer reading programs in general?
    - iv. What were our objectives? Did we meet them as a state? How are our peers doing?
    - v. Ask how many people are in the community to level with how many people participated
    - vi. Percentage increase from year past
  - f. CSLP teen graphics are bad this year, and graphics draw teens more than text/title
  - g. Gail shared some insight from the CSLP meeting
    - i. No consistency on how to define teen age range
    - ii. Children's program uses illustrators for design and adults use an in-house graphic designer, and teens apparently don't use either
- VIII. Conference
  - a. Chris Shoemaker is coming for under the target budget
  - b. Everything else in progress
  - c. Ann will start registration in August
  - d. Erin has taken over responsibility for the bookstore
  - e. Raffle item discussed and decided on a Kindle Paperwhite (without ads, \$139)
  - f. Schedule has a few changes:
    - i. LGBTQ talk will have 40 minutes, ok with Lisa

- ii. Isinglass book talks will be two 15 minute sets
  - iii. Flume book talks will be two 10 minute sets
- IX. Flume
  - a. 2013 winner is Divergent by Veronica Roth
- X. Isinglass
  - a. 2013 winner is Divergent by Veronica Roth
  - b. Lengthy conversation ensued about the variety of maturity levels exemplified by the list
  - c. It is great to have smaller lists (for both awards)
- XI. New Webmaster: Jo-Ann Roy
  - a. She is reworking the Flume page to integrate it with the YALS page
  - b. Isinglass is still under CHILIS
    - i. We want it, but there is a potential cost involved
    - ii. Kirsten will talk more specifically about the cost of adopting it
    - iii. Jo-Ann will put a blog entry to announce the award and link to it
  - c. A lengthy discussion ensued about the secretive nature of the awards and the schedule of announcements
    - i. It would be helpful for librarians to know titles ahead of kids so they can purchase books before people ask for them.
    - ii. Ideal set up would involve the award announcement being made at the applicable conference, followed by a posting to the NHAIS list/blog the following business day, and public announcement a week later.
    - iii. It would be helpful if all three awards would follow a similar pattern.
- XII. Summer Reading Programming shares
  - a. Many duct tape crafts
  - b. Kathy: crazy wigs if teens register/enter enough raffles; Frisbee program, mad science, jewelry
  - c. Lucia: comic book program with Peter Semmetti (MA) drawing their favorite character; dinner and a movie (cooking and watching)
  - d. Tanya: weekly raffle (more for award winners) cupcake wars, tie-dye (with sharpies and alcohol), edible books, time capsules, Marek Bennet
  - e. Sylvie: scavenger hunt, scratch tickets, blind date with a book, NH archeologist, time capsules, artist Christie Brock, CD etch art (paint black then scratch off with metal object), sidewalk graffiti.
  - f. Good cupcake resources include “What’s Up Cupcake” and “What’s New Cupcake”
  - g. Sophie: masquerade ball, take apart technology
  - h. Best Buy may offer staff to come in and help with tech as part of their outreach
  - i. Gail: Soft Circuit Saturdays—tshirts with LED component
  - j. Lisa (Rye): focused on children’s, but raffle tickets and prizes for teens; suggestions made to get volunteers to help with teen programs
  - k. Several libraries offering the babysitting class (either 4H or Red Cross)
  - l. Lisa (Greenland): live clue (murder on the titanic), movie nights, sand art mandalas, cupcakes, yoga and smoothie night.

- m. Kirsten: book and movie nights, newspaper planters to grow herbs that will then be used later in the season for an iron chef competition, cupcake wars
- n. Peter Struzziero, a MA librarian, offers Star Wars symposia
- o. ALA has a website about preservation week that might provide useful tips on making a time capsule

XIII. Books to share

- a. Eleanor and Park – Rainbow Rowell
- b. Out of the Easy – Ruta Sepetys (makes a good discussion)
- c. Enclave and its sequel –Ann Aquirre
- d. Ask the Passengers—A.S. King
- e. Dust of 100 Dogs—A.S. King

XIV. Adjourned 11:54pm