

YALS Meeting
Rye Public Library, Rye NH
January 23rd, 2014

9:30 refreshments

Call to order: 10 AM

In attendance: Danny Arsenault (Hudson-Rodgers Memorial Lib), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free, New Boston), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith in Windham), Jennifer Bryant (Sandown Public Lib), Kirsten Corbett (Sandown Public Lib), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Lib), Jean Grout (Exeter Public Lib), Ann Hoey (State Library in Concord), Lisa Houde (Rye Public Lib), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Lib), Tanya Robbins (Pease Public in Plymouth), Jo-Ann Roy (Tracy Library in New London), Sophie Smith (Nashua Public Lib), Allison Steele (Wilton Public/Gregg Free Lib), Kathy Watson (Kimball Library in Atkinson)

Secretary's Report (Liz, Merrimack): Nothing new to report. Need to approve Sept. Minutes?

President's Report (Sylvie, Windham):

- YALS is partnering with NELA for conference in Manchester, so the question is: do we want to put our energies into the NELA programs being presented or have our own? Will NHLA be having a conference, since NELA will be in NH? Our next YALS Conference would also be 2015. We could host YALS in the spring instead, in May – but we would need to start planning now. Or do we have a mini-meeting, post-conference meeting the last day of NELA?
- Last YALS conference presentations are now up on NHLA-YALS website.

State Report (Ann, Concord): The Teen Video Challenge is in progress, and the deadline is 2/14. Please keep promoting, as entries have been slow (which is normal, but we'd like to increase participation). There has been a lot of interest from teens under the age requirements, but we're keeping to 13+. Some have found the key to promoting this is to contact school librarians. Windham uses it as community service opportunity, which is a possible option for additional promotion.

Treasurer's Report (Allison, Wilton): Treasury balance is: \$3112.77. We expect an increase as registrations roll in.

Conference report (Barb, New Boston):

NHLA Spring 2014 Conference
Wed April 23rd-Thurs 24th at Mountain Grand in Whitesfield
The theme is "Better Together"

Conference fee: \$75 for one day, \$125 two-day, with a hotel cost of \$125 a night

- Wednesday YALS sessions include: Flume and Isinglass book talks,
- Thursday YALS sessions include: Makerspaces, Barry Lyga for both lunch and graphic novels program
- Luncheon speaker on Wednesday is Tom Ryan (with dog Atticus)
- CHILIS programs include: Summer Reading Program, Chris Rose Book talks, Great Stone Face Tea, Guerilla Storytime program
- Additional programs include: Network Security, NH Law Librarians, speaker Mike Dickerman, What's New in Technology, Museum of White Mountains presentation, Excel with Excel, READS to Go, Disaster Preparedness
- NHLA is likely adding a fourth session each day, as lots of new proposals are coming in. They are looking at a round table for building project experience, as well as EBSCO doing session on NovelistPlus. They are also looking at Paypal option for registration.
- Yvette is presenting Isinglass (still finding other presenters), Kirsten and Lisa are presenting Flume. Lindsay Runyan and Wendy Rowe are doing Makerspace program (including 3D printer demo)
- YALS has a concern with NHLA conference dates falling on vacation week. This is not ideal for youth services librarians, who need a presence at workplace. This also makes it difficult to obtain booksellers due to timing. Booksellers have also had bad past experience: the award books didn't work out profitably for the bookseller at school librarian conference to be there for two days. We are trying to get a seller there to at least supply Lyga books.
- Kudos to Barb and other YALS members who had our programs together first up!
- Presenter registration fees are waived if in need (up to three per session). Registration is not open at this point.

Flume Award

- Nominations are down this year. School librarians are saying that recreational reading is way down, because the new emphasis on nonfiction means teens are crushed for fun reading time, even normally big readers.
- Titles eliminated from list include: *House of Hades*, *Fiery Heart*, *Light*, *Sky on Fire*. All were removed because they are mid-series books that don't stand alone.
- Flume Committee meeting: Looking into Monday, March 10 at 3PM at Manchester High School West. Barb will look into her library as backup location if Manchester isn't available. LGC is another possible option.
- Flume promotion: Almost universal difficult to promote to high school students. Some members try bookmarks as voting slips in books, but talking personally to teens seems to help the most.
- Voting for 2014 Flume Award closes Friday, April 18th.

Goals for this year:

- Think about 2015 conference options, if we want to have it happen. (We may be able to piggyback our conference with NELA or NHSLMA). Early May is a possible option if we want our own spring conference that year – possibly Thursday May 7th)
- Discuss speaker options: Jay Monenger (name and/or spelling needs to be checked), or contributors to YALSA report on Future of Teen Services.
- In 2015 we'll be presenting current Flume/Isinglass at the school librarian conference.
- Other session ideas include: Serving homeschooled teens (connect with NH Homeschooling Coalition for this), STEM programming, Grant-writing, how to get more funding for teen services (with possible speaker from NH Charitable Foundation?)
- Location possibilities for a potential spring conference: Nashua? (Parking is tough), Audubon Society in Concord? We discussed building registration costs into conference fee if we need to rent a place rather than a free location.

Miscellaneous: Shared “Remind101” to use for text reminders for teen programs.

New Books:

Impossible Knife of Memory, by Laurie Halse Anderson

Flume nominees!

Ketchup Clouds by Annabel Pitcher

Sex and Violence by Carrie Mesrobian

Next meeting: March 27th at 9:30 AM, at Tracey Memorial in New London

Adjourn at 11:43 AM.