

YALS Meeting
Tracy Memorial Library, New London NH
March 27th, 2014

9:30 refreshments

Call to order: 10:02

Present: Danny Arsenault (Hudson-Rodgers), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free/New Boston), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Jen Bryant (Sandown), Diane Arrato Gavrish (Chester), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack), Ann Hoey (NHSL), Tanya Robbins (Pease Public/Plymouth), Erin Robinson (Derry), Jo-Ann Roy (Tracy/New London), Sophie Smith (Nashua), Allison Steele (Wilton + Gregg), Candace Yost (Weeks).

Next meeting: Thursday May 22nd at Nesmith Public Library in Windham

Save the Date: September meeting on 9/25 at Whipple Free Library in New Boston

Secretary report (Liz Gotauco): September minutes approved

Presidents report (Sylvie Brikiatis): No new business

VP Report (Barb Ballou):

- NERTCL Conference Review: Theme was "Kids and technology"
- Highlights included:
 - Titanic adventure program for middle school w/iPad and cd-rom technology, as well as a book discussion, use of an app "Titanic: Her Journey", role play of titanic passengers, and iceberg model and games.
 - Stop-motion workshop (based around Hugo Cabret, including storyboarding the video, using iPads/tripods to film),

YouTube presentation from Tewksbury with great examples of using video/YouTube for libraries

Treasurer's Report (Allison Steele): Current balance: \$3112.82 This is lower than actual balance as new report wasn't received in time. Doesn't include new registrations.

State report (Ann Hoey):

- Flume Award: Numbers have been going down for both voting and nominations. How can we increase numbers? Voting deadline is April 18. New list of nominations will be released at NHLA conference
- CSLP video challenges had lots of NH participants, but many kids didn't fill out the paperwork right or observe age limits. This year, parents were reactive to age restrictions, and teachers misled many in making classes fulfill this project as an assignment, getting hopes up among younger ineligible teens. Is the video challenge

worth the hassle? Does it serve its purpose? Only 3 out of 25 entries were eligible. Ann will get feedback from other states at Biloxi meeting. Involving teens in SRP promotion would be great but maybe we can explore a better option.

Conference report (Barb Ballou):

NHLA

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

- Review of sessions:
 - 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
- Lindsay Runyon who was doing the Makerspace program needed to pull out due to new job. She suggested some alternative speakers, booked Mara Siegel from the Vermont State Library.
- Raffles will be held during exclusive vendor time (for gas card, hotel gift card, other goodies, autographed copies of author books). Hotel conference rate is over now but rooms are still available.
- YALS suggestion for future NHLA fall business meeting session: Embracing a whole library approach to teen services

YALS spring conference 2015 (potential)

- Need to track down venue - May 7 would be nice date but not married to it if ideal venue is unavailable.
- Ideas for programs/speakers: How to get more funding, homeschooled teens, STEM programming, Grant-writing.
- By next YALS meeting we need some speaker proposals.
- Could ideas from YALSA "Future of Teens" report serve as theme/program ideas: Such as: Librarian as facilitator rather than expert
- Luncheon author ideas:
 - Erin Bowman, Terry Farish, Francisco stork (was at NHSLMA), N. Griffin, Nancy Werlin, Gina Damico. We will brainstorm more and divvy up contacting them for availability and pricing (inform Sylvie if you wish to contact someone so we don't send multiple requests to one author).
- Location ideas: Audubon society, or Plaistow Library (Diane A-G looking into), or other library location? We need low/free pricing and lots of easy parking.

- We will provide breakfast again.
- Layout for Annual Conference is usually two morning programs, book-talks, and luncheon speaker.

Programming:

- Flume awareness
 - How do we get it out there to teens? Do we need to streamline the nomination/voting process to clarify the process?
 - State raffle idea for teens who vote during summer reading: Sophie S. is making up dummy Google form as possible way for kids to enter reviews for raffle. The link for this form would be shared on library websites and anywhere you reach high schoolers, YALS website too. July 1st - August 15th would be the voting range. Prizes: Tanya and Ann are looking into businesses to donate/discount an iPad Mini prize. What about Library prize for the branch with the most Flume voters? We can award them the following years full set of Flume books.
- Other Programming Ideas
 - Sophie @ Nashua did a maker lab program to make electronic memory games. (Pre-assembled kits) brain game - 10+ 6.50 a pop. Nashua has 8 soldering irons to loan – libraries just need to get game kits, and facilitate electronics/soldering instructor. It is a long program (3 hrs), but kids can take game home and they enjoyed it in Nashua. Need the person running the program to be electronically knowledgeable. Kits are from MCM Electronics. Irons cost \$8 and stands \$4. More info will be put up on YALS site.
 - Barb @ New Boston ran a Fandom Night, including cosplay, trivia, Wii games, a cosplay runway, themed snacks (teens brought in). Trivia included Harry potter, Doctor Who, Avengers, and Sherlock.

New Business:

- Nominations coming for sept election - vice pres (3-yr) and treasurer (2-yr)
- Nomination committee needed too, for September. Need nominations by Sept meeting.
- Derry Public Library is hiring Head of Children's

New books:

The Naturals (Barnes), *Panic* (Lauren Oliver), *Museum of Intangible Things* (Wunder), *Divided We Fall* (Reedy), *Kingdom of Little Wounds* (Cokal), *For Darkness Shows the Stars* and its companion novel *Among a Star-Swept Sea* (Peterfreund), *Summer Camp* (Tangled Web of Friends - middle grade series, author is friend of Diane A-G, and needs book reviews if you are interested in helping)

Adjourned at 11:44 AM