

**YALS Meeting  
Nesmith Library, Windham, NH  
May 22nd, 2014**

**9:30 refreshments**

**Call to order: 10:00**

**Present:** Danny Arsenault (Hudson-Rodgers), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Jen Bryant (Sandown), Ann Hoey (NHSL), Tanya Robbins (Pease Public/Plymouth), Erin Robinson (Derry), Jo-Ann Roy (Tracy/New London), Sophie Smith (Nashua), Candace Yost (Weeks), Susan Gilbert (Kensington), Candace Yost (Weeks Public Library), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Kirsten Corbett (Sandown Public Library) & Kathy Watson (Kimball Library/Atkinson)

**Next meeting:** September 25 at Whipple Free Library in New Boston

**Save the Date:** Thursday, November 20th at Kimball Library, Atkinson

**Secretary report:** March minutes approved

**Presidents report (Sylvie Brikiatis):** No new business

**Nominations:**

- Nominations coming for sept election - vice president (3-yr) and treasurer (2-yr)

**Treasurer's report:** \$3572.91 in funds (Donna Hynes will be Acting Treasurer until elections)

**State report (Ann Hoey):**

- NHLA conference feedback: Overall went well, sessions could be longer, wireless issues, well-organized
- 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 winner from Tamworth (Cook Memorial Library)
- Much discussion on Isinglass and Flume. Changes are being explored. The timing of Flume voting and nominations is undergoing change. Most people think earlier voting (late fall) would be preferable over the overlap of nominations. This would not affect the presentation of the lists in the spring, only when the winner would be announced. Voting being finalized during Teen Read Week was agreed upon.
- Flume summer reading contest idea is tabled until next year when changes to voting will be implemented.

**YALS spring conference 2015 (potential)**

- May 7 proposed date

- Ideas for programs/speakers: How to get more funding, homeschooled teens, STEM programming, Grant-writing.
- Luncheon author ideas:
  - Rita Williams-Garcia, Matt de la Pena(\$2500), Nora Baskins (\$500 + room), Julia Barry, Nancy Werlin (\$1500-2500). We want to approach Werlin to negotiate , Julia Berry as backup.
  - Another talk idea is Nancy Keane—tech talks. Ann will approach her
  - Another talk idea is grant writing—Ann will approach NH Charitable
- Location ideas: Plaistow Public Library Library ~low/free pricing and lots of easy parking. Just need to confirm capacity. Kirsten will confirm with PPL Director.
- Layout for Annual Conference is usually two morning programs, book-talks, and luncheon speaker.

### **Summer Programming:**

- This is just a list of ideas/performers that were shared by those who have most of their summer planned. There is some overlapping so nobody in particular is being given credit. Those who shared—Kathy W, Sylvie B, Danny A, Erin R, & Tanya R
  - Mousetrap Science with Jungle Jim, LED throwies, Code Orange book discussion, making sparks and sand candles, Science Isn't always Pretty with Keith Michael Johnson, Where your Food comes from, Forensics with ink identification, teen challenge incentive to have snakes and bugs put on youth director, sky watch, squishy circuits, mad science, read-a-thon, tie dye t-shirts, teen lock-in, soldering workshop, chemical woodburning, candy construction, police forensics, laser tag, carnival/battle of the bands, makey makey, Fandom, electric dice, Marc Bennet, Mentalist/magician Chris Bolter, Twister, Wii games, Wii – just dance, Anime,

### **New books:**

*Ann brought freebies. You snooze, you lose!*

**Adjourned at 12:10 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Watson (Acting Secretary)**