

## YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Escape Room Concord NH

**In attendance:** Maryjo Siergiej (Smyth Public Library, Candia), Karen LaRue (Chesterfield Public Library), Erin Robinson (Derry Public Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Ashlee Norwood (Nashua Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Tanya Ricker (Pease Public Library, Plymouth), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Gretyl Macalaster (Seabrook Library), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith Library, Windham / NHLA), Deborah Dutcher (NHSL), Bobbi Slossar (NHSL)

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM, Local Government Center, Concord

November minutes were approved.

### President's Report (Julia Lanter for Tanya Ricker)

- *NHLA 5 Year Conference Document* - This will be a Google Drive editable document. The scheduling is tentative, but the idea is to not have overlapping conferences. Section plans have been requested by April 1.
- *NHLA Membership Brochure* - Document was reviewed. A vote to change the YALS description to "young adults" from the less specific "youth" was unanimous.
- *Advocacy Boot Camp* - This will be presented by people from ALA, tentatively on March 12, 2018.

### Secretary's Report

Lisa Harling resigned the position as of January 4. Alex Graves was voted in as the new Secretary, effective immediately.

### Treasurer's Report (Donna Hynes)

The current balance is \$5,130.46.

### Website Report (Barb Ballou)

There are weird editing issues; not everything can be changed. Barb will connect with Bobbi about this.

The demo for this new NHLA website is planned for the February Executive Board meeting.

### New Business

- *Fall Conference* - Panel and theme recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting. Erin suggested [Kidlit 603](#) for potential authors.
- *NH Teen Author Webpage/Wiki* - It was agreed that this is something we should take on. Members are tasked with gathering author names and sending them to Tanya or Julia. There was a suggestion that we tie this into the Flume/Isinglass wiki.
- *YALS Bylaws Review* - Last updated in 2008. Suggested changes included the following:
  - V.2. Terminology may need to be changed.
  - VII.2. Vice-president duties include conference planning, could mention it's a three-year commitment.
  - VII.6. Terms are not all one year.
  - VIII.1. Change to say we meet *at least* four times per year.
  - VIII.2. May want to adjust quorum.
  - VIII.3. Could set up a timeline for nominations.
- *YALS Policy & Procedure Manual* - Last updated in 2014. Members will look over [the manual](#) before the next meeting and submit recommended changes.

#### NHSL Update (Bobbi Slossar)

- Welcome to Deborah Dutcher, the new Youth and Adult Services Librarian at NHSL.
- The Public Libraries Survey will be open soon. This needs to be completed before Kids, Books and the Arts applications are submitted.
- Work continues on the ILL server; it is funded but the state's needs are unique, which takes time.

#### Books/Programs to Share

- Bobbi demonstrated an Arduino paper piano and discussed the technology. She will be offering workshops on Arduino, as well as stop motion video.
- Harry Potter book night is 2/1. Sylvie discussed her [Harry Potter interactive movie](#).
- Reminder that the [Maker Play](#) site is a good place to add successful program; the [YALS programming page](#) is another.
- Some resources related to escape room programming include [Breakout EDU](#) and [Lock Paper Scissors](#). Bobbi suggested including community members with art or technology skills to create longer and better programs, and mentioned that no one uses school drama costumes in the summer...

Meeting adjourned 11:10 AM.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 01/29/2018