

YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM
New Hampshire Municipal Association, Concord

In attendance: Katherine Bollenbach (Belmont Public Library), Erin Robinson (Derry Public Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Susanne Cortez (Lebanon Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Tanya Ricker (Pease Public Library, Plymouth), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Kat Paiva (Rye Public Library), Justine Fafara (Walpole Town Library), Deborah Dutcher (NHSL)

Next meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM, New Hampshire Municipal Association

January minutes were approved.

President's Report (Tanya Ricker)

Tanya thanks everyone for being patient while she was on leave.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Hynes)

The current balance is \$5,385.54. The 2018-2019 budget will be comprised of the cost for authors and presenters—any conference costs.

Website Report (Barb Ballou)

The new NHLA website is now live. Our colors will be green and purple like our logo. A new header with the logo is needed. Comments about the site: the font/display is hard to read (very thin and light), and some things like forms are missing from the navigation.

NHSL Update (Deborah Dutcher)

- NHSL is collaborating with the Bruins again, applications are on the website.
- CSLP meeting in Denver is coming up.
- Deborah is working on Ann's blog and the presenters list—please send her anything that should be added.

Isinglass & Flume Report (Katherine Bollenbach and Tanya Ricker)

- Meeting 3/26 to choose the final list and decide how to announce it.
- Wikispaces is closing 9/30 for us; Katherine discussed some alternatives. Our needs: only a few people would create pages, but a large number of users would be commenting; don't need a lot of space; want to import content; don't want ads. More

research would be needed if sticking with one of many wiki options. A decision was made to go with Wordpress; Bobbi can help with the transition.

- We voted to coordinate with Great Stone Face to try to prevent overlapping titles.

New Business

- *NHLA 5 Year Conference Plan* - The consensus was to continue doing an annual conference in September. The dates chosen for upcoming years were 09/26/2019, 09/24/2020, 09/23/2021, and 09/22/2022.
- *Nominations for good meeting spaces* - Suggestions included Hooksett, Nashua, Derry, Keene, and Plymouth.
- *NHLA 2019 Conference* (YALS programming ideas)
 - Escape rooms
 - Flume/Isinglass
 - Teen resources you might not know about
 - Safe spaces

Old Business

- *YALS Fall Conference* - Julia suggested “teen activism” for a theme. Ideas:
 - Panel of authors from Erin’s book, *Things We Haven’t Said*
 - Managing teen behavior program, possibly acting out skits
 - Helping teens feel safe, maybe with a police officer
 - Flume/Isinglass
 - Author ideas - Angie Thomas, Jason Reynolds, Kwame Alexander
 - Make social activism buttons with button makers
- *NH Teen Author Website* - [Kidlit603](#) connects authors to each other, with lists of authors, their focuses, website links, and events. Since this resource already exists, we will not reinvent the wheel, instead linking to this.
- *YALS Bylaws and Policy/Procedure Manual* - tabled.

Books/Programs to Share

- Tanya - afternoon drop-in, set something out and let them go
- Susanne - game station in YA room, retro gaming - tv, controllers, Raspberry Pi - something they can wander over to
- Katherine - sit in stacks on chrome books and hang out - got little blue chairs that sit on ground “meet them where they are” cross legged with a back

- Barb - working on an escape room, soliciting teen input, wants to put it up for a week, started a google doc for ideas, “music theme”
- Julia - trying to do Harry Potter escape room for summer, photo with matching puzzle pieces

Meeting adjourned 11:09 AM.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 03/28/2018