

## YALS Meeting Minutes

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

**In attendance:** Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Tanya Ricker via video chat (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, August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM, New Hampshire Municipal Association

March minutes were approved.

### **President's Report** (Tanya Ricker)

Not a lot to report, other than what will be discussed below.

### **Vice-President's Report** (Julia Lanter)

- NHLA will be putting out a continuing education survey, so if anyone has YA-specific ideas to suggest, we should submit them.
- The next NHLA conference will be May 9-10, 2019 at Mill Falls at Lake Winnepesaukee. The theme is “cozy up to your community.” They are still looking for event suggestions. So far we have suggested:
  - YALSA teen services competencies
  - Teen resources in New Hampshire
  - Libraries as safe spaces
  - Flume/Isinglass

### **Secretary's Report** (Alex Graves)

Nothing to report other than the minutes, approved above.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Donna Hynes)

The current balance is \$5,580.63. This includes \$110 in deposits (memberships).

### **Website Report** (Barb Ballou)

The new YALS website is active. Categories are now displayed prominently, so Barb is adding more so they won't all say “uncategorized.” Questions and suggestions are welcome.

*Action item: Barb will rename the “uncategorized” category to “general.”*

## **NHSL Report (Deborah Dutcher)**

- Kids, Books, and the Arts grant checks should go out the beginning of June.
- The libraries receiving the Bruins visit are Abbie Greenleaf-Franconia, Colby Memorial-Danville, Ingalls Memorial-Rindge, Newbury Public-Newbury, and Hill Library-Stafford.
- CSLP summer reading themes/slogans:
  - 2020 - Imagine Your Story (fairy tales/mythology/fantasy) - LeUyen Pham
  - 2021 - Tails and Tales (animals) - Salina Yoon
  - 2022 - All Together Now (community) - Sophia Blackwell
- The State Library book review is happening May 29-31.
- Sign up for the monthly newsletter on the [youth services blog](#).
- Upcoming workshops will include puppetry 101, health resources at your library, and mental health 101.

## **Isinglass & Flume Report (Tanya Ricker)**

- Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier won the 2018 Isinglass Award.
- Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli won the 2018 Flume Award.
- Brochures for the 2019 nominees are now available.
- The new wordpress site ([flumeisinglass.wordpress.com](http://flumeisinglass.wordpress.com)) has replaced the wiki.
- Tanya is stepping down as Flume chair; Justine Farfara will be taking over.

## **New Business**

Nominations for Vice-President are needed for fall. Anyone interested should contact Tanya.

## **Old Business - Fall Conference**

- We have Kwame Alexander via Skype for our luncheon speaker.
- Programs we've talked about—
  - Managing teen behavior program - Tanya is not sure the skits are a great idea; we will look into other options.
  - Helping teens feel safe - Need to find a police officer to do this.
  - Isinglass/Flume will happen as usual.

- Passive program - making social activism buttons.
- New program ideas—
  - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard does “STEM in a box” programs; someone could come and talk about that. Julia had them pencil us in already.
  - Program on teen advisory boards for libraries interested in starting them, possibly with teens coming in to talk.

*Action items:*

- *Tanya and Julia will email to coordinate the delegation of duties.*
- *Tanya will talk to Erin Robinson about the panel of survivors.*
- *Tanya will ask on the listserv if anyone knows a police officer who could do the program about making teens feel safe.*

### **Books/Programs to Share**

- Julia got a “Whats Your Meme” game from Five Below. She leaves it out and the teens love it.
- Kat had a murder mystery program featuring different characters from YA novels as the suspects.
- Barb’s teen book club is working on their escape room about a musician’s missing last composition; it will be set up for a week for any patrons that want to do it.
- Music themed summer programs: music trivia (Julia), Hamilton party (Kat), sing along (Justine), and harmonica workshop (Justine).
- Julia mentioned two Jane Eyre retellings: *Brightly Burning* by Alexa Donne, and the second book in the Lady Jane series by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, and Jodi Meadow entitled *My Plain Jane*.

Meeting adjourned 10:42 AM

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 05/31/2018