

## YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 10:00 AM

HealthTrust, Concord

**In attendance:** Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Deborah Dutcher (NHSL), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Kat Gatcomb (Rye Public Library), Justine Fafara (Walpole Town Library)

**Next meeting:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10:00 AM, HealthTrust (or possibly Starbucks)

September minutes were approved. Approved 2018 annual report and retroactively approved 2017 report.

### President's Report (Julia Lanter)

Thank you to the new officers who have stepped up. Other items are discussed below.

### Vice-President's Report (Kat Gatcomb)

Thank you to Julia for her work on the fall conference. Kat has a new last name and email address ([kgatcomb@ryepubliclibrary.org](mailto:kgatcomb@ryepubliclibrary.org)).

### Treasurer's Report (Donna Hynes)

The current balance is \$4227.69.

### State Library Report (Deborah Dutcher)

Deborah will be facilitating a supercharged story time training starting in January.

### Website Report (Barb Ballou)

Barb will sit in on Wordpress training at the State Library. Julia mentioned that Sylvie Brikiatis issued a request for someone to help with the main NHLA website, if anyone is interested.

### Fall Conference 2018 Recap

Comments from the Survey Monkey report:

- Some were surprised that the Kwame Alexander talk was via Skype. This was stated on the conference materials, but perhaps we could look for ways to make it even clearer?
- Some thought the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard program was not relevant since they were outside the 50 mile radius, but doing the teach the teachers program could take it beyond that.
- More programming-focused panels were requested, ideas that attendees could easily take back to their own libraries.
- The "heaviness" of the topics was mentioned, with suggestions to have only one such program or split them up.
- Kwame was the draw for a lot of attendees, so we will start to think about next year's speaker early.

- People liked the mixture of formats—panel and other.
- We should consider working in more networking time—maybe more games or ways to encourage more interaction.
- Overall the feedback was positive.
- Alex and Barb will reach out to attendees who are interested in becoming active in YALS.

## Fall Conference 2019 Planning

Speaker ideas for next year:

- Mackenzi Lee (*Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*) - Boston author
- Debbie Reese, blogger for [American Indians in Children's Literature](#)

Think about speakers and topics, email each other, discuss at the next meeting.

## NHLA Spring Conference 2019

NHLA wants to adopt the IUG conference conduct statement to send to authors when inviting them to attend. We support this.

Conference topic ideas:

- Flume/Isinglass, possible combined with Great Stone Face
- Teen volunteers and outreach - What can they do at your library? How do you find them?
- Teen services in NH - invite different agencies for people to connect with
- Email Julia with other ideas; Julia will reach out to the listserv

## Isinglass/Flume Report (Justine Fafara)

52 nominations for Isinglass/Flume! Now we need people to read. Justine will email listserv to invite people to share list with teens and solicit feedback. Little Brown is offering to send free books, which opens up the possibility of contacting other publishers.

## Books/Programs to Share

- Kat is reading *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* by Hank Green, an adult book with older teen appeal.
- Julia has read *Gmorning, Gnight!* by Lin-Manuel Miranda, another adult book for teens.
- Julia did a minute to win it Halloween challenge.
- Justine recommends *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi, described as “Harry Potter meets Black Panther.”

Meeting adjourned 10:45 AM.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 11/15/2018