

YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM

HealthTrust, Concord

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

In attendance: Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Lydia Beller-McKenna (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Deborah Dutcher (NHSL), Katharine Gatcomb (Portsmouth Public Library), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Justine Fafara (Walpole Town Library)

Next meeting: Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM, HealthTrust

January minutes were approved.

President's Report (Julia Lanter)

Report items are discussed below.

Vice-President's Report (Katharine Gatcomb)

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Treasurer's Report (Donna Hynes)

The treasury balance as of March 1st is \$4,632.80, including deposits of \$135.

The annual budget was discussed. Estimated costs include \$1,000 for a conference speaker with a \$150 travel buffer, \$700 for Brown Bag Deli, \$200 for spring conference speakers, \$40 for the Flume/Isinglass annual meeting breakfast, \$100 for Flume/Isinglass gift cards, and \$200 for miscellaneous expenses. Income estimates are \$385 for membership dues, \$2,000 for conference registrations, and \$125 for the conference raffle.

State Library Report (Deborah Dutcher)

Included at the end of the minutes.

Website Report (Alex Graves & Maryjo Siergieij via Julia Lanter)

The website has been updated with a new header logo, new colors, a simplified sidebar, and corrected calendar information. Dropdown menus for book awards and conferences were consolidated into a single page; the programming dropdown will be next.

YALS now has Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts - the handles are @YALSNH for all three.

Isinglass/Flume Report (Justine Fafara)

The board voted unanimously to:

- Take over hosting the Isinglass Award website, which had been hosted by Barrington Public Library;

- Merge the Flume and Isinglass chairs into one position; and
- Refresh the logos for the Flume and Isinglass Awards.

There was discussion for the two award logos to have similar styles, potentially using our green/purple color scheme. Katharine will talk to coworkers at Portsmouth Public Library about getting this done, with the goal of getting them created by the NHLA spring conference.

The nominees for the 2020 awards were selected at the March 14th meeting. The committee is soliciting pictures of how people are displaying and promoting this year's nominees, which can be posted via social media using the hashtag #nhteenbookawards or submitted via email. The board discussed writing booktalks for the conference, or possibly creating video booktalks.

NHLA Spring Conference 2019

After discussing how some sections are talking about not holding a section conference during the years the NHLA conference is held, the board voted unanimously to continue holding our annual conference on even years, and switching to a morning workshop and annual meeting on odd years.

Trivia contest: Julia asked anyone with ideas for this program to contact her. Potential prizes were discussed, with the winner being a Marvel encyclopedia with the inscription "You are marvelous at trivia," along with movie tickets if we can find a donor.

Pronoun badges: Since NHLA conference badges will not include pronouns, YALS will create pronoun stickers for attendees.

YALS Fall Conference 2019

MT Anderson is confirmed. We will send a blast out to the listservs to promote this in-person appearance.

Katharine is planning five additional panels/programs for the conference.

- KitLit603 – Erin Moulton and Adi Rule will moderate:
 - KidLit603 Mission
 - Difference between local authors and local nationally recognized authors
 - Introduction to our blog which librarians can use to keep in touch with what NH authors are up to
 - Introduction to our authors (we have so many great authors)
 - Introduction to the event calendar
 - How to build relationships with authors and make their visit count (Also, an eye on Children's Literacy Foundation) which serves rural NH and VT with grants and we have several presenters throughout the state.
- Readers' Advisory
 - "Now Steal This" – put out a call on the listserv for great readers' advisory tools and have them available
- Poetry for Teens
 - Cate Dixson (current teen poet laureate for NH)
- Writing Groups for Teens
- Activism and Writing

New Business

- Deborah is speaking about teen services at the NHLTA conference on May 29th, and requests that anyone with ideas about what to discuss to contact her.
- Justine suggested that YALS members go to co-op meetings to discuss YALS and try to get new people involved.
- Katherine suggested video conferencing as a meeting option. NHLA has GoToMeeting available, which we can communicate with members.

Books/Programs to Share

- Lydia put together a program for International Transgender Day of Visibility to make it clear that the library is an accepting space. Four enthusiastic participants decorated the teen area to celebrate the day. She put together a book list of trans/non-binary characters for the event, and made use of The ABC's of LGBT+ by Ashley Mardell. One teen will be starting a Pride club to be held at the library.
- Ashlee will attempt a Fortnite in Real Life program for summer.
- Julie asked about after hours camp outs. Kat has done some overnights.
- Ashlee has an after hours laser tag program planned. A company in maine brings everything and provides staff.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 04/05/2019

NH State Library Report (Deborah Dutcher)

I recently joined the **Workforce and Professional Development Committee of SparkNH** where effective professional development best practices are being explored. Shared professional early childhood core competencies have been developed in NH and endorsed by this committee and are intended to be used as a resource for all professionals working with families and children from birth through grade 3. There is possible funding to develop a system that will involve a diverse field (early childhood educators, social services, youth librarians...on on...those involved in family engagement in NH). How different sectors handle and document PD was discussed as well as the idea to cross train Directors, Supervisors etc in how to develop PD plans and policies.

I really hope that work from this group will benefit the NH Library world in many ways.

Intentional Family Engagement Initiative: NH Endowment for Health has granted \$15,000 for the initiative.

Supercharged Storytime Learning Groups are ending. Of the 30+ that initially registered, we had 15 or so that were active participants. A fun couple of hours are being planned for the in-person get together in two locations. This reaffirming workshop is going to be offered to people that have taken the Web Junction self-paced course on their own as well.

As a bonus: Using the early literacy planning tool

(<http://nhlibraries.org/youthservices/forms-resources/>) please submit at least one storytime to me BEFORE the meeting. Someone will win a small Dunkin Donuts gift card from me. I also plan to bring some give-away new books and maybe more.

We will be meeting Monday, May 20th 10-12 at the Hooksett Public Library and Thursday, May 23rd 10-12 at the Lincoln Public Library

Sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9u96bOiZChbQvzn8W0LNzRbAxxldPH2HesuAKIXsbvYoTw/viewform?usp=sf_link

I am preparing to form a few **regional early professional learning community groups** with meetings to start in May and that will meet every other month. They will start with an essential topic in early childhood and be 1 ½-2 hours of interactive discussion and professional development. Topics will include diversity, family engagement, intentionality and creativity in early learning. It is good to be up-to-date on the basics such as child development and to explore current best practices. I want to introduce new program ideas such as Stork Storytimes for expectant mothers.

At a date TBD following the NHLA conference there will be a workshop "**Setting the Tone: Creating a Culturally Responsive Environment**" by the NH Teen Institute.

- Staff will leave with an understanding of how to create a culturally competent environment, even if there is not a lot of visible diversity in their center, school, community, etc.
- Staff will leave with language to engage children in discussions without telling them how to think or feel.
- Staff will leave with tools to help children discover and explore each other's similarities and differences in safe and fun ways.

I recently met with Shannon Desilets, Program Coordinator for Jesse Lewis Choose Love from the Office of Governor Christopher T. Sununu. Governor Sununu has initiated a statewide initiative of the **Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement**. It has taken a firm hold in our state's schools. With over 10,000 children and their families visiting a public library program every week in New Hampshire, Public Librarians are seen as key partners for the Choose Love Movement. May 16th, Scarlett Lewis, the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement founder will be here in New Hampshire to speak to public librarians. Registration for this will be coming soon! It will be at the Bow Public Library, 16 May 10-12.

KBA Grant application deadline ended the 25th. 61 NH Libraries are receiving funding.

KBA 2020 Artist Roster application deadline is Friday the 29th. The selection committee is meeting on April 4th. We have some good applicants including some new and diverse presenters.

CLiF held their Community Literacy Conference yesterday (I am a board advisor). **The CLiF Rural Library Conference** is being planned now and will take place in White River on September 20th. Upcoming deadlines for **CLiF grants** are: *Rural Libraries* (Public libraries in towns of 5,000 or less. Willing to partner with schools and childcare center. Minimum 4 years since last rural sponsorship) -April 3, *At-Risk Children* (35% qualify for free/reduced lunch. Event must serve min. 30 children) May 13 for Fall 2019 and *Summer Readers* (Serving at-risk children during summer 35% qualify for free/reduced lunch. Min 35 children) May 15.