

## **YALS Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM

HealthTrust, Concord

Meeting called to order at 9:59 AM.

**In attendance:** Maryjo Siergiej (Chester Public Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Ashlee Lykansion (Nashua Public Library), Barb Ballou (Whipple Free Library, New Boston), Katharine Gatcomb (Portsmouth Public Library), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Jennifer Hartshorn (Seabrook Library), Justine Fafara (Walpole Town Library)

**Next meeting:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM, HealthTrust

March minutes were approved.

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

People are asking about the award winners; these need to get on the website and be posted on the listserv and social media again.

### **Vice-President's Report** (Katharine Gatcomb)

Report will be covered under conference.

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

The current balance is \$4711.26 balance, which includes \$40 in dues and a check the went to Justine to cover the award committee breakfast.

### **State Library Report** (Deborah Dutcher)

Report attached.

### **Website/Social Media Report** (Barb Ballou, Alex Graves & Maryjo Siergiej)

Maryjo discussed some recent posts that went out to social media. Isinglass Award is now officially hosted by YALS; Barrington's page has been taken down. Alex will reach out to the CLNH website editor again to get their links to the Isinglass Award updated. Katharine will officially thank Portsmouth Public Library staff who made efforts to help redesign our awards logos.

### **Isinglass/Flume Report** (Justine Fafara)

The 2020 award materials are currently being proofread and will go out soon. Three new people have volunteered to join the committee. The committee will discuss how to revamp nomination process in August, and will look into contacting publishers for reading copies for nominees.

The board officially voted for the Flume and Isinglass Awards to only use books published two years before the award is given.

### **NHLA Spring Conference 2019 Wrap-up**

Julia was only YALS board member present, and it was too much for one person. In the future we should have at least two board members attending. The programs were well received, with the teen services panel having around 40 attendees. One thing to consider would be how to get more attendees from our section—attendance has decreased since separating from school librarian conference.

## YALS Fall Conference 2019

A draft schedule of the conference is attached. Ideas for panels needing further development were discussed.

The conference charges will be \$45 for members and \$60 for nonmembers.

Brown Bag Deli will be used again, with some side items brought in to supplement the meal.

## New Business

- The board officially voted to make the website and social media chairs official board members with three year terms. This change will need to be voted on at the fall conference.
- Julia suggested we offer tours of NH teen services in different libraries.

## Books/Programs to Share

- Justine discussed *The Star Shepherd*, coauthored by the *Monstrous* series author MarcyKate Connolly, which takes place in the past and is about trying to keep the stars in the sky.
- Maryjo discussed *The Princess and the Fangirl*, by *Geekerella* author Ashley Poston, which is a prince and the pauper take on two girls in a fandom.
- Katharine is doing scratch tickets for summer reading, they are making them themselves, and non-winning tickets are entered into a raffle.
- Ashlee uses Beanstack, so raffle tickets are digital.
- Maryjo is using a treasure chest of random prizes for a weekly incentive.
- Julia uses books as prizes, but is having trouble finding a good one this year.
- Julia asked about books on binding. Alex suggested that *Some Girls Bind* is fairly OK despite the misleading title, and also recommended *Symptoms of Being Human* as an exploration of a nonbinary character, though it has nothing to do with binding.
- Exeter's Pride Club is going well, and Nashua has started a club called YAY (You Are You).
- Julia mentioned the margin project where teens write their thoughts into the margins of donated books with different colored pens, like a passive book group.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 06/14/2019

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## NH State Library Report (Deborah Dutcher)

I co-presented with Nicole Rancourt from the Maine Humanities Council yesterday at the NH Library Trustee Association's conference "Serving Teens is Hard – But Vital." I think it was a good presentation on why services for teens is important and all the great ways that trustees can support their libraries and librarians in meeting the needs of this population in their communities. I talked up YALS!

Here are the upcoming workshops I have scheduled:

Fri., May 31 9:30-11, Municipal Association	Setting the Tone: Creating a Culturally Responsive Environment by NH Teen Institute
Mon., July 22 9-5, Hooksett Public Library	Youth Mental Health First Aid by Bureau of Student Wellness/NH DOE
Wed., Aug 21 9-1, Municipal Association	Everyone is an Asset Builder by Bureau of Student Wellness/NH DOE
Monday, Aug 26 9-5, Baker Free-Bow	Stories, Songs, and Stretches!® with Katie Scherrer
Monday, Oct 7, Pease Public-Plymouth	Mindset in early learning and ourselves with Mike Anderson

Starting in July—a north and south PLC (Professional Learning Community) that will rotate every other month around the regions.

Working on:

Mother Goose Storytimes

Susan Bennett-Armistead University of Maine  
UNH Professional Development

Eric Carle Museum

Helping Parents Help Us Promote Early Literacy  
Teens & Tech and play based learning  
Whole Book and play based learning

Excited to go to Memphis at the end of October with Julia for Transforming Teen Services Training!

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## YALS FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**9:30 – 10:00 Breakfast and Registration**

**10:00 – 10:10 Business meeting**

**10:15 – 11:00 Panel: KidLit603**

NH authors Adi Rule and Erin Moulton will speak about the mission of KidLit603 and how librarians can best utilize their resources to connect with local authors.

**11:05 – 11:15 Isinglass and Flume Update**

Flume and Isinglass chair Justine Fafara will review the 2020 Isinglass and Flume nominees and offer suggestions for Flume and Isinglass programming and displays.

**11:20 – 11:45 Now Steal This: Reader's Advisory**

Engage in a discussion surrounding Reader's Advisory for teens. Find new ideas for Reader's Advisory through examples from other libraries.

**11:45 – 12:30 Lunch Break**

**12:30 – 1:00 Featured Speaker – M.T. Anderson**

**1:00 – 1:20 Social Networking/Purchase Books**

Purchase books by authors featured at today's conference and enjoy time to socialize and network with your colleagues.

**1:30 – 2:15 Poetry for Teens**

Hear from NH teen poet laureate Cat Dixon. NH librarians Katie Spofford from Wadleigh Memorial (Milford) & Denise LaFrance from the Dover Public Library will discuss successful poetry programming for teens at the library.

**2:15 – 2:45 Let Your Voice Be Heard: How to Create a Teen Driven Program at Your Library**

Learn how to engage teens and let them drive programming for your library. Panelists Luke Kirkland, Julia Lanter, and Ashlee Lykansion will discuss successful teen-led programs at their libraries.

**2:45 Raffle**

**3:00 End of Conference**