

YALS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM

HealthTrust, Concord

Meeting called to order at 10:13 AM.

In attendance: Maryjo Siergiej (Chester Public Library), Karen LaRue (Chesterfield Library), Caroline Pynes (Chichester Town Library), Lydia Beller-McKenna (Exeter Public Library), Julia Lanter (Exeter Public Library), Jay Fee (Keene Public Library), Dena Norman (Maxfield Public Library, Loudon), Alex Graves (Manchester City Library), Deborah Dutcher (NH State Library), Katharine Gatcomb (Portsmouth Public Library), Donna Hynes (Rochester Public Library), Justine Fafara (Walpole Town Library)

Next Executive Board meeting: Thursday, January 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM - Whipple Free Library, New Boston

Because we are no longer able to meet at HealthTrust due to policy changes, we will be rotating meetings between libraries starting in January.

Fall conference minutes were approved.

President's Report (Julia Lanter)

Julia thanked everyone for a great year and all our accomplishments.

Vice-President's Report (Katharine Gatcomb)

Discussed under fall conference below.

Secretary's Report (Alex Graves)

No report.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Hynes in absentia)

The current balance is \$5864.82. Total conference income was \$2,204, and total conference payments were \$2,082.69.

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

Maryjo asked for feedback on social media; feedback was positive.

State Library Report (Deborah Dutcher)

Report is attached.

COSLA T3 Training opportunities for NH - Deborah and Julia attended this train-the-trainer teen services cohort in Memphis, described in the state library report. They are looking at how to best implement it and reach the most people. Training ranges between 1.5 - 8 hours, and covers the differences in teen developmental stages. Justine suggested co-op/regional meetings for these trainings.

Attendees were reminded about the Ready to Code grants. [More information.](#)

Teen Awards Report (Justine Fafara)

Justine reached out to other New England states to see how they run their teen awards, and learned that some include teens on their awards committees. The board discussed what adding teens might look like for us, and how they might be nominated (Julia suggested having a librarian sponsor or recommend the teen). Further discussion will be needed to define what the teen's role will be. The board voted to start the process of having teens involved in the 2022 Flume/Isinglass Awards.

New Business

- Goodwin Library is partnering with Nesmith to host the NH Homeschool Spelling Bee this year. The date will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020 from 12-2pm. (Snow date is January 21.) This is for students grades 4-8, and the winner will move up to the state spelling bee in March.
- The board discussed the possibility of combining the CLNH and YALS fall conferences on alternate years when the NHLA spring conference is held. This will be discussed with CLNH.

Old Business - No old business.

- Fall Conference Feedback - Most people liked it. Due to the policy changes at HealthTrust, the location and caterer will change for next year. There is interest in finding a caterer with vegan options. People prefer panel presentations. There was feedback that presenters use microphones. Four people mentioned escape rooms as an area of interest, which will be considered for a program next year. The board discussed feedback about the lack of diversity at the conference.
- 2020 Conference - Justine suggested Jen Petro-Roy as a potential speaker. It was suggested to check with local bookstores to see who might be coming through in the fall, as we might be able to team up and share costs.

Books/Programs to Share

- Maryjo liked *Slay* by Brittney Morris, not so much the pacing but the topic: safe spaces for people of color in gaming.
- Julia enjoyed *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell.
- Katharine enjoyed *Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All* by Laura Ruby, described as a feminist historical ghost story, as well as *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power.
- Justine recommended *The Benefits of Being an Octopus* by Ann Braden, a tween book about poverty in small town Vermont, and *A Curse So Dark and Lonely* by Brigid Kemmerer, a beauty and the beast retelling.
- Lydia liked *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei, as well as *Let's Call It a Doomsday* by Katie Henry, a good representation of anxiety.
- Maryjo suggested *Best Friends* by Shannon Hale as a good portrayal of repetitive thoughts and obsessive-compulsive disorder.
- Katharine held a cartooning workshop in Portsmouth, done by Portsmouth Music & Arts Center. It was an eight-week program for middle schoolers which was grant funded.
- Jay discussed lock in programs and interactive movies they've held at Keene.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by Alex Graves, 11/15/2019

State Library Report

Deborah Dutcher

11/6/19

- Oct 30-Nov 1, Deborah Dutcher, Youth Services Consultant-NH State Library and Julia Lanter, Assistant Director-Exeter Public Library participated in the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) second cohort of the Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach project. Deborah and Julie will develop and deliver computational thinking literacy and improving teen services workshops to other library staff and those working with NH youth over the next few years, who in turn will provide programs and services for/with youth, especially underrepresented youth. This project is generously funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

- November Early Learning Meetup:

We are excited to announce a new librarian training program to promote curiosity, inquisitiveness, and investigation within your children's programs with the goal of teaching children of all ages to ask questions, structure experiments, and discover answers.

The early learning meet-up will cover a short review about research design and how to apply these principles when working with young children to foster curiosity and learning. Attendees will also review professional development materials on integrating STEM (STREAM!) in to the 2020 Imagine Your Story theme and will have the opportunity for hands-on practice and role-playing. Upon completing the workshop, attendees will

- understand the importance of instilling curiosity in young children and how to encourage parents to participate in their children's learning
- be able to design simple age-appropriate experiments for young children based on related books and activities
- bring two fully designed Curiosity programs back to their libraries

Presented by Bobbi Slossar & Deborah Dutcher - NH State Library Consultants

Update 10/22--due to the lack of enrollment for the Tuesday Lincoln workshop--the following will be the only meet-up:

Wednesday, Nov 20 10:00-12:00 Derry Public Library

Sign up <https://forms.gle/iHEYzWGymenCQfHV9>

- Mother Goose on the Loose FREE Training

Event Timing: December 17, 2019 9am - 4 pm

Event Address: Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett, NH

Note: Bring your own beverages and lunch. Please bring a pair of scissors.

For more on why MGOL go to <https://mgol.net/>

Family Engagement Initiative Professional Development Opportunities funded by the Endowment for Health

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/63zRakY1g4XiAmne6>

- We are currently reevaluating the KBA Grant system. In 2020 we have a KBA performers roster and some funding dedicated to the as stands grant. We are looking at diverting funds to a Summer Learning Grant program that will provide more quality learning opportunities during the summer months with lasting outcomes.
- Some of the distributed 2020 CSLP USB's are incomplete. I am working with CSLP to get those replaced as soon as possible. The majority are being reported just fine but I want to remind everyone that the online version is always available.