

## Youth Services Meeting

June 1, 2015 at Franklin Free Library

Libraries represented: EN, DE(x2), VE, ON, WA, CV, BCPL, HR, NO, OX (x2), FR, DI

1. Introductions were made, Carrie volunteered to take the minutes.
2. Announcements
  - a. Books are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 4 County to be picked out from Putnam, but you must transport yourself
  - b. YS List – can be added or dropped if you wish by emailing Starr directly
  - c. Starr's Picks – will be picked up again, had not been ordering books from the list so they stopped for a while. If you want to stay on this list to receive the picks, email Starr.
  - d. System survey – if you have not done so, please do it! We'll be using this for the plan of service. Be honest and let people know your thoughts. Share information! Barb is on the committee and added how important this is.
3. Summer Reading Grants
  - a. \$243 final figure everyone will be receiving. Some of the larger libraries elected not to participate so those who did got a little more. This grant would allow libraries to purchase two Launchpads.
    - i. Launchpads are a durable tablet pre-loaded with curated apps with 3 age levels. No internet capability. Range in price from \$99-\$129. Multiple selections to choose from, designed for parent/child interaction.
  - b. Will have another SRP grant round next year, after that the grant focus will change to early literacy. So there may not be grant funds available after next year.
    - i. If more want money spent on continuing education opportunities, could take the grant money and use it for offering this rather than sending it to member libraries.
    - ii. Reminder – if you get funds, get stats by June 30<sup>th</sup> on the SRP registration. This year to June 30<sup>th</sup> and some of last year's (Starr has last year's). School visits done or anything else!
      1. NO ONE gets your check until you get Starr your numbers!
4. Summer Reading Program Updates
  - a. Claire – changed ideas, postcard collage with hero
  - b. Brienne – Design your own hero, Flat Stanley like, and post to library's facebook
  - c. Carly- Superhero training academy program
  - d. Justin – BYO personal superhero picnic
  - e. Kim – Youth Bureau, kids on trips to Destiny Mall
  - f. Jessica – cape with titles read hung up around library, luck draw for superhero kits
  - g. Claire- superhero kit give away
  - h. Jessica- carnival at the end of the summer on a Saturday afternoon
  - i. Justin- Life size games (Jenga & Hungry, Hungry Hippo)
  - j. Carly- meet the superheroes
  - k. Carrie- local superheroes, Balto story hour and video

- l. Jessica – cool at the pool with crafts in a bag
  - m. Brienne – River writers group with hero themed writing
  - n. Carly – sign ups at end of year school picnic and swim lessons
  - o. Die cuts are in and usable now! Currently out at Oneonta. AC Moore has cheap bulk masks.
5. Second Story Press has stories of real kids doing heroic things around the world.
6. Continuing Education discussion
- a. No funds available but Starr is able to partner with people often to get us included. If anyone hears of anything in their area, let Starr know so that can publicize to the whole list and share information. What continuing ed. would we like to see: Middle & teen outreach, nothing would be turned down, book repair & preservation, adult literacy to help with child literacy, grant writing and funding
  - b. Ready to Read – space development and planning coming up
  - c. Ogden (Walton) had a parent writing a grant for early childhood
  - d. Kim – Chenango County Grant – free book give a way every month, then based on age – fill out a form and enter to system is all the library has to do (Dolly Parton with United Way funding). Books are mailed to the child’s house.
7. Preview Collection
- a. Consensus is that we want it to continue traveling. If we remove YA and only send illustrated books around it will be faster/easier.
  - b. YA fiction – perhaps looking for volunteers to read/review – receive a packet of 10 books and get to keep them for your collection if you review them on Goodreads so everyone can see it. When done, would get the next packet. This is a great way to get a Teen Advisory Council/Book club involved as well.
- 8. CE session: Training in NYS Early Literacy – Ready to Read @ NYS Libraries**
- a. How to partner with others in your area to help each other. Message we want to get out: Talking, singing, reading, writing, playing are how children learn!
  - b. Story Time – talked about how it was like “back in the day” versus now. Engage parents and get everyone involved in discussions. There was a handout from the School Readiness committee of Building Brighter Futures for Broome that can be copied on getting ready for kindergarten. Marketing has changed for story to “getting ready for school” skills, versus just fun. Performing an essential service to our youth!
  - c. Handout from Cambridge library of bookmarks they use with description and outcomes of activities.
  - d. Babies need words every day – cut and paste box online – can go and change to fit you. Posters can be downloaded and printed from website (Starr printed a bunch) – post above changing tables at library and in community (but ask first!)
  - e. NY wants every library worker in NYS trained in early literacy importance – so spread the word – we are here to serve kids
  - f. Sock puppet app – type in text and the puppet says it to each other
  - g. “Sing, talk, read, write, play – that’s how we learn today” rhyming song