

Youth Services Meeting May 16, 2014 Notes

Attending Sarah Reid- BCPL, Starr LaTronica - 4CLS, Barb Potter- Hartwick, Sarah Sayer - Hartwick, Dawn Rogers Kroll –Walton, Linda Shea – Sidney, Maryse Quinn – Johnson City, Kenneth Roman – 4CLS, Ramona Bogart - Afton, Stacie Beers – Smyrna, Stephanie Champney- Whitney Point, Linda Cameron- Otego, Donna Jo Cody - Worcester, and Stacey Mowat- Greene

We began with welcome and introductions and then moved on to sharing plans for SRP. Many great suggestions were given from Lego clubs, community reads, Author visits, story hours and game days, and programs. Wednesdays were the popular day for programs with many libraries choosing to be consistent with programming dates. Many program ideas were shared such as, story hours, book clubs, movies, American girl book club, Teen lit lunches, Preschool at the park, Animal Adventures traveling animals out of Harpursville, Kopernick observatory and more.

A great suggestion for acquiring Legos was to advertise on your facebook page and see if anyone wants to donate them. Also, posting signs in the library asking for donations of “outgrown” LEGO bricks is very effective.

Grassroots Read – Starr mentioned that Mid-York Library System has a 3 county Community Read program that 4CLS might tag along on. Mid York is looking for sponsorship to purchase multiple copies of books that can be used for a community read for adults, teens and juveniles and underwrite related programming.

The Department of Library Development has received a grant to identify ways to provide better literacy development to early readers and to better assist libraries in providing quality reading experiences for preschool children.

Family Literacy Grant 2014-2015 The first year of the three year grant ends on 6/30/2014 and the second year begins 7/1/2014 Libraries can apply for the funds again in July for this year’s Summer Reading Program. The only stipulation is the grant has to have a family + literacy component in it. These funds need to be spent between 7/1/2014 and 6/30/2015. Look for the form to be arriving in June. One suggestion was for a family read. We learned that David Kirk is willing to come to some of our libraries and we could purchase some of his books to share

with participants. Another suggestion was a book discussion group and journals could be purchased to record books read and written reviews. It could also be used to buy an e-reader to share with families.

Family Reading Partnership – Book giveaway programs – Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library provides books to families with babies up to 5 years old. Also United way has a grant program and provides books to families through the library.

E-books from StarWalk Free during July available on all devices reading or audio. Starr gave out pamphlets on this program and emailed recently about it.

Training / Continuing Ed for YS staff – One suggestion was to have everyone bring a favorite Story Hour plan to share with everyone else. Another suggestion included tech of any kind. Sarah went to DLD training where she learned how to do a needs assessment for libraries, create a focus groups and share information. She will share the information with us at a later date. Starr will send out Web Calendar instructions to remind us how to add programs.

A list of programs, performers, pricing, age group, overall evaluation, contact information and reviews was suggested to assist librarians in choosing programming. Everyone should send the list of programmers to Stephanie in Whitney Point so she can compile a list for everyone. Her email is wp.stephanie@4cls.org. If you don’t want your name listed as the person submitting the review, let Stephanie know when you submit the information. She also will contact Steve B at 4cls to ask if our movie licenses will allow an outdoor movie showing.

Better World books are good for recycling books after sales.

New professional resources available through FCLS are *Exploring Environmental Science with Children and Teens*, and *Poetry Aloud Here*.

Movement scarves and Rhythm Eggs and Curious George Hat + storytime ideas
Starr is available for programs and onsite training in member libraries.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 15—Delhi (Penworthy Books will bring samples to show)
November 15—Greene presentation on memoir recording for families program.