

## Youth Service Librarian Meeting

September 15, 2014

### Attendance

1. Starr, 4CLS
2. Emalee, 4CLS intern
3. Erin Singleton, Endicott
4. Carly, Walton
5. Donna Jo, Worcester
6. Barb P., Hartwick
7. Sarah, Hartwick
8. Jennifer, Greene
9. Mary King, Greene
10. Dawn Rogers Kroll, Walton
11. Claire Ottman, Cherry Valley
12. Martha Sharer, Cooperstown
13. Heather Johnson, Delhi
14. Nancy Simerl, Sherburne
15. Candy Hamilton, Sherburne
16. Nancy Wilcox, Oxford
17. Jessica Tefft, Oxford
18. Stephanie Champing, Whitney Point
19. Sarah Reid, BCPL
20. Kelsey Matoushek, Vestal
21. Kim Hazen, Norwich
22. Erin Collins, Sidney
23. Lily Wadsworth

### Presentation on Technology by Erin Singleton from Endicott

- Some basic information from Erin
  1. Technology is all around us and many people do not know how to use it
  2. As Youth Service Librarians it is now up to us to help parents and children learn how to use technology to enrich children's lives
  3. Even libraries who do not have a large technology budget can incorporate technology into their programs
  4. Technology is another source that can help young children learn to read
  5. Even for those children who do not have books in their homes, most have cell phones
  6. We need to show parents a source they can use with their children
  7. Even if you do not think you will use a certain source you may find yourself finding a use for it in the future

8. Bclibrary.info is Sarah's site for tumble book and other databases
  9. Refer to the handout for great websites to use with children
- There are three ways to add technology into a program
    - The first way is to replace one part of our programs with technology
      - (i) Tumble book- a book on a computer or tablet that reads the story to the child and has moving parts. To use tumble book all you need is your four county library card information.
      - (ii) Animal Sounds App- use the app with book related sounds. Example: Old Macdonald
      - (iii) YouTube videos- Kidstv123 (have the video loaded before the children arrive. This prevents them from seeing anything inappropriate)
      - (iv) Book based games on smart boards or projector- interactive whiteboard activities. The kids love to just be able to write on the smart board. This also works with regular white boards
      - (v) Elementary Book Clubs- (activity, discussion, and craft) write a blog on kidsblog. Use a trivia or opinion quiz.
      - (vi) Wordle- (wordle.net) You write a word repeatedly and it makes a wonderful pattern of the words
      - (vii) Microsoft Word- signs, nametags, poems, bookmarks, and etc.
    - Mixed Programs- (works with one large group or a bunch of small groups)
      - (i) Holiday Craft Stations- some were technology based, others were arts and crafts. Example: Make cards on the computer. Make small groups and each group has ten minutes per station. Give the directions for all the stations before starting.
      - (ii) Summer Tween Program- highlights for kids games, PBS kids lucky stars, planetary rescue squad, spy mouse app, dots app, hangman apps, shadow move apps
      - (iii) Summer theme programs- broken up into teams, have different stations and in the teams see how well they do at each activity and write their scores down to see who does the best.
      - (iv) Craft Day- also stations but participants rotate freely and most are crafts with one being a computer program. The program is usually a greeting card program.
      - (v) Pop-up books- good for any age, first have the kids play with pop-up books, discuss different types, show videos of other peoples creations, then make their own pop-up books
      - (vi) Gaming- also good for any age, use computers and gaming systems. Works well with board games and cards. Give prizes out to the children
    - Technology only programs
      - (i) Tech Kids- (structured and instructional) 3 week periods broken down into forty-five minute sessions. Helps teach parents what they can do for their kids while using computers. Introduces different technologies and lets

them play. Examples: tumble books, iPad apps, early literacy games, story creator (storybird), AWE literacy station (can be used on a smart board)

- (ii) Preschool Tech Time- Also forty-five minute sessions, but not as structured. Guided stations for the entire group. Examples: YouTube dance and music, Sesame Street game on smart board, tumble books to settle children down and iPad apps like Albert H.D. (spell a word) or the alarm clock game. Let everyone play at a station and then move them all along to the next one.
  - (iii) StoryJumper- this is like story creator but more advanced for older children. This program gives children more options to work with. It introduces parts of a story. Then as a group you can brainstorm story ideas and after learning how to use the program they can write their own stories. Kids can set up their own username and password so they can work on their stories anywhere.
  - (iv) Holiday Cards- This is a class for both parents and children which teaches them the basics of Microsoft word while doing something fun such as making greeting cards. Best to use only Microsoft clipart because of the children.
- Some final tips and precautions to take
    1. Have other staff members or volunteers available to help with children who need technical assistance or have questions
    2. Try everything before the program begins on the equipment that you'll be using
    3. Have Something extra for them to do if they have extra time or if one of your planned activities is not working (does not need to be formal)
    4. Watch out for apps or sites that allow kids to connect or play games with other people
    5. Beware of sites and apps that have advertisements. The ads might not be appropriate for kids
  - Other information about technology
    1. Technology helps us be a resource to families
    2. It helps parents learn to be a child's first teacher
    3. Technology is the next step in our jobs to help children be the best they can be
    4. Many children have a language gap because they do not have what they need at home and now it's the same with technology
    5. On a good note those of us who applied for the family literacy grant can reapply for a tablet for family use. Send Starr an email if this is what you would like to do

Presentation on Penworthy- presented by Gary Farruggia and Starr

- Gary goes to many libraries in our FCLS already and usually what happens is then we all send the same titles to four county to be processed. Starr

proposed that we consolidate orders from Penworthy through Four County like we do with other vendors.

- We can arrange to meet in a central location to look through Gary's full collection and then place an order for all of us at once.
- What makes Penworthy so special?
  1. Their bindings are so strong that they last for twenty years.
  2. They deal with over eighty publishers
  3. Also they receive about sixty new titles a year
  4. They carry both fiction and nonfiction. Plus everything from board books to chapter books.
  5. There is no shipping or back orders and we would receive our books in about a week
- The only downside is that they do not offer a discount so they are more expensive than Baker and Taylor.
  1. Easy Readers and certain picture books are \$12.49
  2. Board books \$4.99-\$7.99 and have a different binding than the rest
  3. Picture books \$15-\$19
  4. Chapter books \$14-\$17
- What's on the website?
  1. They have books for common core
  2. Folkmanis Puppets, though we generally place a *wholesale* order at least once a year through FCLS.
  3. When you click on a title it gives you all the information you need to decide. Examples: number of pages, price, other books in the series, and the AR level
  4. There is also a new feature that's called the Librarian Resources page. This contains activities for Librarians to use with children
  5. Also the website shows everything you have ordered in the past.

#### Adding events to the event calendar

- We all should add things to the event calendar
- It not only helps us with our own individual events but helps with PR for the whole library system

Many libraries offered to trade in-house programming, some examples include: Nancy Wilcox's husbands storytelling, Nancy Simerl's Message, Tai Chi, and Potpourri. FCLS will investigate a way of inventorying these programs through an online database so that member libraries may exchange these opportunities.

#### Summer Reading Programs

- Some things that we can do to help with finding programs for the summer

1. The best thing is to send an email to Stephanie at [wp.stephanie@4cls.org](mailto:wp.stephanie@4cls.org) with past performers we have used. Along with how much they cost, a review on how their performance was and whether we should have them back again.
  2. Also we could go online and look up authors who will Skype with kids. One way to do this is to look at an author's web page.
- This coming year's theme is about Heroes.

#### Other business

- Email Starr if there is something FCLS can do to help you serve your community
- Read for the record is October 21<sup>st</sup> which is a Tuesday. The book is *Bunny Cakes*. There are activities on the website and you could also have someone bring in a bunny. Unfortunately there may not be as many books to give out this year like in years past.
- Penguin may not be having any more sales
- We are looking at ways to streamline the preview book process. Starr is going to send out a survey to figure out what is the best way to make it easy to preview books for everyone.
- Upstart has a program called The Very Ready Reading Program. This program is a curriculum for teaching early literacy skills and an advocacy tool to explain to parents why we do what we do.
- The next meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup> at Moore Memorial Library in Greene, 10 am-1 pm. As part of the meeting, we will have a training session on assessing the early learning assets in our individual communities as part of the statewide early literacy initiative.

Minutes submitted by Candy Hamilton, Sherburne Public Library