

**Four County Library System
Youth Services Meeting
9 May 2016**

Libraries represented: DI, EN, FE (2), GR, HART, JC, NI, NO, ONA, OX (2), SH, SID (2), SM, SP, WO

What can the 4CLS Youth Services staff do for you?

Suggestions included the following:

- Connecting member library staff with community agencies and community resources
- Continue having meetings for member library youth services staff
- Storytime kits
 - o Add information about age levels
 - o Update kits (many are outdated and/or in rough shape)
 - o Create STEAM kits with simple activities
- Include lists of resources on the 4CLS intranet
- Create teen/tween book club kits

Ideas for future training topics

Suggestions included the following:

- Dealing with patrons with special needs
- Weeding and collection development
- Training for volunteers
- Information about free online webinars
- Grant writing
- Coordinating trips to outside trainings

Ready to Read at NYS Libraries

As had been mentioned before, the NYS Family Literacy Grant that had been used to create mini-grants for member libraries to help with the Summer Reading Program has changed its focus. For this three-year grant cycle, the money will be put toward training about early childhood literacy. We've already received trainings about two of the topics (Community Asset Analysis, Early Literacy Practices). Trainings will continue in the fall with a session on "Early Learning Spaces." The grant was written to provide member library staff with compensation toward travel expenses, as well as funds to implement ideas learned during the training.

Open eBooks

Open eBooks is a new initiative to provide children in low-income communities with free access to good quality ebooks. The New York Public Library developed an app, and several mainstream publishers have agreed to provide titles for children to use either on a mobile device or on a computer. Children and families cannot access the service on their own, however—a connection to a school or library is necessary. Librarians who serve communities with at least 70% of children from in-need families can register for the service in order to provide access codes to patrons. Sarah is registered for the service and looking into getting

more information for a short training on Open eBooks, but in the meantime, member library staff are encouraged to explore the website (www.openebooks.net) and register if they'd like!

Flipster

Brian Lee (4CLS's Digital Services Librarian) is looking for input about what children's titles might be better used than the two that are currently available in the digital periodicals collection. Some suggestions included Highlights, American Girl, National Geographic Kids, and Sports Illustrated Kids. Sarah will follow up on this.

Folkmanis Puppets

People are interested in doing a consolidated Folkmanis order, and hopefully we can place an order soon! Sarah will send out order forms.

Penworthy Books

Penworthy called Sarah to see if we wanted a salesperson to come to a meeting to allow people to look at the library-bound books that they sell. People were interested in a consolidated order but not so much in a visit from a salesperson. Maryse (JC) suggested that she could let people know when the sales rep would be visiting her library, and then others could visit Johnson City to make use of that visit, too.

Preview Books

The latest preview collection is on the road! It was suggested that a larger collection of preview books could be made available when a Youth Services meeting was held at 4CLS, and many seemed happy with that idea. This would allow us to flush out a backlog of preview books.

Summer Reading Program

- SRP Catalog – Sarah has a box of catalogs to purchase SRP materials. If you need one, please let her know, and she can send it in the delivery. (Catalogs have been sent out to those who requested them at the meeting.)
- Posters – Summer Reading Posters are available at 4CLS. There are three designs, and each library can have one of each design.
- WSKG Kids in Motion – WSKG has created a series of online videos that encourage movement along with learning about ELA, Math, Science, etc. Although the videos were created for classrooms, many of them could be useful in story times or other library programs, especially with this year's Summer Reading Program's focus on movement and fitness. WSKG also provided promotional materials for library staff to pass on to patrons. (If anyone would like more promotional materials, please let Sarah know.) The videos can be found here: <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/kids-in-motion/>
- Die Cuts Ordered – The following die cuts have been ordered from AccuCuts. (Once they arrive at 4CLS, we will add them to the list of die cuts on the intranet.):
 - o Soccer Ball #1 (S1750L)
 - o Ball, Bat & Glove (B1020L)
 - o Basketball (B1240L)

- Ring (R1200L)
- Shoe #2 (S1361L)
- Pennant #3 (P1311L)
- Trophy #1 (T1350L)
- Booklists from NY State – The New York State Library has created booklists for the summer, both as annotated bibliographies and as bookmarks that can be downloaded and printed out. Sara-Jo (EN) shared how Erin (EN) has participated in the creation of these lists by providing NYSL staff with titles of books that take place in New York State. The booklists can be found here:
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm>

Summer Reading Program Sharing

- **Cherry Valley** – Participants will choose books as team members and keep track of their team plays (books they complete) on a score card. Some activities include making a stress reliever from a balloon and corn starch, soup in a jar (follow a recipe, assemble the jar, take home to cook), hula hoops on the library lawn, and bubbles back by popular demand.
- **Norwich** – Programs include Bubble Games with Doug Rougeux, Theater Works USA (hoping to get a grant to help with this), Buffalo & Brandy, and dancing classes for kids (with support from a grant).
- **Johnson City** – Preschool story time, Cooperative Extension healthy snacks program, family yoga, CPR demonstration and certification, Zoomobile, possible library ninja program (link to ninja throwing stars: <http://www.origami-instructions.com/origami-ninja-star.html>), van to take participants to area carousels. Maryse also mentioned a website with a lot of PE bulletin board ideas that she was going to take advantage of (<http://www.pecentral.org/bulletinboard/bulletinboardmenu.asp>). Maryse also recommends the following Pinterest boards for ideas:
<https://www.pinterest.com/101maple/on-your-mark-get-set-read-2016-summer-library-prog/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/amybarr585/2016-srp-public-libraries-summer-reading-program-f/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/cslpreads/on-your-mark-get-set-read-official-cslp-2016-summe/>
- **Fenton** – Weekly family evening programs and college students helping with a mini camp program. Music and movement will be included in story time, as will outside activities, including a bounce house. Participants will read to earn medals, and there will be a library store. There will be a 5K race to kick off the Summer Reading Program on June 4.
- **Oxford** – Jess got a lot of ideas from a teen survey she conducted. Programs will include “Motion Commotion,” “Cool at the Pool,” Black Horse Yoga, Animal Adventure, Minute to Win It, movies, craft nights, and a finale carnival. A community literary magazine will be started by the library, and story times will be held at the farmers market. Jess recommends looking at the Amazing Reading Race on page 79 of the teen summer reading manual, and others said they were using it, too.
- **Greene** – Programs will include an American Girl Book Club, teen crafts, photos with kids in action scenes drawn on the sidewalk with chalk, “Grow a Pizza” with Cooperative

Extension, giant versions of table games, National Guard basic training, Go Pro Service Scavenger Hunt, and Jedi Academy.

- **Smyrna** – The Summer Reading Program is in the planning process.
- **Oneonta** – Participants will fill out an exercise log to go along with the reading log. The library will be hosting the Fabulous Friday event in June to kick off the Summer Reading Program. Programs include a Minecraft Club, family yoga, family Zumba, a 30-day Lego challenge, firefighters and police visits, service dogs. The finale will include a YMCA exercise class and an obstacle course.
- **Sherburne** – Programs for kids include a balloon man, a local dance studio, and story time with movement. For teens, there will be Tai Chi, Zumba, a nutrition talk, and a visit to a karate studio. The finale will include Olympic activities.
- **Sidney** – Teen Tuesdays will include DIY projects, making a mini golf course in the library, and a trivia night. For kids there will be a make-and-take program, music and movement for preschoolers, a kickoff with healthy snacks, giant games, Tom Knight, the Bubble Man, BJ the Clown, Animal Adventure, a library camp-out, ninja night, Yoga Fun, Lego Time, and movies. Linda asked for input about a reading log—some use minutes read or number of books or number of pages—others let participants choose their own goal. Erin mentioned that Chobani will donate yogurt to non-profits if you pick it up, and someone else mentioned that Golden Paints will do something similar.
- **Springfield** – Participants will receive pedometers and log their steps with the books that they read. Programs include an obstacle course kick-off, yoga and dance classes, a hike with a story time, therapy dog sessions, and story times focusing on artists that include outdoor painting.
- **Hartwick** - Participants will receive a book for each book read. Plans include a yoga program, a parade float for the town parade that will carry Summer Reading Program participants, and connecting with Cooperative Extension to present programs.
- **Nineveh** – A library trustee is working on the Summer Reading Program. Plans include a kick-off at the school and having separate programming for older and younger kids.
- **Worcester** – Program ideas include make-and-take projects, hopscotch, yoga, Tromp through the Swamp, programs for kids with disabilities, visit from a snowboarder, movies, game night. Melinda also hopes to connect with Cooperative Extension and to have a kick-off at the community's Strawberry Festival.
- **Delhi** – Participants will set their own reading goals and receive free books. The Baseball Hall of Fame donated a couple of passes for a grand prize, and Heather recommends contacting them. Programs include a visit from Dale Christopher (son of writer Matt Christopher and a former pro baseball player), Arts and Athletics (sports-related crafts), and outdoor games.
- **Endicott** – Programs include story times (in-house and at the park), school age programs, family maker programs, Tom Seiling, Animal Adventure, life-size board games (with children as the game pieces), a chalk artist, and a dance party. Programs for teens include Minecraft, a Quidditch match, a clue party, a trivia night, and a mystery night. Endicott is also going to have an adult reading program during the summer.

Future meetings

- Fall meetings will be held in September and November. Sarah will send out a few options of dates and see which might work best.

Other notes

- Kim (NO) shared that she held a talent show for kids during spring break. The participants ranged in age from 6 to 18, and they were incredible! She recommends trying it. NO also had successful spa day for kids.
- Candy (SM) shared that she has a book review blog:
<http://candysbooknook.tumblr.com/>
- Jess (OX) shared that Oxford's UFO (UnFinished Object) Group will be raffling off quilted pieces as a fundraiser.
- Sara-Jo (EN) described how she and a co-worker create their Mystery Night program for teens, and she said that she would be willing to share information about it.
- Sarah (4CLS) said that she'll be doing trips to libraries, and she encouraged member library staff to invite her to visit and to help with programs.
- Clara (SM) won the gift basket provided by WSKG.