

Minutes of the LLC Youth Services Committee Meeting October 4, 2010

Place: Sparta Township Library

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Committee Members Present

Jill Reyers OG	Sharon VanEtt IC
Beth Annable ES	Allison Boyer OL
Karmen Kooyers AF	Shannon Vanderhyde EC
Sueann Posthumus OA	Lisa Watson UG
Barb DeYoung KDL-Byron	Jessica Volkers OZ
Peggy Hemerling BH	Mary Robinson HO
Jessica Hunt NG	LaVonne Marshall OC

Maranda was not able to make this meeting

Approval of May meeting minutes.

November Summer Reading Workshop

- All participants at the summer reading workshop are being strongly encouraged to bring 60 copies of a craft idea as well as 60 copies of a storytime program or other youth services program that has been a success at their library. This program idea does not have to go along with the summer reading theme but it should be complete so that other libraries can go away with 59 new programs to implement in their library.
- All participants will be asked to share their knowledge about making school visits, program and craft ideas, reading logs & charts including record keeping and sharing multicultural tales.
- Debbie Hoskins from Grand Rapids Public contacted the Grand Rapids Public Museum to see if they would collaborate in some way with the Libraries for our 2011 summer reading programs. They agreed that it would be a good idea. Lisa Watson is going to give the information to Maranda and see if she can make the contact and find out what they can offer to go along with our theme.
- Sueann is requesting that we send her book titles for the booklist that she is creating for the summer reading theme “One world Many Stories.” She is asking for titles that may reference many countries, not just one. Examples include the *Flat Stanley’s Worldwide Adventures*, *S.A.S.S.: Students Across the Seven Seas*, series by various authors, and *Bamboo and Friends* by Felicia Law.

Election of New Officers

A ballot was presented to the group with one person running for each of the 3 offices, Chairperson, Vice-chair and Secretary. The floor was open to accepting other names for

the ballot. Peggy Hemerling made a motion that we accept the ballot as proposed. Motion was passed. New officers are Barb DeYoung – Chair, Beth Annable – Vice-Chair, Jessica Volkers – Secretary. They will serve a one-year term and a new election will be held at the October 3, 2011 meeting.

Youth Services Continuing Education Workshops

- September 30, Teen/Tween reader’s advisory workshop went very well. Presenters were pleasantly surprised to see participants were not all youth services staff but people who work in all areas of their libraries and would like to learn more about teen/tween books.
- Mary Robinson suggested we consider going to the November 5th workshop being held in Kalamazoo titled “Crossing Borders.” She has attended this annual workshop in the past and found it to be excellent. For more information visit KPL.gov or talk to Mary Robinson.
- Barb DeYoung attended the ALSC National Institute (Association for Library Services to Children - division of ALA). She came away with many good ideas. The Institute will be held in Indianapolis in 2012 making it more convenient for the Michigan people to attend.
- Peggy Hemeling is chairing the Spring Institute this year and is excited about the speakers and breakouts that are being planned. It will be two full days this year, Thursday March 24 and Friday March 25. It will be held in Lansing at the newly remodeled Causeway Bay Hotel. Cost for the overnight stay is \$86.00. Speakers include Sharon Draper, Keiko Kasza, Derek Anderson and others.
- This committee is looking for a person to be the liaison to the LLC Continuing Education Committee. The Liaison would be responsible for sharing our ideas for future workshops with the continuing education committee. They would attend the continuing education committee’s monthly meetings. Please email Barb DeYoung at bdeyoung@kdl.org if you are interested.

Baby Time/Story Time Lakeland

Sueann reminded the committee that she is accepting items to be added to the list of props, puppets and storytime books that people are willing to share with the rest of the Lakeland Libraries. You can find these items by doing a title search in Millennium for Baby Time Lakeland and Story Time Lakeland. Request the items by calling the library and they will send the items through LLC delivery.

Sharing

- Jill shared the book titled *Faraway Places: Your Source for Picture Books that Fly Children to 82 Counties* by Catherine Blakemore. Good resource for the summer reading program. Georgetown Library is the only one in the system that has the book. It is cataloged as reference. That status may change.
- Karmen Kooyers shared a storytime that she presented on opposites. Craft included giving kids paper half black and half white. They were given shapes cut from black and white and created an opposites effect.
- Sueann – *Incredible Reversing Peppermints* by Paul Adshear, good read-aloud. *Meeow and the Pots and Pans* by Sebastien Braun. Cute story with others in the series. *Rescue Bunnies* by Doreen Cronin.

- Barb – *Knuffle Bunny Free* by Mo Willems. Website includes a passport and other fun things. *Pete the Cat* by Eric Litwin, Cute books for storytime. Barb shared her storytelling bracelet. The bracelet with its beads is a reminder of the stories that you have memorized. Contact Barb DeYoung for more information.
- Hastings library will be closed between Christmas and New Years. This is their way of saving money and keeping staff. Peggy created a storytime around the State Book, *Runaway Garden*. She cut up vegetables and used them as stamps. The different shapes made for interesting pictures.
- LaVonne made a life size drawing of herself, attaching different items to represent the things that she loves and enjoys in her life. The kids could see that she loved her family by the big heart and that her favorite food was pizza by the pizza she attached to her stomach. The kids were able to make one of themselves by tracing their bodies on the large paper that was donated to her library. She purchased set of hand bells from Constructive Playthings. Good quality and tone.
- *Countdown* by Deb Wiles recommended as good tween historical fiction about the Cuban missile crisis. This is one book in the *Sixties Trilogy*.
- Shannon has started a storytime club at her Library. Each child that signs up receives a goody bag with a button that has the mascot Stinky and the child's name, a rock with google eyes to represent their reading buddy and other things. Making a "storytime club" has drawn a larger more consistent group of parents and children for her storytime.
- Lisa attended the Maranatha Writers Conference in Muskegon and recommended this annual conference to anyone who is the least bit interested in writing. For more information the website is www.writewithpurpose.org.
- Zeeland library offers a Monday afternoon Art Attack program. Kids come after school and Jessica has different art projects for them to do. During one session the kids made maracas out of balloons, toilet paper rolls, wallpaper paste and colored paper. Contact Jessica for more art project ideas.
- *Mary Robinson recommended Sorta Like a Rock Star by Matthew Quick*. Although seventeen-year-old Amber Appleton is homeless, living in a school bus with her unfit mother, she is a relentless optimist who visits the elderly at a nursing home, teaches English to Korean Catholic women with the use of rhythm and blues music, and befriends a solitary Vietnam veteran and his dog, but eventually she experiences one burden more than she can bear and slips into a deep depression.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations

November 19 – Summer Reading Workshop – Rockford United Methodist Church

March 14 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Hastings Library)

May 9 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Herrick Library)

