

YASD Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2009

- ❖ This summer's Battle of the Books is in some trouble. With cuts being made at the System, Barbara has recruited the help of YASD in cosponsoring this year's Battle. Libraries have volunteered to do any printing that needs to be done. Volunteers for other areas are still needed though. Please contact Barbara if you would like to help out.
- ❖ Advanced Battle of the Books is being held on Friday, March 20th at the Sachem Public Library from 6:00-9:00. Thank you to Brian Schwartz and everyone who has helped out.
- ❖ The Fran Romer Workshop is on April 23rd at the Northport Public Library. Registration is now open. You can obtain a copy of the registration form on the YASD webpage. We are currently collecting items to use in our raffle basket. If you have something that you would like to donate, please send it to Laura Panter at the Middle County Public Library.
- ❖ The Long Island Library Conference will be held on Thursday, May 7th. We are looking for volunteers to man the YASD table. Please contact Tracy Van Dyne at the Connetquot Public Library if you would like to volunteer.
- ❖ BEST Awards applications are due to Brian Schwartz by April 6th. The application can be found on the YASD website.
- ❖ YASD had a Facebook page now. Please Friend us.
- ❖ Sue Sloan spoke asking that anyone who has not attended an SCLA meeting or who had never been to the System before, please feel free to attend our next SCLA meeting on Friday, March 20th at 9:30am.
- ❖ Blaine Atkins spoke about ICON.
 - ICON is a nonprofit organization
 - This year YASD will have a fan table which will be located in the dealer's room where the majority of action is. Please contact Lorraine Squires at the Mastic-Moriches Public Library if you would like to volunteer at the table.
 - Anywhere between 5,000 – 7,000 people attend each year
 - This year's conference will be held at three places: the Suffolk Community College Conference Center, the Marriott at Exit 57 and the Holiday Inn in Ronkonkoma
 - This year authors, Holly Black and Jane Yolen will be doing signings
 - Sean Austin from the Lord of the Rings will be there as well
 - The conference hosts events such as author signings, anime, gaming, RPG, LAPS, films, media, comics and the dealer's room.
 - The conference is from April 3rd – April 5th 2009
 - They offer scholarships to Stonybrook University
 - They would like to begin working with libraries on getting author and publisher visits going
 - You can join the ICON mailing list by going to their site
 - Dave and Busters will also be holding some activities this year
 - Memberships and the dealer room sales are used to pay for the convention

- It was brought up by Laura LaSita to possibly have ICON promote National Library Week in April.
- Blaine said that if the libraries have anything going on that they would like promoted that they could put it on their website as well.
- ❖ Candy Reeder brought up having a representative from Kaplan attend our June meeting to discuss their programming at libraries.

Submitted by,

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