

YASD Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2008, 9:30am – 11:00am
Mastic Moriches Shirley Community Library
Attendance = 31

1. Welcoming comments from Candy Reeder with an acknowledgement and a moment of reflection in honor of the 7th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001.
2. Barbara Moon from SCLS gave a brief recap of this summer's Battle of the Books. Thirty-nine teams participated with approximately 1000 attendees present. Reminder that there will be a Battle coaches meeting on October 7, 2008 at SCLS.
3. Online Registration used for Summer Reading Programs
 - a. Sachem Library used the Evanced system for their adult, teen and children's programs.
 - i. All staff from the librarians to the pages were trained to help patrons register and use the online program.
 - ii. The Library had a link on their homepage that led patrons to the program. This could be accessed from any computer. Barcodes were not authenticated as to allow more users to participate without restrictions (expired cards, fines, etc.)
 - iii. Each department set their own parameters for their reading programs.
 - iv. Tallying statistics was extremely simple and took only about 10 minutes!
 - v. Library clerks checked the records daily for accuracy.
 - vi. An information card was created to assist staff and patrons on the online registration features.
 - b. Huntington Library used the Library Insight system for their summer reading programs.
 - i. Participants received prizes according to which level they had completed.
 - ii. Positives: very user-friendly, remote capability, allowed for open-ended questions (i.e. What character did you like best?) and for multiple choice questions (i.e. Rate the books), kept track of inventory, ability for patrons to reserve prizes online
 - iii. Negatives: More teens finished higher levels than anticipated.
 - c. Middle Country Library also used the Library Insight system for their summer reading program.
 - i. Feedback from participants was split. Many participants did not use the online component so staff made information cards to teach them and allowed them to hand in paper forms as well.
 - ii. Each participant received a free book for signing up for the summer reading program.
 - d. Mastic Moriches Shirley Community Library also used the Library Insight system for their summer reading program.
 - i. This year's summer reading program theme was a Hollywood theme including a red carpet, star walk of fame and a large "auction" which had approximately 100 attendees (300 teens registered for the program).
 - ii. Library cards and student IDs were accepted as forms of identification. Participants needed a barcode and PIN in order to sign up. Candy Reeder

- suggested telling teens to put their Library barcode number into their cell phones as they often forget their cards.
- iii. If participants put in the ISBNs of the books they read, images of the books would show up on their finished records.
 - e. Rogers Memorial Library used an online registration program designed by their in-house computer department.
 - i. Over 400 book “reviews” were collected from participants.
4. Millennium Program Registration
 - a. Sachem, Huntington, Middle Country and Smithtown libraries are all in various stages of using the Millennium Program Registration module for library programs.
 5. Successful Teen Programs
 - a. Margie Hartough from Half Hollow Hills Community Library shared a PowerPoint presentation of images from their summer events
 - b. South Country Library held a custom toy “Kaniza” Workshop with toy designer Keith Poon
 - c. Smithtown Library hosted a Fear Factor Competition
 - d. Brentwood Library held a “Twilight” Ball as their Summer Reading Finale
 - e. Sachem Library held a “Twilight” Prom with approximately 85-90 teens in attendance
 - f. Mastic Moriches Shirley Community Library held a “Breaking Dawn” release party. Participants received posters, buttons, bookmarks, T-shirts, copies of the book and various Twilight-related items. Participants played a version of “Twilight” Jeopardy.
 6. Unsuccessful Teen Events
 - a. Mastic Moriches Shirley Community Library had a disastrous young adult bus trip to Great Adventure with very disruptive and destructive teens making the trip very hard on the Librarians who were chaperoning it.
 7. Miscellaneous
 - a. Everyone’s summer reading program enrollment seems to be up or about the same.
 - b. There is a huge demand for more teen volunteer opportunities at the libraries. This topic will be discussed further at the November YASD meeting.
 - c. The Fran Romer Workshop will be revised for 2009 and may be shortened to a half-day event.
 - d. Congratulations to Jeri Cohen from Patchogue Public Library for her article about graphic novels in the August 2008 VOYA.
 8. Upcoming events
 - a. The YASD Annual Author visit with author Melissa de la Cruz will take place on October 16, 2008 at the 56th Fighter Group Restaurant.
 - b. The SCLA Dinner will be held on November 14, 2008 at the Bellport Country Club.
 - c. The next YASD meeting will be on November 13, 2008 at the Port Jefferson Free Library.

Submitted by Jennifer Fowler, YASD Secretary, September 11, 2008.