

## YASD Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2007 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Harborfields Public Library

### I. Civil Service Exams

- a. Reviewed e-mail statement sent by Kevin Verbessy.
- b. Questions and feedback regarding new Children's I and Librarian II tests, including, should teen services librarians take Children's I test, how will Teen Services librarians be hired from Children's I or Librarian I list, pros/cons of Teen Services librarians taking Children's I test in terms of content knowledge.

### II. Recap of Recent Young Adult Events and YASD News

- a. YASD Meeting in June dealt with teen volunteer opportunities. Thanks to all our informative presenters. Visit YASD website for meeting minutes.

### III. Upcoming Young Adult Events

- a. Teens & Technology: What Teens & Tweens are Really Doing Online- September 26, 2007, Syosset Public Library- 1-3p.m.
- b. Battle of the Books Salon- October 4, 2007- 9:30am-12pm
- c. YASD Luncheon- October 11, 2007, Mamma Lombardi's- 11am-3pm
- d. NYLA Conference- October 18-20, 2007
- e. Teen Health & Wellness Training- October 24, 2007, SCLS
- f. YASD Meeting- November 8, 2007, Hampton Bays, Teen Behavior
- g. Fran Romer Workshop 2008-Committee Members needed

### IV. Website/MySpace Update

- a. YASD website
  - i. Luncheon registration flyer and new Teen Talk issue have been sent out and are available on YASD website.
  - ii. Email account- back in service at [yasd@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:yasd@suffolk.lib.ny.us). Account will be checked regularly, so can continue to e-mail officers directly or e-mail YASD account.
  - iii. Contact page- online form created to submit questions, comments, etc. The completed forms will be forwarded to YASD e-mail account. Form fields include name, phone number, e-mail address and comment box.
  - iv. Program Evaluation form- in addition to PDF of form currently available on website, will create a form similar to Contact page to fill out information online.
  - v. Upcoming developments- will create a Luncheon page to feature speaker and registration information, pictures, etc. Luncheon page will be located in the Events side bar.
- b. YASD MySpace
  - i. Added a calendar for meeting dates and other librarian oriented workshops as well as wrote blog that highlights some interesting Summer Reading Club happenings on library websites.
  - ii. Reviewed some recent author posts and bulletins, including David Levithan tour dates, Sara Zarr survey for teens, Barry Lyga series of writing advice blogs, K. L. Going's blog about recent book challenge.
  - iii. Over 100 friends. New friends include ALA's Banned Book Week- page includes information about banned books and music, events throughout the country, etc.

- V. Membership Update
- a. Need to be a member of SCLA in order to join YASD.
  - b. If you are not sure if you're a member, contact Laura Panter.
  - c. Reminders to renew membership for 2008 will be sent out in December 2007.
- VI. Teen Talk Update
- a. Newest issue is now available in print and on YASD website.
  - b. Send feedback about newsletter to Tracy Van Dyne.
  - c. Need volunteer writers to share what you are doing at your Library, pictures of teen events, etc.
  - d. Submit articles to Tracy Van Dyne by December 2007/January 2008.
- VII. Nominations for Officers for 2008
- a. Positions open for Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer – contact Laura Panter for questions or to express interest.
  - b. Candace Reeder 2008 President.
  - c. Looking for people to serve on Membership and Newsletter committees.
- VIII. Successful Summer Teen Program Presentations
- a. Jennifer Chivvis, Smithtown Public Library
    - i. Goal was to double Summer Reading Club participants from previous year- goal was accomplished.
    - ii. Summer Reading Club promotion- visited English classes throughout school district.
    - iii. Summer Reading Club- Primary reading activity to read books, as well as alternate forms of activity including reading to others, writing poetry, etc. (Appendix A). Teens kept track of reading activities in "Reading Activity Log." Each alternate reading activity could only be used once. For every fifth reading activity, teen went to Library to receive prize. Any reader of book 300+ pages received special prize. Could only attend summer programs if registered for Summer Reading Club. Additional activities included weekly puzzles and online scavenger hunt.
  - b. Laura Panter, Middle Country Public Library
    - i. Battle of the Bands- over 700 people in attendance. Winning band to perform for family night at Mulchay's at 5p.m. on Saturday, September 29.
    - ii. Summer Reading Club wrap up- Murder Mystery Program where Teen Advisory Council created storyline and designed props for Summer Reading Club participants. Final raffle prizes given to participants.
    - iii. High School Musical- collaborative project with Patchogue Medford Public Library. 60 teens between 2 libraries met for 8 weeks to rehearse, design sets, etc. Teens developed great friendships and are looking forward to next production.
- IX. Discussion of Summer Reading and Summer Reading Programming for Teens: What Worked & What Didn't
- a. Rocky Rigante, Central Islip Public Library
    - i. Summer Reading Club- for every fourth book read, teen received a book and small prize.
    - ii. Facilitated puzzle activity where teens had to put together 500 piece puzzles without looking at picture and guess what it was.
  - b. Margaret Britton, Brentwood Public Library
    - i. Teen Advisory Board Time Capsule- created scrapbook of summer programs and events including crafts from Art Buddies, summer reading club prizes, and pictures. Presented time capsule to Library Board and is stored in a case in the Library. Teens exchanged e-mails to contact each other in ten years to regroup and open time capsule.

- c. Andrea Graham, South Country Public Library
  - i. Animaze Yourself- high number male teen participants. Programs included sushi night, artist workshop with David O. Miller. Prizes included I Tunes gift cards, plush dolls, etc.
- d. Ann Gomez, East Islip Public Library
  - i. Collaborated with School District to run a book club; school media librarian led book discussion about Twilight by Stephenie Meyer.
  - ii. Get Creative with Clay program with Rona Madri- engaging 1 session program to make masks, animals, figures, etc.
- e. Catherine LaStella, Hauppauge Public Library
  - i. Balloon sculpture program with John Reed- provided great instruction, good group control, well attended.
- f. Linda Ferraro, Amityville Public Library
  - i. Iron Chef Contest- filmed program and posted to Library webpage for Library's centennial celebration. Provided all ingredients, grill plates, bowls, kitchen tools, chef hats, and simple recipes for teens to create dishes. Staff acted as judges/taste testers.
- g. Nanette Feder, Emma S. Clark Memorial Library
  - i. DDR tournament with Extreme Entertainment – well attended, provided food and drinks.
- h. Martha Mikkleson, Patchogue Medford Public Library
  - i. Random Acts of Kindness- teen volunteer opportunity where teens gather weekly to plant and maintain garden. Attendance increasing for program. Earn library dollars to be used towards head phones, flash drives, pay fines, train fare for trips, etc.
  - ii. Summer Reading Club programs- due to construction programs were held in meeting room or outdoors. Fishing trips in Patchogue with 16 teens and 10 adults. Use poles from “Rent a Pole” program at the Library. Planning a Volunteer Appreciation night for parents that helped with fishing trips.
- i. Cheryl Conenello, Sachem Public Library
  - i. Summer Reading Club wrap up party- had DJ, virgin mixed drinks, etc.
  - ii. Twilight at Your Fingertips- facilitated book discussion, designed t-shirts, received autographed copies of book (ordered through Stephenie Meyer's website- Changing Hands Bookstore in Arizona). Plans to do an Eclipse Prom in 2008 to celebrate release of 4<sup>th</sup> book.
- j. Michelle Vagner, Northport-East Northport Public Library
  - i. Button Bracelet and Earring Workshop with Joanne Shoen O'Shaunessy- great rapport and instruction with teens; teens were enthusiastic with their creations.
- k. Online Summer Reading Clubs – Library InSight
  - i. Pros- Useful to make bibliographies to post on teen website, compile user statistics.
  - ii. Cons- Issues with user friendliness with passwords, patrons initially signed up but then didn't continue to utilize, low tech support, system crashed at some libraries.
- l. Summer Reading Considerations
  - i. Prizes- Raymond Geddes and Rhode Island Novelty recommended for better quality/workmanship of prizes. Environmental conscientiousness of plastics- some libraries finding alternatives (e.g. I Tunes and other gift cards, galley copies).
  - ii. Material fees- can offer more programs because material fees offset program costs; may increase teens commitment to come if have to pay; some libraries only charge material fees if take something home (e.g. craft); ways to handle refunds- some Libraries will refund if able to fill spot.
  - iii. Programmers- several low recommendations for Lee Pirada due to no call, no show for scheduled programs. Overall good feedback for Extreme Entertainment- great rapport with teens but sometimes arrives late to programs.

- iv. Programs- with increasing program cost how to adapt? Suggestions include DIY programs, buy own equipment, seek community volunteers or college art students to facilitate programs, etc.
  - 1. DIY program examples
    - a. Andrea Graham, South Country Public Library- Button making program- purchased machine (from buttonbiz.com) for teens to make 5-6 1” buttons, key chains, magnets, etc. Teens select images from magazines, draw own images, or Librarian prints requested images. Buys buttons in 500 count sets.
    - b. Margie Hartough, Half Hollow Hills Public Library- Gingerbread Houses- Using small milk cartons, cover cartons with graham biscuits and decorated with gum drops, pretzel sticks, etc.
    - c. Joanne Albano, Commack Public Library- teens made salads with ingredients provided, chocolate dipping with chocolate fountain.
    - d. Margaret Britton, Brentwood Public Library- children/teen Art Buddies program.
    - e. Cheryl Conenello, Sachem Public Library- make your own lotions, shower gels and sea salts. Bought hypoallergenic color and scent dies through essentialsbykatalina.com. Bought nail polishes and emery boards at local beauty supply store. Watched Pretty in Pink.
    - f. Candace Reeder, Northport-East Northport Public Library- Summer Salon for Kidz- teens paint children’s fingernails and toenails, set out magazines and watch a movie while nails dry. Also Prom Fashion Show- used teen pages as models, modeled dresses on loan from Estelle’s Dressy Dresses, local hair salon did models hair, local flower shops provided corsage and boutonniere samples.
    - g. Laura Panter, Middle Country Public Library- Fall Fashion Show- 12 middle school students to model outfits from Mandeas, Dots, TJ Maxx and Marshalls. Susan Bodell to teach students fashion walk and commentate fashion show.

#### X. Booktalks

- a. Mock Printz Committee- e-mail Barbara Moon to join Mock Printz listserv, as well as to nominate and discuss books.

#### XI. Wrap Up- Fran Romer Committee Meeting immediately following