

## Youth Services Interest Group Business Meeting notes

May 5, 2017

Fremont County Library, Lander, WY

The interest group was called to order at 11 am.

IG Leader, Darcy Acord of Campbell County, read a report of 2016 and early 2017 activities.

Report of financial status was read; members were provided copies.

### **Discussion Items**

Scholarship: Youth Services interest group has agreed to offer two scholarships to the WLA fall conference because there were no applicants for the spring meeting scholarship. Ana Cuprill of Sublette County made the motion and Marcy Robison of Campbell County seconded; the motion was passed.

The Youth Services group agreed to continue offering the scholarship until the communication and email issues within the group have been resolved. It has been further suggested that all interested applicants may apply as often as they would like as long as newer applicants are considered first.

Incoming interest group leader, Michelle Humber of Sublette County, is creating a spreadsheet of summer reading performers that all youth services members can access with some reviews and the time/location/target audience of the visiting performers. The group discussed a need to be aware of time, dates, location and cost of summer reading performers.

### **CSLP Meeting Report**

Darcy reviewed some of the resources available on the CSLP website, [www.csplreads.org](http://www.csplreads.org), in addition to their slogan and marketing materials. Academic content is accessible to CSLP members. A statistical committee has been formalized and the information will also be added to the CSLP website.

Across the state, particularly in small libraries, youth services librarians are still using this resource and the state library continues to pay for a statewide membership to this group. Members are encouraged to continue to use this resource.

2018 slogan and potential reading incentives: "Libraries Rock"

2019 slogan: "A Universe of Stories"

2020 general theme: Fairy Tales/Folklore/Mythology

New format for manuals—USB/DVD: Manuals will be sent out in paper format, but the USB/DVD option is available.

## **Upcoming WLA fall conference**

The conference will be held August 10 & 11, at Sheridan College, with Infopower for school librarians on August 9. More information will be forthcoming.

Dorms are available as a lodging option and will be more inexpensive than hotels. Meals will also be available on campus.

Pros and cons of the conference in August were discussed. School librarians are encouraged to attend with the addition of the Infopower preconference. WSL School Library consultant, Paige Brendenkamp, encouraged collaboration among youth service and school librarians as the state sees budget cuts in libraries.

Author--Questions were asked over the role of youth services in planning who the visiting author will be to attend WLA in 2017, as the school librarian interest group and the youth services interest group typically alternate years. With the cancellation of the previous year's author and the change in the current year's format, interest group leaders are unsure as to what direction to take. Group consensus is that there is no room in the new program format for a visiting author and the traditional author luncheon. Paige will follow-up.

The youth service interest group would like to fit an author visit into the WLA 2017 conference even if a luncheon is not feasible.

Possible authors suggested at the meeting were:

- Nancy Turner Stevenson—Jackson area
- Blythe Woolston—Billings area
- Jonah Lisa Dyer--*The Season*—author lives in Boise

Book sale and further author discussion is tabled pending more information.

## **Leadership**

Michelle Humber is the incoming IG leader

Darcy discussed the need for someone to step in after Michelle as IG leader for 2018-2019, and reviewed the demands of that position. Kennedy Penn-O'Toole of Albany County and Jessika Waldron of Fremont County both showed interest in being considered as IG leader following Michelle. An election is planned for the upcoming fall business meeting.