

**Four County Library System
Youth Services Meeting
7 December 2018 – George F. Johnson Memorial Library**

Libraries represented: EN (2), JC, BCPL, HART, SP, FE (2), SID, SNB, DI, and the following via GoToMeeting: SM, ONA, GI

- **Partnerships & Outreach Workshop**
The workshop that had been scheduled in November was postponed due to a forecast of messy weather. The new date is Thursday, January 17, 10:00am, at the Sidney Memorial Public Library.
- **Children's Book Week** – April 29 – May 5 - <http://everychildareader.net/cbw/>
This year celebrates the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week! This is another opportunity to be part of a national celebration. If you sign up on the website to be an official location, you'll be included on their map of participants. There are also a whole bunch of downloadable materials on their website.
- **World Book offer**
The regional salesperson for the company that publishes the World Book Encyclopedia contacted Sarah with a special offer. The flyer he sent has been uploaded here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8lmjefo> He said that if anyone wants to order a 2019 encyclopedia, the price would be \$899 (the NYLA Conference price) if ordered by December 31. The salesperson's name is John Gummo, and he can be contacted here: john.gummoe@worldbook.com
- **AWE Learning Stations**
A salesperson from AWE Learning contacted Sarah about doing a consolidated order for their educational computers. Several libraries already have the stations, which are non-internet computers loaded with a bunch of educational games. They are relatively expensive, but a couple of libraries reported that they have lasted for around seven years before they start to get a little squirrely. Sarah will look into what the requirements are for getting consolidated order pricing and send the information out via email.
- **Lions Club**
The Binghamton area Lions Club participated in a community event at BCPL and did vision screenings for children. Sarah asked them if all Lions Clubs do similar work, and they said that most do the vision screenings. This might be a good organization to partner with if you're having an event.
- **Kathleen Odean workshop – April 11**
Broome-Tioga BOCES will again be hosting Kathleen Odean for a full-day workshop about YA books, and they generally invited public library staff to attend, as well. This year's workshop will be held on April 11. Sarah will send out more information when it is available.

- **DCMO BOCES – school-public library connections**

Sarah was contacted by the School Library System Coordinator at DCMO BOCES, who would like to hold a meeting to provide a way for school and public library staff in her service area to connect. This meeting is scheduled for January 24 in Sidney, and Sarah will send out more information when it is available.

- **Telling your library's story**

Something that came up a lot at the NYLA conference and at an advocacy training that Steve Bachman attended was the importance of collecting stories that demonstrate your library's impact. Numbers and statistics are important, but stories that are examples of how your programs and services make a direct impact on members of your community are more likely to be remembered (and to tug on heartstrings). There is a potential advocacy workshop that might be held in the beginning of 2019 in our system, and this would go into more detail about that. However, in the meantime, a library story structure worksheet, along with an example (materials from the advocacy training that Steve attended), have been uploaded here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2foe4k> As things come up at your library—as you have moments where you see the impact that you're having on individuals—it would be a great idea to start collecting those and writing them down so that you can share them with funders and those who make decisions in your community.

- **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

This program provides a structure to build a reading encouragement program that lasts over the course of a child's life before they begin kindergarten. The idea is that caregivers will record a list of books read, and they will receive incentives and/or recognition for every hundred books that they read. The website has lots of resources: <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/> There are many ways to approach it, and one example is the Kent District Library in Ohio, which offers a sticker chart for parents to fill out: <https://www.kdl.org/early-lit/1kb4k> It's a pretty simply structured program, and there are lots of ways that it could be implemented.

- **SRP Manuals + Catalogs**

The SRP manuals in USB drive format, as well as the catalogs of theme-related materials, are being distributed to each of the libraries. (If you are interested in ordering a print copy of the manual through 4CLS, please let Sarah know by December 19. The cost is \$23 plus shipping.) A webinar about the manual from CSLP will be taking place on December 18 – information can be found here: <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>

- **Performer information sharing**

There is a spreadsheet of information about performers that library staff have submitted information about: [Ask Sarah for the link.] (**Please note:** This information is **not** for public consumption—it's for us as 4CLS colleagues to make recommendations to one another.) If you would like to submit information about a performer to this spreadsheet, you can fill out the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4clsperformerinfo>

- **Favorite JUV and YA books of 2018**

Picture Books/Beginning Readers

Fire Truck Dreams – Sharon Chriscoe
Snowy Nap – Jan Brett
Baby Monkey, Private Eye – Brian Selznick
Shelter – Celine Claire
Dragons Love Tacos (1 and 2!) – Adam Rubin
Be Quiet – Ryan Higgins
What Do You Do With a Chance? – Kobi Yamada
Last Stop on the Reindeer Express – Maudie Powell-Tuck
Potato Pants – Laurie Keller
Drawn Together – Minh Le
Maybe Something Beautiful – F. Isabel Campoy
Grumpy Monkey – Suzanne Lang
The Sun is Kind of a Big Deal – Nick Seluk
Bob and Tom – Denys Cazet
The Wonky Donkey – Craig Smith
The Christmas Sweater – Glenn Beck
When the Leaf Blew In – Steve Metzger
Bug Zoo – Andy Harkness

Middle Grade

Ivy and Bean (series) – Annie Barrows
Warriors: Vision of Shadows (series) – Erin Hunter
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish – Pablo Cartaya
The Parker Inheritance – Varian Johnson
The War That Saved My Life – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Wishtree – Katherine Applegate
Nightbooks – J. A. White
Be Prepared – Vera Brosgol

Young Adult

My Plain Jane – Cynthia Hand, Jodi Meadows, Brodi Ashton
Dread Nation – Justina Ireland
Book of Clay – Marcus Zusak
Turtles All the Way Down – John Green
Thunderhead – Neal Shusterman
Truly Devious – Maureen Johnson
Give the Dark My Love – Beth Revis

Adult (with J/YA references) – Paperback Crush – Gabrielle Moss

- **Miscellaneous**

- SID is celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 2 with a storytime, a family craft, and a library “Amazing Race” where the whole family is a team!
- SP and JC both participated in community Trunk or Treat events and felt it was a good way to get out and publicize the library. JC has a lot of dinosaur pencils left over, so contact Maryse (jc.maryse@4cls.org) if you would like some!
- FE shared about the work that they’re doing with homeschoolers. When asked for tips, they suggested connecting with parents who can help organize and spread the word. They also recommended having volunteer opportunities for homeschool teens.

- **2019 meetings**

- Monday, March 11 – SRP Meeting
- Friday, May 10
- Monday, September 9
- Friday, November 22