

**Four County Library System
Youth Services Meeting
20 November 2020 – Via GoToMeeting**

Libraries represented:

AF, BA, DE, DI, EN, FE(2), ONA, OT, RS, SH, SID(2), SM, SNB, VE, WO, WA(2)

Summer Reading Program

- The USB flash drives containing the digital version of the SRP manual were sent out via the Intra-System Mail. If you did not receive yours, please let Sarah know (sreid@4cls.org).
- 4CLS has two hard copies of the manual available to be borrowed. You send Sarah an email to borrow them, or you can put them on hold in Workflows (they're listed under "Tails and Tales").
- The Division of Library Development let us know that they will not be providing posters this year. You can purchase them through the Collaborative Summer Library Program catalog—it looks like the big ones are only 50¢ each.
 - o The print CSLP catalogs have not yet been received at 4CLS. In the meantime, you can view the digital version here: www.tinyurl.com/y5lgffwg
- Sarah is starting to hear from performers and will share their information as seems appropriate.
- Sarah will send out a quick survey about what people's date preferences are for a Summer Reading Program meeting in early 2021.
- Remember that READSquared is available, and the mobile app will be free for NYS libraries for summer 2021.
 - o Kenneth from Endicott did a refresher session in October, and it was recorded. You can view it here: www.tinyurl.com/y6xgcxca (Please forgive the sudden start—Sarah had a little trouble with starting the recording.)

Materials available

- A reminder that 4CLS has a good selection of Big Books and puppets available to be borrowed! Even if you're doing storytimes virtually, these can be useful tools to engage your audience.
 - o List of Big Books – www.tinyurl.com/y623vxsz
 - o List of puppets – www.tinyurl.com/ygqlfnz
- If you would like to borrow any of these materials, please email Sarah at sreid@4cls.org.

Webinar

- There's a webinar coming up Friday, November 20, 1:30pm, that will cover the New York State Parent Portal, which has helpful information that can be shared with your families. Even if you can't attend at that time, you can still register—the meeting will be recorded and the link sent out later. Visit here for more information and to register: www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/webinars.htm

Overdrive/Libby

- Since the lockdown started, Overdrive has added extra titles for young people into its collection.
 - o Always available for kids - fourcounty.overdrive.com/collection/1096195
 - o Always available for teens - fourcounty.overdrive.com/collection/1096194
 - o Spanish language titles for kids can be found right now in the “New kids additions” under Ebooks in Overdrive:
fourcounty.overdrive.com/collection/32368
- If you have suggestions for J/YA titles that you’d like to see included in the 4CLS Overdrive collection, please let Sarah know (sreid@4cls.org).

Grant opportunity

- Information was sent out by email about the Arts Decentralization Grant managed by Earlville Opera House—please take a look! This is an excellent opportunity to apply for funds to support some of your SRP programming—or other cultural programs that you might have in mind.
- Colleen from Sherburne shared that the staff who manage this grant are really great to work with.
- This grant is open to libraries in Broome, Chenango, and Otsego Counties.
- More grant information and the application can be found here:
www.earlvilleoperahouse.com/decentralization

Favorite books read/used this year

Here are the books that were shared as favorites that people read and/or used in programming (or with our own children!) this past year (links go to the 4CLS catalog):

- Picture books
 - o [Kitten’s First Full Moon](#) – Kevin Henkes
 - o [Because of an Acorn](#) – Lola Schaefer
 - o [Big Cat, Little Cat](#) – Elisha Cooper
 - o [The Book with No Pictures](#) – B. J. Novak
 - o [Memoirs of a Tortoise](#) – Devin Scillian
 - o [One Little Bag](#) – Henry Cole
 - o [Dinosaur Lady](#) – Linda Skeers
 - o [A Wave of Stars](#) – Dolores Brown
 - o [Interstellar Cinderella](#) – Deborah Underwood
 - o [The Blue House](#) – Phoebe Wahl
 - o [Saturdays are for Stella](#) – Candy Wellins
 - o [Goodnight, Little Dancer](#) – Jennifer Adams
 - o [Buttercup the Bigfoot](#) – Douglas Rees
 - o [Can I Give You a Squish?](#) – Emily Neilson
 - o [When Grandpa Gives You a Toolbox](#) – Jamie L. B. Deenihan
 - o [The Remember Balloons](#) – Jessie Oliveros

- Middle grade
 - [The One and Only Ivan](#) – Katherine Applegate
 - [The One and Only Bob](#) – Katherine Applegate
 - [Sonic the Hedgehog comics](#)
 - [Because of Winn-Dixie](#) – Kate DiCamillo
 - [Rick](#) – Alex Gino
 - [Wizard of Oz](#) – comics by Marvel
 - [Moby Dick](#) (graphic novel) – Sophie Furse

- Young adult
 - [Darius the Great is Not Okay](#) – Adib Khorram
 - [Darius the Great Deserves Better](#) – Adib Khorram
 - [Kent State](#) – Deborah Wiles
 - [Poisoned](#) – Jennifer Donnelly
 - [Sarah Bernhardt](#) – Catherine Reef
 - [Dragon Hoops](#) – Gene Luen Yang
 - [Fever Year](#) – Don Brown

Wrap-up items

- Each library that entered the raffle for the art books received a book!
- Once the SRP meeting date is determined, that will inform the rest of the dates for the 2021 Youth Services meetings. They should be sent out before the end of the year.
- As always, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for the important work that you continue to do to support your communities during the strangest and most challenging of times. **You are all amazing.**