

Minutes: OYAN Quarterly Meeting, October 16, 2009

Central Library, Multnomah County Library

INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees: Aimee Meuchel (Tualatin), Susan Smallsreed (Multnomah), Ruth Allen (Multnomah), Kristin Starnes (Corvallis-Benton), Kris Lutsock (McMinneville), Heidi Weisel (Corvallis), Dan White (Salem), Rick Samuelson (WCCLS), Lisa Elliott (Tigard), Mark Richardson (Cedar Mill), Ian Duncanson (Beaverton) Karen Sherman (Multnomah County), Karen McElravy (Multnomah County), Katie Kane (Fern Ridge), Jeanine Rogers (Woodburn), Sara Ryan (Multnomah County), Robin Fosdick (Corvallis-Benton)

OLD BUSINESS

Review/approve minutes Lisa moved to approve the minutes and Aimee seconded the motion.

RESOURCE SHARING (all)

Tualatin PL (Aimee) There is an upcoming Star Wars marathon where all three of the original Star Wars movies will be shown. The Project Tee-shirt program was fun with teens altering tees with stencils and paints. While the Zombie Ninja Pirate Party had disappointingly low attendance, all six teens who came dressed up! The DIY Tombstone program had to be cancelled due to the small number of sign-ups. The next time it's offered, the program will be open to adults and teens.

Beaverton PL (Ian) Beaverton will host another murder mystery program (someone will die at the prom!) with the Teen Library Council members playing the parts.

Tigard PL (Lisa) Tigard's Zombie Tea Party is coming up. Lisa had folks donate clothes and bunched them up and spray painted them to make them look fresh from the grave. She will be providing scissors and fake blood so participants can shred them and make them gruesome. She also got a bunch of makeup and practiced horror makeup FX with the Teen Library Council who will be makeup artists at the program. She is planning on having several types of tea and gory candies from Oriental Trading Company.

Hillsboro PL (Sue) For Teen Read Week, there will be a raffle. Prizes have yet to be determined, but will probably include food and entertainment gift certificates. Teens can draw pictures of their favorite SF/fantasy world, create a costume, or write a short story about a different reality or what it will be like to live in 2109. Hillsboro had a mystery night with twelve participants. Sue went to Goodwill and found five mystery kits for two dollars each!

Corvallis PL (Kristin, Heidi, Curtis) Upcoming programs include a pizza box decorating party to advertise Teen Read Week, a button-making program, a HALO Tournament and a costume party and contest where the teens will judge. Prizes will be iTunes and Borders gift certificates.

McMinneville PL (Kris) For Teen Read Week, Kris is doing a bookmark design contest. Everyone who enters gets a two dollar gift certificate to the library's book sale. Kris is also investigating a fine-waiving program for teens.

WCCLS (Rick) The Washington County Young Adult Librarians have proposed a countywide Teen Summer Reading Program Artwork Contest. If it is approved, then WCCLS will be doing a big contest. They should know soon if it will be approved.

Multnomah County Library (Sara, Susan and Ruth) For the first time, MCL created a poster just for teen programs during Teen Read Month. M.T. Anderson was this year's speaker for the Teen Author Lecture. You can listen to the podcast if you missed the lecture: http://multcolib.libsyn.com/index.php?post_id=538022 Next year's author will be Tamora Pierce.

Several MCL locations had Camp Half-blood Regional Meetings (Percy Jackson parties), but neither of the first two was well-attended despite all the cool things that were planned (a PowerPoint Jeopardy-type quiz, prophecy mad-libs, cool crafts, god and goddess trading cards, and food. Those who did attend, though, had a good time.

Salem PL (Dan) Salem is participating in Wrestlemania Reading Challenge sponsored by YALSA. See <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/wrmc/wrmc.cfm> for details. He is planning on showing *Twilight* on November 13th. Dan also talked about *Skulls* by Noah Scalin, a book that is apparently based on his Skull-a-day blog: <http://www.skulladay.blogspot.com/>. The forthcoming book *Nightlight*, a parody of *Twilight*, by the Harvard Lampoon, was also mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget (Susan) Susan shared the new budget for this year including adjustments for scholarships. A discussion ensued as people reviewed the new, proposed scholarship guidelines. One scholarship has already been approved: Dana Campbell (Corvallis-Benton PL) received a scholarship to attend ALA midwinter in order to participate in the Amelia Bloomer Award committee. OYAN wants to encourage people who are attending OLA to apply for scholarships to help with registration expenses if they are attending workshops that pertain to teens. OYAN members must apply by December 1st in order to be considered for an OLA scholarship. Receiving an OLA award grant does not preclude someone from getting an OYAN scholarship. See http://data.memberclicks.com/site/ola/oyan_scholarship_app.pdf for the application.

OYAN Happy Hour at PLA OYAN members thought it would be fun to have an OYAN happy hour in Portland the week of PLA. Sara proposed a joint OYAN/YALSA happy hour. Some concern was expressed that this not conflict with official PLA events.

ACTION: Susan will check with PLA to see what can be arranged. Sara will check with YALSA to see if YALSA might be interested.

Communications Officer/Newsletter discussion Because there is overlap in several OYAN officer positions, a new communications officer position was suggested that would combine the duties of the newsletter and web editor positions. Included in this discussion were possible changes to the newsletter's format. Pros and cons were mentioned with some people wondering how time-consuming this new position might be. Further discussion on this item was tabled until the spring or summer 2010 OYAN meeting.

There are several possibilities for an online newsletter. Lisa has been researching these options.

ACTION: Lisa will send out the various options that she has researched to the membership. Members should take a look at these and provide feedback to Lisa by no later than Monday, November 30th. Lisa's email is lisa@tigard-or.gov.

RESOURCE SHARING

Books We Read

Soldier's Secret by Sheila Solomon Klass (Ruth)
Perfect Chemistry by Simone Elkeles (Katie)
Love is the Higher Law by David Levithan (Lisa)
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd (Rick)
Murder at Midnight by Avi (Susan)
Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld (Susan)
Starclimber by Kenneth Oppel (Kris)
Angry Management by Chris Crutcher (Aimee) – does **not** recommend
Blade by Tim Bowler (Karen)
Once Was Lost by Sara Zarr (Lee)
Going Bovine by Libba Bray (Dan)
Huntress. Year One by Ivory Madison (Robin)
Stitches by David Small (Susan)

Pure by Terra Elan McVoy (Aimee)
Forest Born by Shannon Hale (Susan)
Zoo Break by Gordon Korman (Susan)
Essex County by Jeff Lemire (Mark)
Waiting for You by Susane Colasanti (Katie)
Pretty Dead by Francesca Lia Block (Susan)

CONTINUING BUSINESS

OLA Board Report (Rick) The OLA Board has decided that OLA will no longer be a member of PNLA when its membership expires in June 2010. This means that Oregon kids and teens will no longer be able to participate in YRCA after that time. Several librarians will be meeting to discuss the possibility of an Oregon choice award as an alternative to YRCA. These include Rebecca Cohen, Susan Smallsreed, Rick Samuelson, and members of the Oregon Reading Association and Oregon Association of School Librarians.

State Library Report (Katie via email with Susan reporting)

Ready to Read Grant: Final reports on the 2008-2009 Ready to Read Grant are due December 1st. Checks for the 2009-2010 grant cycle will go out in December.

House Bill 2586 Passed: Gov. Kulongowski signed HB2586 on July 28, 2009 allowing the Department of Education to award grants to school libraries, and includes school libraries in local districts' continuous improvement plans.. If you're interested in participating in or just keeping up-to-date on the effort to improve school libraries in Oregon, check out the Fund Our Future Oregon website at <http://fundourfutureoregon.org/>.

Collaborative Summer Library Program: In November, libraries will receive their 2010 summer reading manuals either at the CSD Fall meeting, via courier, or US Postal Service. This year libraries had a choice of receiving the hardcopy manual with 3 CDs or digital manual on CD. Printing and creating the CDs took place after the ordering, and it turned out that there was so much data they decided to use DVDs instead of CDs. This may be a problem for some of you who can't open DVDs on your computers. When you get your manual test the DVD right away to see if it will open on your computer, if it doesn't work please contact Katie Anderson ASAP at katie.anderson@state.or.us or 503-378-2528. Katie will place an order for replacement CDs for Oregon in December. She will send out an email reminder about this in November when the manuals are distributed.

Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse: The Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse webpage has been updated to better provide you with information on preparing for challenges, having that first conversation when a patron asks you to remove or relocate something in the collection, and provides resources for what to do after the patron submits an official request for reconsideration. You'll find sample letters to the patron, ideas for conducting a reconsideration hearing, and much more. As you know, there were a few high-profile challenges in Oregon last year. Therefore, you'll also find links to resources on dealing with the media and community groups. The Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse website is on the State Library website under "Services and Statewide Programs".

Letters About Literature: Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing contest for kids in 4th – 12th grade. To enter, kids write letters to authors of books that changed the way they think about themselves or the world. Resources are available on the State Library Website under "Youth Services". OYAN is a co-sponsor of the contest, and the \$200 contribution helps provide prizes so that 1 in 11 Oregon students who enter get prizes. Oregon's 3 winners receive \$100

and \$50 target gift cards, the 3 runners-up receive \$50, the dozen or so honorable mentions receive \$25 Borders gift cards, and the approximately 90 semi-finalists receive \$10 Borders gift cards.

The contest deadline is December 12th, and the Oregon judges will be:

Level I for 4th-6th Grade

- Author Carmen Bernier-Grand
- School librarian Holly Cohn
- Youth librarian Lucy Iraola

Level II for 7th and 8th Grade

- Author Pamela Smith Hill
- School librarian Claire Peterson
- Youth librarian Rick Samuelson

Level III for 9th -12th Grade

- Author Christine Fletcher
- School librarian Cindy Daniels
- Teen librarian Lisa Elliott

Cooperative Summer Library Program (Heidi) Please take any 2009 summer reading artwork off of your websites and blogs. 2010 manuals will be available at the fall CSD meeting. SRP materials are available now from Upstart at upstartpromotions.com. Planning has already begun for 2011. We need ideas for the manual especially ideas for older teens, technology, service projects, self-exploration, and teen-centered programming. Please send your ideas to Heidi at heidi.weisel@ci.corvallis.or.us by December 1st.

OASL Conference Report (Susan and Rick) Susan presented an hour-long workshop on teen-centered programming attended by five people. Britt White from Buffalo-Erie County Public Library was the keynote speaker. She spoke on graphic novels. The conference theme was Get Graphic! Sara Pennypacker, author of the Clementine books, was the Friday lunch speaker, Gene Luen Yang was the Friday author dessert and Gail Carson Levine spoke at the Saturday author banquet. Other authors presenting were Derek Kirk Kim, Virginia Euwer Wolff, Anne Osterlund, April Henry, Amy Costales, Amber Keyser, Rosanne Parry, and Dale Basye.

Several people mentioned that it would be great to have more collaboration between OASL and OYAN. We should begin by putting OYAN workshop opportunities on the OASL calendar and vice versa. Lee suggested a joint OASL/OYAN issue of the OLA Quarterly. In a follow-up email, Gregory Lum noted that the next OLA Quarterly/OASL Interchange is a joint issue and that the OASL/OLA joint committee meets four times a year.

ALA Conference Report (Lee Catalano) Lee received an OYAN scholarship to help defray the expenses of her trip to the ALA Annual Conference. This is a preliminary report. She will provide a written report for the January OYAN newsletter. Lee is a member of the Odyssey Award Committee (an audiobook award). Audiobook publishers send what they have produced in a calendar year. Members are assigned titles to listen to and then they make suggestions. By the annual meeting, everyone has listened to all of the suggested titles and these are then discussed. Nominations are not the same as suggestions. Committee members send in the first round of nominations by October 1st. The 2nd and final round of nominations happens on December 1st.

The committee is looking at the quality of the **audio** production. Sometimes great books have lousy productions and vice versa. Lee has listened to about 550 hours of audiobooks so far this year!

Booktalk Workshop The booktalk workshop that happened earlier in the day was a success! Twenty-eight people came to hear Cathy Schneider and other members of Multnomah County Library's Books2U team give tips and booktalks.

Other suggestions for workshops: Programs on a Shoestring by K'Lyn; Successful social networking applications in libraries and ideas for Teen Tech Week.

Book Rave 2010 (Kris) Keep sending nominations to Kris up to December 1st. His email is kris.lutsock@ci.mcminneville.or.us. Please remember that the publication date for the 2010 list is from November 1, 2008 to November 1, 2009. Kris will be sending out more formal Book Rave guidelines to the BR subcommittee for review. The ballots will be available online two weeks before the winter OYAN meeting. Online voting will end the day before. The final selection will be made at the OYAN winter meeting..

Mock Printz 2010 update (Susan) Thirty-five to forty people are registered so far including nine teens.

Upcoming OYAN Meetings

January 29, 2010	Jesuit High School **Please note that the time for this meeting will be one hour earlier from 10:00-2:00.
April 23, 2010	Seaside Public Library
July 23, 2010	Deschutes PL, Bend

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Allen, Secretary