Dear YSS Members,

The NYLA Annual Conference 2010, *The Library: YOUR Story Starts Here* is just around the corner and I hope to see all of you there. Thanks to Renee McGrath, YSS Conference Chair, we have wonderful workshop choices, from graphic novels to math and beyond. Some highlights not to miss:

The YSS Membership Meeting when we will briefly do our business, and then enjoy author/illustrator Peter McCarty’s *Journey of a Story: From Real Life to a Picture Book*.

The Empire State Award Luncheon featuring Cynthia DeFelice. Thanks to Rose Stuart and the ESA committee for putting this popular event together.

Telling Tales, our annual fundraiser for the Ann Gibson Scholarship

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the YSS board members, liaisons, and committee members for making this past year both rewarding and fun. We welcome the involvement of all members. If you have not yet become an active member of YSS, please fill out the Active Member Form in this newsletter and send it in to Second Vice-President Stephanie Kyle.

See you in Saratoga Springs!

Sarah Sachs
YSS President
YSS Spring Conference Scholarship Announcement

The Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association will present its 2011 YSS Spring Conference on Friday, April 29, 2011, in Rochester. Featured speakers will be Susan Campbell Bartoletti and Elizabeth Burns.

The purpose of Spring Conference Scholarship Award is to encourage continuing education in the field of library youth services. Two awards are given annually: one to a veteran librarian and the other to a newer member of our profession. The scholarship is designed to cover conference registration, hotel charges, meals, and transportation costs for attending the Youth Services Section’s annual conference. The amount of each scholarship is not to exceed $250.00 and comes in the form of reimbursement.

The candidate needs to show a strong commitment to the field of youth service librarianship or other related careers.

Applicants must be members of NYLA/YSS. The applicant may NOT be an officer or employee or relative of the New York Library Association, NYLA Council, or the Executive Board of the Youth Services Section of NYLA. Financial need will not be a criterion for the award.

Requirements:
The applicant may be:

1. A graduate library student (full- or part-time), who is matriculated at her/his institution.
2. A practicing librarian or paraprofessional employed in New York State.
3. Involved in a related youth services field (e.g. storytelling, an illustrator, etc.).

The applicant must be:

1. Directing their plan of study or work in youth services in a public or school library or in a related field (see above).
2. A current regular or student member of NYLA/YSS.

The applicant needs to file the following with the YSS scholarship committee chair:

1. A fully completed application, which is available for downloading or in hard copy.
2. Two letters of recommendation which indicate the applicant’s interest in youth services.
3. Evidence of current membership in NYLA/YSS.

Please note: Applications received after the posted deadline will not be honored.

The YSS Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications, and notify applicants of the final results in writing.

Scholarship Deadline: December 15, 2010
Please see the YSS Web site to download an application.

For further information contact:
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ElaineDunneThayer@yahoo.com
Have you been to ALA's *Advocacy and Libraries* web page lately? I just visited, and found listed under *Advocacy University* this great section titled: **Add it Up: Libraries Make the Difference.**

http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/advocacyuniversity/additup/0to5/anntk_public.cfm

This resource lists reliable data to support advocacy messages for all levels of library youth services. There are talking points for both public and school libraries. These talking points are divided by age group so that we can closely tailor our message. Take a look! I think you'll find it a useful site to refer to in preparing for your upcoming conversations with taxpayers, patrons, trustees, bosses, colleagues, staff, and of course our legislators and local politicians.

Sue Rokos
YSS Legislative Liaison

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**First Vice-President/President Elect:**
Joyce Laiosa
Head of Youth and Family Services
Voorheesville Public Library

**First Year Director:**
Cathy Henderson
Head of Children’s Services
Greece Public Library

**Secretary:**
Ann-Marie Helldorfer Ciccinelli
Youth Services Librarian
William K. Sanford Town Library

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**Empire State Awards Luncheon**

*We will be honoring Cynthia DeFelice*

**Friday, November 5th at Noon**
YSS at NYLA Annual Conference

YSS has exciting events planned for the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs: 2010 The Library: YOUR Story Starts Here. November 4-6, 2010.

This is a great opportunity to learn something new, meet new people, and further your professional development and career. While you’re there, please stop by the YSS booth for your membership gift.

YSS Conference Programs At A Glance...

Thursday, November 4, 2010
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM
Journey of a Story: From Real Life to a Picture Book
Join us for a short YSS General Membership meeting and then listen to author/illustrator Peter McCarty talk about how he gets the visual stories for his books from observing and listening to people, especially children, and watching animal behavior. Peter believes that artists need to be involved in real life in order to get material for their stories.

Thursday, November 4, 2010
1:45 PM – 3:00 PM
Online Summer Reader: Telling Our Stories
Discuss and review the new online Summer Reader Program from Evanced Solutions. A panel of YS librarians as well as representatives from Evanced Solutions will be on hand to discuss the new online summer reading program. A review of 2010 and a look ahead at 2011.

Friday, November 5, 2010
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Teen Programming Success Stories
Two YA librarians share their programming success stories.
YA librarian Syntychia Samuel's annual Kwanzaa program was named VOYA Magazine's 2009 Most Valuable Program runner-up. She has a very successful Junior Friends program that has held talent shows, dance celebrations, poetry readings, film festivals, and many other workshops. Rhonda Todtman is from a small library and specializes in original teen programming that she creates herself that is very budget friendly, such as Jeopardy-style programs based on popular YA books. Hear their success stories and get ideas to help you "think outside the box" when it comes to programming for teens.
Special Event: YSS Empire State Award Luncheon
Friday 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Join YSS as we present the 2010 Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature to Young People to Cynthia DeFelice, the award-winning author of sixteen novels and twelve picture books for young readers. Tickets are $35 per person.

Friday, November 5, 2010
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM
Bring Your Library to Life with a Story
President’s Program
Simple and cost-effective ideas on marketing your library in new and original ways. Utilize inexpensive tools to reach and interact with teens, tweens and their parents. Realistic solutions for the overworked librarian. Presented by Nancy Dowd, Director of Marketing for the New Jersey State Library, co-author, Bite-Sized Marketing.

Friday, November 5, 2010
4:00 PM – 5:15 PM
Telling Tales Performance
YSS's Annual Storytelling and fund-raiser for their Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $15.

Saturday, November 6, 2010
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
YSS Table Talks
Roundtable discussions and hands-on activities for children's and young adult programming and services.

Saturday, November 6, 2010
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Mixing in Math: Cheap, Fun and Simple
Engage school-age kids with mathematical games and activities at the library. "Mixing in Math" is a set of free materials that enables children's librarians to mix math into many of the activities they already provide for children in grades K-6. Funded by the National Science Foundation.

Register now at www.nyla2010.org and follow us on Twitter @NYLAConference.
YSS ACTIVE MEMBER FORM

Name ____________________________________________

Institution ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

City __________________________ State _____ Zip Code ____________

Work Phone __________ Home Phone ________________

Fax __________________________ Email __________________________

*We send our newsletter by email only.

I am interested in helping in the following ways:

- Presenter – YSS Spring Conference ______ NYLA Conference - YSS Tabletalks ______
  (Presenting a workshop based on your knowledge and expertise)

- Room Monitor - YSS Spring Conference ______ NYLA Conference ______
  (Handing out evaluation sheets before the program and collecting them after)

- Running for office on the YSS board ______

- Being on a YSS Committee ______
  (See reverse side for list of committees)

- Working at the YSS booth at Spring Conference ______ NYLA Conference ______

- Writing an article for the newsletter ______

- Planning YSS programs for NYLA conference ______

- Local Arrangements person for YSS Spring Conference ______ NYLA Conference ______

- Web/Computer Work ______

- Work on a task group to develop a YSS publication ______
COMMITTEES AND LISTS OF SKILLS

COMMITTEES
Scholarship  
Pied Piper Award  
Empire State Award  
Publications  
Conference Planning  
3 Apples Award  

LISTSERV
I am interested in joining the YSS LISTSERV. This member benefit will offer YSS members another resource for networking and interacting with peers from across the state. Discussions are open to anything related to NYLA/YSS as well as questions and discussions about general youth services work in libraries.

Please make sure you have provided your email on the first page.

Member News

Did you have a recent career change, promotion, special activity or honor related to youth services librarianship? Do you have something that you would like to share (new child, grandchild, etc.)? If so, let us know and we will put it in the YSS Transitions section of the YSS newsletter. Take a few moments to let other YSS members know about you.

Name __________________________ Position __________________________

Library __________________________

Address __________________________ Phone __________________________

Email __________________________

I would like to share
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Please continue on a separate sheet if needed.

Please fill out and return to:
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**Krista Briggs**, Young Adult Specialist from Canton Free Library, received the SPIRIT Award from the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators’ IT Committee for the use of technology in innovative ways. Krista featured the Twilight Tournament that was held between Canton Free Library teens and those from other libraries in the North Country Library System, using Meebo and Instant Message technology. Her program received an Honorable Mention.

**Deb Sgambelluri** has been appointed Youth Services Library Assistant at the Greenwich Free Library. She is currently pursuing an M.S.I.S. at SUNY Albany.

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Did you do something to attract children to your library with smiles and eagerness? Share your experiences and knowledge by submitting your program to the 2011 Pied Piper Committee.

The Pied Piper Award is an opportunity to recognize our peers for excellence in promotional materials and/or programs that further library service to youth by all libraries or library systems in New York State.

You could be our next Pied Piper if you have developed a program that furthers library services to our children, ran within the confines of 2010, and can be easily duplicated (with hard work and patience). Submission materials are available now online.
The nomination period is now open!

It’s easy to participate!

1. Print nomination forms from the website: www.3applesbookaward.org
2. Set up a ballot box in your library
3. Collect nominations from kids and submit them through the website. (The *staff-only* password is: apples2011)

The Award has three sections:
Young Reader - Grades PreK-2 (ages 3-8)
Childrens - Grades 3-6 (ages 8-12)
Teen - Grades 7-12 (ages 13+)