A Message From the President

Happy Spring Greetings to all YSS Members!

Thank you to those who reached out to me after my first newsletter article this past winter; your acknowledgements meant a lot. Once again I looked back to see what our recent past presidents wrote so I’d know what topics I should cover: Spring weather conditions (these will improve eventually, they always do), NYLA Advocacy Day, the upcoming YSS Spring Conference and updates from the YSS Winter Board Meeting.

Our winter board meeting was held just over two weeks ago on February 8th. The YSS board meets quarterly and these meetings are usually all day affairs with a full agenda to cover each time. Our treasurer, Elissa Valenta, gave us a report about account balances and expenses. I’m happy to announce YSS is in a good financial position.

Past President, Laura Panter, spoke about the progress of our first Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy (EALA) class, our collaborations with the Section of School Librarians (SSL), and the plans for the upcoming YSS Past Presidents dinner, which will be Thursday night before the Spring Conference at Casaletto Ristorante in Elmsford NY, a short trip from the conference hotel. I hope to see you there! It’s guaranteed to be a fun evening filled with great conversations and networking.

I reported on updates from the NYLA Council meeting and the results of the membership satisfaction survey. Over 90% of the members who responded think YSS is an active and responsive section that meets their needs! Amanda Schiavulli, 1st Vice President gave her report. The 1st VP oversees six committees and five board liaisons. Most of the committee activities are going well and our liaisons are working with their NYLA counterparts on issues that are important to library professionals across the state. One of these is advocacy for libraries. To that end, YSS and SSL have formed a joint task force to formulate a plan for how school and public librarians can collaborate to better advo-
We read Chinasa Seyse’s report, as her recent trip to ALA Midwinter kept her from attending. Membership is steady. Members are reminded that if their library does an organizational membership, please choose YSS as your primary section; this way we will receive twenty dollars of your membership fee.

Next we covered the Directors’ reports. These are the folks who work hard over the course of three years to plan our Spring Conferences. Liz Anastasi reported about this year’s conference, Through the Looking Glass: Reflecting and Responding to an Ever Changing World, to be held on Friday, April 26 in Tarrytown, NY. The speakers and workshop lineup are all excellent, and as usual, I will have a hard time choosing which ones to attend.

Unfortunately, Angela Newman, was kept home because of the snow, but her report confirmed that our 2020 Spring Conference will be May 15 in Clayton NY. Mark your calendars; this will be a great opportunity for youth services professionals from Northern New York to attend a conference in their own backyard.

Lastly, we heard from Chrissie Morrison who is forming her committee to bring the conference to the Capital Region in 2021. If you are interested in being the Spring Conference planner, you may be happy to know that the board is considering changing this to a two year term. Please fill out our Active Member Form to express your interest.

Circling back, I can’t forget Advocacy Day! If you were unable to attend this year, please take a moment to visit NYLA’s online Advocacy Center and send a message about this year’s budget. It takes less than two minutes to send an email to your elected officials. If you personalize your message, I have it on good authority that staffers will pay more attention to those letters. Last year our efforts increased library construction aid dramatically. Let’s use our voices again this year to tell the legislature what matters to us!

Lisa Neuman
YSS President
New York Library Association Youth Services Section 2019 Spring Conference
Through the Looking Glass: Reflecting and Responding to an Ever Changing World

DoubleTree Hotel Tarrytown
455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591
Friday, April 26, 2019  8:30AM to 4:15PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Kimberly Parker, Literacy Advocate & Educator
Kimberly N. Parker, Ph.D., teaches English at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her teaching and learning interests focus on the reading experiences of young black men and how to build positive literacy environments for them within classrooms. Parker is also the current secondary representative-at-large for the National Council of Teachers of English.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Susan Kuklin, Award–Winning Author
Susan Kuklin is the award-winning author and photographer of more than thirty books for children and young adults that span social issues and culture. Her latest book, *We Are Here To Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults*, was released in January 2019.

Conference Schedule & Workshops
8:30AM - 9AM Registration, Breakfast, Visit Vendor Booths

9AM - 10:15AM Welcome by Lisa Neuman, YSS President, and Liz Anastasi, Conference Chair; Keynote Address by Dr. Kimberly Parker

10:30AM - 11:30AM Workshop Session #1 (SELECT ONE)
1-A: Empowering Teens Through Civic Engagement
Erin Hoopes, Library Supervisor at Free Library of Philadelphia

Learn how to facilitate civic engagement through real life projects with a 2018 Library Journal Mover and Shaker. Learn how to use the Five Stages of Social Action to facilitate civic engagement in the young people at your library. Examples of real life projects, as they developed step by step, will be shared, along with tips for handling sensitive and potentially controversial discussions.
1-B: Understanding Stereotypes and Tropes in Children’s Literature
Kiera Parrott, Reviews Director at School Library Journal/Library Journal

A deep dive into specific problematic areas that anyone engaging in readers’ advisory or book promotion should be aware of and able to identify. Then, put your newfound knowledge to use, analyzing and evaluating a selection of picture books.

1-C: CSK at 50: Celebrating Coretta Scott King Book Award-Winning Titles
Susan Polos, School Librarian at Fox Lane High School
Maegen Rose, Middle School Librarian at Rye Country Day School

Celebrate 50 years of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards honoring African American authors and illustrators for work celebrating the African American experience. Learn about these titles and how you can share them with your community.

1-D: Drag Queen Story Hour: Radical Programming for an Ever-Changing World
Jonathan Hamilt, Founder of Drag Queen Story Hour NYC
Rachel Aimee, Founder of Drag Queen Story Hour NYC

Founders of Drag Queen Story Hour NYC lead a 1-hour session on the herstory of this radical programming for children 3-8 years old in public schools and libraries across the country and the world. They will share their reflections and responses to the media, community backlash, and touch on how you can start your very own local DQSH Chapter.

1-E: Teaching App Design for Librarians
Austin Olney, Digital Media Specialist at White Plains Public Library

Designing mobile applications is a fun way to learn coding concepts and general thinking skills. With a wealth of free software tools available, librarians now have the ability to teach patrons how and where to get started. This workshop will focus on a web application called “App Lab” in order to show librarians how they can implement app design instruction.

11:30AM - 12PM
Networking, Visit Vendor Booths, Book Sales, Visit the YSS Booth, and Raffle Sales

12PM - 1:30PM
Luncheon with Speaker Susan Kuklin, Announcements and Raffle Drawings

1:30PM - 1:45PM
Networking, Book Sales, and visit Vendor Booths

1:45PM - 2:45PM Workshop Session #2 (SELECT ONE)

2-F: Disability in Youth Library Spaces: A Panel of Perspectives
Liz Hughes, Youth Services Librarian at Half Hollow Hills Community Library
Mary Frances Layden, Student of Disability Studies at CUNY School of Professional Studies & Co-Founder of love bili nyc

This moderated panel will offer several perspectives on how to best serve disabled people in youth spaces in the public library.

2-G: Mindfulness in Children’s Programming
Nicole Guenkel, Children’s Librarian at Greenburgh Public Library

The whys and hows - incorporate fun and simple mindfulness activities into programming for toddlers through tweens. Participate in breathing activities and practice mindfulness techniques to use or adapt in your children’s programming or anytime, no matter what you are doing.

2-H: Fresh Approaches to Readers’ Advisory with Teens
Angela Carstensen, Author of ALA’s Readers’ Advisory Guide to Teen Literature & Director of Library and Media Services at Sacred Heart Greenwich
This workshop touches on a variety of reader's advisory tools and resources, focusing on book talks and the readers' advisory interview. New & upcoming teen books are incorporated so attendees will leave with a list of books to read and recommend.

2-I : LGBTQ & You: Making Your Library Safe and Inclusive
Mary Jane Karger & Peg Breen, GLSEN Hudson Valley
Melissa Iamonico, Southern Westchester BOCES School Library System

How do you support and promote LGBTQ materials and patrons, make your library a safe space, and prepare and protect against challenges? This workshop will explore collection development materials and resources to ensure all feel welcome in your library.

2-J : Program Brainstorm for Children’s Services
Tricia Sabini, Children’s Librarian at Ossining Public Library
Sarah Rodriguez, Children’s Librarian at Scarsdale Public Library

An engaging conversation with your peers. Listen and share your successes, challenges, and adventures in Children’s programming.

2:45PM - 3PM
Book Sales, Visit Vendor Booths, Visit the YSS Booth

3PM - 4PM Workshop Session #3
(SELECT ONE)
3-K : Libraries Can Self Publish
Jessica Gordon, Youth Services Librarian II at Finkelstein Memorial Library
Joanna Goldfarb, Head of Teen Services at Valley Cottage Library

Discover how your library can employ self publishing for all kinds of programming.

3-L : STEAM Your Library: From Storytimes to Tweens -- Strategies for Incorporating STEAM in Programs
Elly Reardon, Children’s Librarian at The Merrick Library

This presentation will provide boiler plate program ideas for adding STEAM concepts to your storytime for preschool and early-elementary aged children, as well as STEAM program ideas for older elementary-aged children (4-6th grades). The presentation will include discussion of prototype programs, best practices, and available content resources.

3-M : Program Brainstorm for Teen & Tween Services
An engaging conversation with your peers. Listen and share your successes, challenges, and adventures in teen and tween programming.

3-N : Table Talks
Roundtable discussions and hands-on activities highlighting a variety of programs and services. Learn about Fantasy Stock Market, Escape Rooms, cooking with kids in the library, rebranding, and more. Participants can attend multiple Table Talk topics during this workshop.

3-O : READSquared: Your Questions Answered
Sharon B. Phillips, Library Development Specialist / Youth Services / Program Manager
Amanda Latreille, Consultant for the New York State Library on READsquared project, Amalat Consulting LLC

Get answers to commonly asked questions and learn how to get started with this no cost Summer Reading option for public libraries in New York State. Brand your reading programs and increase registration and participation through activities, book lists, challenges, and more.

QUESTIONS & INFORMATION
Liz Anastasi, YSS 2019 Conference Chair
email: eanastasi@greenburghlibrary.org
Spring 2019 YSS Newsletter

Registration and Lodging Information

Register Online at NYLA.org/YSS

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No registrations will be accepted after March 26, 2019

Lodging Information

The DoubleTree Hotel in Tarrytown is located at 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Overnight accommodations can be made by calling 914-524-6418 or visiting www.Tarrytown.DoubleTree.com and entering the group code NYLA. Let them know you’re with the NYLA YSS Conference and the dates you will be staying.

Diaper Service Project

We are requesting diaper donations for the Westchester County Diaper Bank.

One package of diapers = One raffle ticket!

The Westchester County Diaper Bank, in partnership with the Westchester County Executive’s office and the Westchester County Department of Social Services, provides diapers at no cost as temporary assistance to families in need.

Past Presidents Dinner

All are welcome! Join the YSS Executive Board in honoring our Section’s past presidents and enjoy an evening of networking and visiting with friends. For those who like to try their luck at winning prizes, there will be a silent auction with the proceeds benefitting the Ann Gibson Scholarship.

Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:00PM - 9:00PM
Casaletto Ristorante
15 S. Central Avenue, Elmsford, NY 10523

$45 per person. Price includes dinner, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage.
Call for YSS Committee Members/Liaisons

When you join a YSS committee, you are making a three (3) year time commitment. You will learn and help out during your 1st year, become committee chair for your 2nd year, and mentor the newer members of the committee during your 3rd year. Terms for this year’s incoming committee members will run from the NYLA Annual Conference 2019 (November 13-16, in Saratoga Springs) through the 2022 NYLA Annual Conference.

Below is a list of committees, and their charges, for which we will have positions available:

3 Apples Award Committee
The 3 Apples Award is a NYS kids’ choice book award. Members work together (and in collaboration with the SSL 3 Apples Award Committee) to do marketing, collect nominations, and oversee voting for this award.

Conference Planning Committee
Coordinates and plans the YSS events and workshops for the NYLA Annual (fall) Conference.

Empire State Award Committee
Selects the ESA winner from YSS member nominations; plans the ESA luncheon for NYLA (fall) Conference.

Pied Piper Award Committee
Responsible for advertising, collecting submissions, and selecting a winning library from submissions of library programming/marketing excellence.

Marketing Committee
Explores online and print options of initiatives to support the YSS members and generate revenue. This committee maintains YSS social media and assures YSS is actively communicating with our membership.

Scholarship Committee
Responsible for marketing, collecting submissions, and selecting winners for the Spring Conference Scholarships and the Ann Gibson Scholarship.

C.E. Continuing Education Liaison
The primary responsibilities of the continuing education liaison are to coordinate two or more continuing education webinar opportunities for the YSS section yearly and to coordinate the YSS pre-conference program at the NYLA Annual conference every other year. Continuing education topics are planned with interest to both youth services and young adult services librarians. Webinars would be planned in the spring and at least one other time in the year.

If you would like more information about a particular committee position or to be considered for one of these positions, email Amanda Schiavulli by Friday, April 5, 2019. Please be sure to include your contact information and the committee(s) in which you are interested.

If you think any of these committees are up your alley, or if you'd like to help in other ways, please fill out the YSS Active Member Form. Please keep in mind: The YSS Board approves committee member nominations annually.

Amanda Schiavulli
1st Vice President, President Elect
Youth Advocacy Committee

Do you feel strongly that school and public libraries can create better library experiences for kids through collaboration? Are you interested in creating pathways and models to help public and school librarians work together in grassroots community projects and advocacy? If so, we’d like to hear from you! A brand new joint committee of YSS and the Section for School Librarians is forming, and we need energetic, flexible YSS members!

The Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC)’s mission is to establish a strong and results-oriented partnership in advocacy for the value of robust youth library services. Terms of service for this new committee vary. If you’re interested, please email YSS Legislative Liaison Mary Fellows at mary@uhls.lib.ny.us by March 15, 2019.

Marketing Committee

Share your program ideas with YSS and follow us on social media!

For daily tips, ideas, resources, conference updates, and articles all related to Youth Services, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest!

Have you recently held a program at your library that had a positive response? We would love to hear more about it! Send your content to Lindsay Jankovitz at jankovitzl@gmail.com to be featured on YSS’s social media pages. This is a great way to learn and brainstorm with your peers and to see what is happening at libraries around New York State!

Another great way to stay updated is by subscribing to the YSS Listserv. To subscribe, log into the NYLA Online Membership Center using your personal login and password. Click on “Personal Record Details” from the menu on the left, and then select the “Email Discussion Lists” link from the top of that page.

To send a message once you’ve subscribed, send an email to nyla-yss@list.nyla.org – but be sure to send that email from the email address to which you are subscribed to receive listserv emails.
3 Apples Award Committee: Get Kids Ready to Vote!

The 3 Apples Book Award was developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure and is awarded annually in three separate categories: Young Reader (UPK-2nd grade), Children (Grades 3-6), and Teen (Grades 6-12).

What makes this award unique is that the titles are completely nominated and voted on by kids. Titles are nominated and submitted by October 30 after which a list of 15 finalists for each category is available for kids to read and choose their favorite in their age group. Each child or teen is encouraged to read or listen to at least three books from their list.

Voting is open April 1 - April 30. Paper ballots will be available for voting as well as links to vote online (available at www.nyla.org/3apples).

The award winners will be announced in May.

For more information and ways to promote the award and titles please visit the 3 Apples Award Facebook page (www.facebook.com/3ApplesAward) and Pinterest site (www.pinterest.com/newyorkstate3applesbookaward).

3 Apples is co-sponsored by the Youth Services Section (YSS) and the Session of School Librarians (SSL) of the New York Library Association.

Scholarship Committee: Ann Gibson Scholarship Award

This scholarship is given annually to honor the memory of Ann Gibson, a dynamic and dedicated librarian, storyteller, and teacher, in recognition of her many contributions to the field of youth service librarianship.

Ann’s career in Western New York was spent in public libraries and several colleges and universities. As a founding member of the Genesee Storytellers, Gibson provided in-service training in children’s literature for librarians and teachers. She was a guiding force in the University of Rochester’s annual storytelling conference. Ann was also an active volunteer for local charities involving children with special needs.

The Ann Gibson scholarship is a memorial to Ann’s passionate abilities to share her love of children’s literature and the art of storytelling with thousands of children and adults. It’s purpose is to provide financial assistance to a person who has chosen to pursue graduate studies that will lead to New York State certification as a youth specialist in a public library or school media center.

The deadline for applications is May 31, 2019. Please see the NYLA YSS page for full details and requirements. If you have any questions please contact Amy Hogue.

Amy Hogue
YSS Scholarship Committee Chair
amy.hogue@libraryweb.org
Comic books, graphic nonfiction and graphic novels continue to ignite the reading imagination of young people from new titles such as *Tiger vs. Nightmare* to *Hey, Kiddo* and superheroes alike. Today just might be a new golden age of comics. Comics are completely integrated into the reading life of young people and receive notice through major awards from librarians.

This workshop will provide ideas for programs with specific titles; suggestions for books that work with book groups and with multi-part programs; and using comics for specific curriculum plans. We will also pair comics with other texts and illustrated books as we work to engage all possibilities for reading fun. There will be a small part comic history; for novices we will talk about how to read and enjoy comics; what one should look for in comics as we analyze some specific pages; and finally looking at diversity in the recent past as well as the newest comics.

Presenter: Joyce Laiosa is the retired Head of Youth and Family Services of Voorheesville Public Library. She has been involved in Youth Services for over 25 years. She is a Past President of the NYLA’s Youth Services Section. She has served on many American Library Association committees with the Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC) section. She served on the ALSC Notable Books Committee, 2014-2016 and has recently been appointed to the Bechtel/Special Collections Committee for 2018-2020. She has been an adjunct professor at the University at Albany since 2000. She is also a consultant in Early Literacy Programming with UHLS and MVLS.

**Enhancing Your Summer Reading Programming Webinar**

Dan Barbour will present a webinar on "enhancing your summer programming with out of this world family programs." From escape rooms to trivia nights, cooking competitions to outdoor movie nights, learn some tried and true family programming tips for any budget. Over a dozen different ideas will be discussed to hold events that both tie into the summer theme and add a jolt of excitement to the annual panic that is creating a summer programming lineup.

Dan Barbour is the Circulation Supervisor at the Westborough (MA) Public Library, and the owner of Vertigo Trivia.

Carol Geary
CE Committee Liaison
Pied Piper Award Committee

The Pied Piper Award Committee received several submissions for this year’s award, and can’t wait to announce the 2019 winner at our Spring Conference! The winner will take home a $200 gift card to Barnes & Noble and will become a permanent member of our hall of fame.

If you’re looking for fresh, exciting, innovative ideas for youth library programs, check out the Pied Piper Award page on the YSS website. The winning programs you’ll find here were chosen not only for their excellence, but for their ease of replication.

Have a terrific program you’d like to share? Submit YOUR best program of the year by December 1st. You may be the one taking home the prize next spring! May the odds ever be in your favor.

Ann-Marie Helldorfer
Pied Piper Award Committee Chair

Empire State Award Committee

Since it was first awarded in 1990, the Empire State Award (ESA) has been given annually to a living author or illustrator currently residing in New York State, whose body of work represents excellence in children’s and young adult literature. The one-time award recognizes authors and illustrators who have made a significant contribution to literature for young people and is presented during the NYLA Annual Conference. This year’s winner will be speaking on Friday, November 15th, 2019 in Saratoga Springs at the YSS Empire State Award luncheon.

The 2019 Empire State Award winner will join the ranks of acclaimed authors and illustrators who have won the award, including Maurice Sendak, Madelein L’Engle, Laurie Halse Anderson, Jacqueline Woodson, and last year’s winner, Ann M. Martin. The ESA committee is excited to announce the winner of this year’s award at the YSS Spring Conference on Friday, April 26th, in Tarrytown.

Any member of the Youth Services Section is eligible to submit a nomination to the ESA Committee Chair. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2021 Empire State Award, and a nomination form can be found on the YSS website. After nominations are received, the Committee members will consider the suggestions. The decision for the Award rests with the Committee and is approved by the YSS Executive Board.

Are you interested in serving on our Empire State Award committee? Fill out the Active Member Form on the YSS website. The three committee members must have a working knowledge of children’s and young adult literature, and sufficient experience in Youth Services to have developed an understanding of the body of children’s and young adult literature. We look forward to involvement from our New York Youth Services community and hope to receive your nominations of worthy authors and illustrators for the 2021 Empire State Award!

To learn more about past winners, visit the ESA page of the YSS website.

Mallory Marinaro
ESA Committee Chair
NYLA's Youth Services Section is looking for Executive Board candidates for the following positions beginning in the Fall of 2019.

Each of these positions is a three (3) year time commitment:

**1st Vice President/President-Elect**

The 1st VP is in charge of overseeing the work of all the YSS Committees and appoints new people to serve on YSS Committees. During the 2nd year, the 1st VP becomes the President, who represents YSS on NYLA Council and oversees all YSS activities. The 3rd year of the term is served as Past President. S/he plans the YSS Past Presidents’ Dinner (night before YSS Spring Conference), gathers a slate to run for YSS offices, and oversees the YSS sponsored Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy.

**Secretary**

Responsible for keeping up-to-date contact info for board and committee members, compiling/distributing agendas/reports and taking minutes for the YSS Board and Membership meetings four times per year, coordinating YSS election materials, sending notices of election results, sending welcome packets (with term information, etc.) to the incoming board members, and also submitting relevant documents to the YSS Archivist.

Coming Soon.....

Interested in bringing the YSS Spring Conference to your home town in Spring 2022? NYLA YSS is restructuring their 3-year director position into a 2-year YSS Spring Conference Director position. The Executive Board will be looking for interested candidates to begin the position in Fall 2020. The YSS Spring Conference Director will nominate a committee of no more than 10 people to plan and oversee the conference over the span of two years.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions or have further questions about a particular position, please contact Laura Panter at laura.panter@sachemlibrary.org no later than Friday, April 5, 2019.

Laura Panter
Past President
Getting your foot in the door at a library may be a goal you have since achieved and crossed off your list, but what did you set as the next goal? Some might say striking a balance between work and personal life. While others would say becoming proficient at the job in less than a year. What most of us do not do is set a goal for networking. The work seems daunting. Who has time for a coffee break let alone one with a colleague. There are many ways to network that go beyond the brief face-to-face encounter.

For starters, becoming a member of Youth Services Section counts as a beginner's step to networking. Like all new things it must be broken in and shaped to fit your specific needs. Being a member is more than a checkbox on the sign-up sheet. It is having the full force of over 750 youth services librarians at your disposal. You know how helpful and encouraging this type of librarian can be. You are immediately connected by a listserv where you can post questions. One recent question I posed to several librarians was for a teen program. I was researching shoes for a The Hate U Give discussion and activism night. The idea was to have shoes for teens to design. Although we ended up going with Jordan coloring sheets, it was a wonderful way to get feedback on an idea.

The next level of networking is giving back. As they say action speaks louder than words. Whether you are a recipient of a library grant, award, scholarship or pulled yourself through school, or rose from the bottom ranks of the library hierarchy our organizations thrive on self-driven professionals eager to share what they have learned for the betterment of others. Which is why it is so important to have members interview current and past board members for positions that they currently hold. There are various types of service: ones that require virtual contact, and ones that require regular in-person meet ups. There are positions that favor social media, while others require grass roots activism.

It is easy to feel like outside your library walls is a vast middle school cafeteria scene where you anxiously decide which clique and posse will accept you. Instead of going it alone, venture forward and take a seat and be a supporter of YSS activities. Push your limits and you will be surprised by what you learn and gain.

Chinasa Seyse
2nd Vice President, Membership
A Universe of Stories: CSLP 2019

How do you prepare for Summer Reading? There’s always so much to do and plan before you start. Take advantage of some great resources being offered by CSLP and associated organizations!

- Follow CSLP on social media for updated PSA videos to share: https://www.facebook.com/cslpreads/
- NASA has some great resources: http://www.starnetlibraries.org/summer-of-space/
- Sign for and read the latest CSLP newsletter which contains many informative articles and updates for “A Universe of Stories.” The current issue can also be accessed on the Summer Reading site at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/ and contains a link to many different helpful tutorials at https://www.cslpreads.org/2019-a-universe-of-stories-tutorials/

Kick-Off Webinar for READsquared

Date and time: Thursday, March 7th, 1:30-2:30 PM  
Sponsored by: New York State Library  
Presenters: Amanda Latreille, Principal, AmaLat Consulting LLC  
Sharon Phillips, Library Development Specialist, Youth Services, New York State Library  
Barry Young, President, READsquared  
Cost: FREE  
Participants: Intended for public library staff, especially those involved with the summer reading program or other reading programs  
Registration: https://goo.gl/forms/wpFsmPYRyEy5eaQ2

Please join us! READsquared is an online reading program solution now offered by the New York State Library at NO COST to public libraries statewide! The powerful application offers customization and configuration of CSLP-themed summer reading programs and other reading and learning programs, as well as readers’ advisory tools for all ages and all reading levels. READsquared can help libraries of any size brand their reading programs and increase registration and participation of individuals, families, and groups through activities, book lists, challenges, and more. Webinar participants will be introduced to the many useful features of READsquared, and will learn how to sign up and get started right away!

**Additional information about READsquared, including an FAQ, signing up for a free account, or accessing the demo site at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared/