YSS Board Virtual Call  
August 13, 2021  
Virtual  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Board Members In Attendance: Amanda Schiavulli - President, Jenny Burke - 1st Vice President/President-Elect, Lisa Neuman - Past President, Chinasa Seyse - 2nd Vice President - Membership, Ashley Bressingham - Secretary, Elissa Valente - Treasurer, Angela Newman - 2021 Spring Conference Director, Chrissie Morrison - 2022 Spring Conference Director

Members In Attendance:  
Amy Holland, Amy Relyea, Jennifer Lelinski, Julia Farrar, Mary Fellows, Melissa Victoria, Nancarrow Brown, Sharon Philips, Susan Polos, Vicki DiSanto

E - vote between meetings - Jenny Burke motion to approve Jacquelyn Lam as the winner of the Ann Gibson Scholarship, Elissa Valente seconded, motion approved June 29, 2021

E - vote between meetings - Chrissie Morrison motion to approve adding a $250 line item to our budget to support and help fund the new NYLA Librarian of the Year Awards, Ashley Bressingham seconded, motion approved July 12, 2021

1:03 PM President Amanda Schiavulli called the meeting to order

Motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting - Angela Newman, Lisa Neuman seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve May 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes - Lisa Neuman, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve July 7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes - Jenny Burke, Lisa Neuman seconded - motion approved

Treasurer’s Report - Elissa Valente (see attached #1)

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report - Angela Newman, Lisa Neuman seconded - report approved

Past President’s Report - Lisa Neuman (see attached #2)

President’s Report - Amanda Schiavulli (see attached #3)
  a. Election Results
b. NYLA Council Updates
   i. YSS Response to News You Can Use
      1. YSS Bylaw Changes - Motion Anticipated
      2. Board Job Descriptions Discussion
         a. YSS to SSL Liaison - Motion Anticipated
         b. YSS Council Seat - Motion Anticipated
   ii. Developing Leaders Sponsorship Seat $600 - Motion Anticipated

Motion to approve the election results with the addition of Julia Farrar as 2023 Spring Conference Director - Jenny Burke, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve the YSS Bylaw Changes, which includes the creation of a NYLA YSS Council Seat and the adaption of the President’s duties as well as the Past President’s duties until the position exists - Chrissie Morrison, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve YSS supporting the Developing Leaders Sponsorship Seat at $600 - Jenny Burke, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

2nd Vice President’s Membership Report - Chinasa Seyse (see attached #4)
   a. Awards and NYLA Membership Incentive

President-Elect/Vice President’s Report - Jenny Burke (see attached #5)
   a. 2021-2022 Committee/Liaison Slate - Motion Anticipated
   b. Creation of Awards Committee (Merge of Scholarship/Pied Piper)
   c. Committee Reports
      i. Battle of the Books
      ii. Empire State Award
      iii. Fall Conference Curation
         1. Anticipated attendance and Ann Gibson
      iv. Marketing
      v. Pied Piper
      vi. Scholarship
      vii. Youth Advocacy
   d. Liaison reports
      i. Communications/Website
      ii. Continuing Education
      iii. Intellectual Freedom
      iv. Legislative
         1. Legislative Priorities Discussion - Mary Fellows
      v. New York State Library
      vi. SSL Liaison

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Committee/Liaison slate, which includes Michelle Waldenmaier for the Pied Piper Award Committee, Margaret Martin for the Empire State Award Committee, Melissa
Victoria for the Scholarship Committee, Anna Healy for the Marketing Committee, and Jackie Bleich for the Communications Liaison - Jenny Burke, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM for a quick break and resumed at 2:35 PM

2021 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Angela Newman (gave verbal report)

2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Chrissie Morrison (see attached #6)

Unfinished Business
  a. Communication and File Organization Parameters

New Business?

Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn - Elissa Valente, Jenny Burke seconded - motion approved
1. Treasurer's Report

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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**Current Balance: $127,252.93**

General Comments

The YSS section is well situated for heading into the 2021-2022 fiscal year, due to savings from virtual events, a strong membership base, and donations. Thank you to everyone who supports this section.

The 2021-2022 budget is back in line with a more traditional year of spending and is balanced at $44,250. Lines have reverted back to 2019-2020 proposals for travel and business meetings. The board voted to add a line to the budget to contribute $250 annually to the NYLA Librarian of the Year Award, and this is reflected in this year's budget. Additionally, the corresponding numbers for the newly adopted NYLA Chart of Accounts has been added to the current budget. Webinars have also been profitable, for example, we made money on the TikTok webinar due to the number of non-members registered.

This will be an on-year for Continuing Education, and this is also included in the budget.

**Membership Income**

Allocation of dues to the section is $13484.25, which is a significant increase from this same time last year.

**Budget**
Included in this report is the budget for FY2021-22 and conference comparisons. The budget is assuming funds may begin to shift back to a pre-pandemic amount, as NYLA is moving forward with in-person programming for the fall conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Elissa Valente
Elissa Valente
YSS Treasurer

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - YOUTH SERVICES SECTION- 2021-2022

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2. Past President’s Report

- All the candidates got elected
- Amanda and Lisa have someone lined up for the 2023 Spring Conference Director

3. President’s Report

Election Results:
Incoming Board Members:
1st Vice President, President Elect: Kim Hazen
2nd Vice President, Membership: Mary Jo Smith
2023 Spring Conference Director: Julia Farrar

Council Updates:

- Executive committee made statements. Resignations from Roger Reyes, Grace Riario, Jen Cannell and Claudia Depkin.
  - Beth Merkle is now president.
  - Arlene Laverde is now President Elect
  - Barbara Stripling is acting Past President
  - Kelly Harris is now Treasurer
- There will be a special election for Treasurer Elect.
- Governance Task Force will be created.
- Small check in meetings will be scheduled leading up to the conference.
- Legislative: Lt. Governor: Hochul
  - Waiting for notice of delivery for NYLA.
  - Media Literacy package is still out there.
  - Curriculum requirement on media literacy.
  - Budget requests are going to be the same in 2022 as 2021. $123.1 Mil in library aid and 43 for construction aid.
Advocacy Day will be a hybrid March 2, 2022.

4. 2nd Vice President’s Membership Report

August 13, 2021

YSS Executive Board Meeting

- No new Jotform submissions received.
- Communication was exchanged with Julia Farrar, Head of Children’s Services at Crandall Public Library. She came in 2nd in the 2nd VP election. She was asked if she would be the 2023 Spring Conference Planner.
- The NYLA Membership Committee has met virtually 3 times since April (May 24, June 21, and July 19). The committee discussed and voted on a new NYLA Membership Fee Schedule. It passed unanimously.
- At the June meeting, there was discussion on unit requirements for committees and sections of NYLA. The recommendations were put to a vote and were adopted.
- The Membership Committee plans to release a NYLA Fall Survey to ascertain information on the value of NYLA to members.
- Reward Incentive program to attract members was discussed with the Membership Committee and they agreed that it was a good idea. A plan will be developed and presented to the Board at the next meeting.
- Membership gifts for 2022 to be distributed at the NYLA Conference at Syracuse is under consideration. Last year, we decided not to do a gift and to provide a larger incentive to encourage in-person attendance.

Chinasa Seyse

2nd Vice President, Membership

August Report

5. President-Elect/Vice President’s Report

YSS 1st Vice President/President-Elect Report

August 13, 2021

Due to our “pandemic terms,” committee terms are wonky in terms of the timeline, so not every committee needed new members.

Incoming Slate of Committee Members for Board Approval:
Pied Piper Award Committee - Michelle Waldenmaier (Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar)

Empire State Award Committee - Margaret Martin (Onondaga County Public Libraries, Syracuse)

Scholarship Committee - Melissa Victoria (Greenburgh Public Library, Elmsford)

Marketing Committee - Anna Healy (East Hampton Library, East Hampton)
   · I’m in the process of finding a second member; I was just informed that Caitlin is stepping down in November

Communications Liaison - Jackie Bleich (Onondaga County Public Libraries, Syracuse)

Committee Reports:

Conference Planning Committee Report
August 2021

2021 NYLA Conference

A. October Virtual & On Demand Conference
   a. YSS Membership Meeting - Thursday 10/28
      i. Time change
      ii. Nina Crews
   b. Welcome to the Teen Center
      i. Live Virtual, Thursday 10/28 at 10am-11am
      ii. Frieda Toth, Crandall Public Library

B. November In Person Conference
   a. Programs
   b. ESA Luncheon
   c. YSS Booth at Trade Show
   d. Ann Gibson Reception
   e. Board Meeting
   f. Room Monitors
g. Program Evaluations

C. Next Steps

A. October Virtual & On Demand Conference

a. YSS Membership Meeting: October 28th, Thursday

i. Time change
   · Moving meeting to 4pm for a 30 minute YSS Board presentation and 45 minute presentation by Nina Crews, so 4pm-5:30pm

ii. Nina Crews
   · Request sent for presentation time change
   · Payment
   · Book orders (or not in this case)

B. November In Person Conference

a. Programs

i. YSS Table Talks - Thursday 11/4/21 at 4pm-5:15pm
   · New & Upcoming Elementary Books 2021 (Charlie Kelly, Rochester City School District)
   · Girl Scouts at Your Cultural Institution (Margaret Martin, Onondaga County Public Library)
   · Pied Piper Award Winners: Fractured Fairy Tale Escape Room (Katie Bran & Jessica Leviness, Smithtown Library)
   · 2022 SRP Crafts (Chrissie Morrison, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library)
   · OurStoryBridge: Connecting the Past and the Present (Jery Huntley)

ii. Creating Dandy Displays for Library Lovers - Friday 11/5/21 at 8:30am-9:45am (CaroleAnne Weik, Valley Stream UFSD #13 and Peninsula Public Library)
iii. Lessons Learned From a School Closed (Sue Kowalski, Pine Grove Middle School - East Syracuse Minoa Schools)

iv. Talking to Kids About Race - Friday 11/5/21 at 2:15-3:30pm (Melanie Miller, Alfred Box of Books Library; OJ Shepard, SUNY Alfred State; and Kathy Sherman, Alfred Montessori School)

v. When We’re All In, Kids Are In - Friday 11/5/21 at 3:45pm-5pm (Stacey Rattner, Castleton Elementary School and Alicia Abdul, Albany High School)

b. ESA Luncheon

i. Moved to virtual presentation

ii. AV request due 8/15

iii. Book order

c. YSS Booth at Trade Show

i. Sarah H submitted application

ii. Raffles? Giveaways?

d. Ann Gibson Reception

e. Board Meeting

i. NYLA Conference Curators Meeting before - who am I taking?

g. Program Evaluations

i. Switch to Google Forms

ii. If paper - consolidate

C. Next Steps

a. Ann Gibson Reception

i. Figure out venue

ii. Food/drinks
iii. Raffle prizes

b. AV request for ESA luncheon due 8/15
c. Check requests due 9/15
d. Final Program verifications due 9/15
e. Guest ticket request due 10/15 (Nina Crews)

Report prepared by Amy Relyea

Empire State Award Committee Report

August 13, 2021

2020 ESA Business

Despite multiple efforts, Ms. Williams-Garcia never responded to multiple attempts to make contact and confirm receipt of the check that was mailed to her.

2021 ESA Business

3 attempts were made throughout June, July and August before we successfully made contact again with Mr. Selznick’s Scholastic representative. Entire communication gap was approximately 5 weeks between initial contact and answer.

Mr. Selznick is understandably uncertain about traveling to Syracuse in November and asked about the possibility of presenting virtually. I checked with conference curator Amy Relyea and my YSS liaison, Jenny Burke, to see if this was a possibility. While we will have to adjust the tech requirements for the room, we are able to accommodate this shift in the program! Given the trajectory of the COVID-19 numbers and Delta variant, I completely understand Mr. Selznick’s hesitation and am glad we found a happy medium for everyone.

I will also be submitting the form to generate the honorarium for Mr. Selznick this week in order to cut his check in a timely manner.

2022 ESA Business

2022 ESA business is limited but we remain excited about our work with [REDACTED] next year!

ESA Nomination Bank Update

The 2021 ESA Committee will continue to work on compiling a list of authors and illustrators residing in New York State to supplement nominations received through traditional means. It has been difficult to collect nominations from YSS members in the past, and continues to be difficult in the present.
Thank you.

Submitted by the 2021 ESA Committee:

Alexandria Abenshon
Mallory Marinaro
Gail J. Brown

Pied Piper Award Committee Report
August 13, 2021

I don't really have anything to report on this time around. Pied Piper is done for the season and there hasn't been a change to anything since we selected our winner.

Report submitted by Sarah Brown

Marketing Committee Report
August 11, 2021

Committee Updates:

· Committee is beginning to prepare the transition of roles come November. Lindsay will be working with Jennifer to get her ready for the role of chair. Caitlyn has asked to step down from her position on the board.

· We are currently working with Amanda to keep an eye on our social media accounts and to make sure our message to our members is consistent with NYLA's regarding Jeremy's departure.

Short-Term Goals:

· Continue posting to YSS's social media pages.

· Work with other committees to create cohesive social media content.

· Promote YSS news and updates.

Longer-Term Goals:

· Coordinate with contacts from other sections to ensure our members have access to relevant news, updates, and other important information, including conference updates, scholarship/award winners, webinar information, and more.

· Work cohesively with other committees and to discuss possible solutions to ensure that information is shared in a timely, organized, and complete manner.
· Discuss possible ways to increase YSS membership and enthusiasm.

· Increase engagement on our social media pages.

**Committee Successes Since the Last Committee Report:**

· Consistent posting to social media via Pinterest, Facebook, and Twitter.

· Worked with other committees to promote the YSS elections, scholarship/award recipients, NYS Library webinars, and other relevant material.

· YSS Facebook account – Since the last report, we have gained 12 followers on Facebook. At the time of my last board report, we have 616 followers.
  
  o Our most popular post was the announcement of the Pied Piper award winners. It had 14 likes.

  o Our second most popular post was a post for the New York State Library Staff Development Program on 7/22.

· YSS Twitter account – Our top tweet on Twitter this quarter was the announcement for the Tik Tok webinar. It earned 512 impressions.

  o We have gained 7 new followers on Twitter since our last report to the board. This has been our biggest increase to date for our Twitter page.

· Jennifer has taken over running our Instagram page. We now have 246 followers, which is up about 45 since our last board report. She’ll continue to share content showcasing other libraries and feature important updates. However, since links cannot be directly shared through here, we want to keep this page light and fun.

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Report prepared by Lindsay Jankovitz, Marlboro Free Library

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**Scholarship Committee Report**

August 13, 2021

We received 5 applications for the Ann Gibson Scholarship. The universities represented were Clarion University, CUNY Queens College, SUNY Albany. Jacquelyn Lam was selected. Our committee was impressed with her personal statement and all of the work she’s already done after only working in libraries during the pandemic and we liked her clear ideas and visions for future projects.
She will attend the NYLA Conference virtually in the fall.

Rickele Bello will be taking over as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Please keep her up to date if the Pied Piper Committee and Scholarship are combined.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Scholarship Committee as Chair.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Caccavale

YSS/SSL NYS Battle of the Books Committee

August 12, 2021

YSS-SSL NYS Battle of the Books Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021

Attendees: Liz Anastasi (YSS), Jennifer Gay (YSS), Melissa Iamonico (SSL), Serena Waldron (SSL), Bridget Carey (Student Ambassador)

Absent: Elizabeth Portillo (YSS)

Jenn -

Checked email 3 weeks ago, needs to verify the account so she can check in.

MHLS BOB 2021 Overview - Teens split into PODS, completing on Zoom, using Zoom raise your hand feature to buzz in, no conferring this year, 10 seconds to answer, no shoutouts, called on to give the answer, hope to have 5 teams to go onto the finals (possibly in person, but could be virtual). Less teams than pre-pandemic.

Serena -

Just finished book selection for 2021-2022 school year BOB, done through Google Form, Grade Bands 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/middle school, high school. Sent out a call for question writing volunteers. Battles happen in the end of the school year. Have until January/February to have books read, pick teams of 3-4 kids, have Building Battle to get 1 winning team, District battle, send winning district team to the County BOB. Super regional Battle puts county against county. Read 8 books per grade band. Some schools did BOB this past school year.

Book Selection -

- Alaska’s program has been - 1 book has been a past battle book
- 5 books per age group
Serena will send us a copy of the Alaska Handbook for a reference for book title selection section

Question Types
- In Which Book Questions
- Trivia Questions

Committee Members select main aspects of the NYS BOB to be the point person for:
- Elizabeth - Interns, have a posting and a conversation with Jeremy before September
- Jenn - Book Selection, NYS BOB Email account
- Liz - Submit NYS BOB Report to YSS Board, maintain NYSBOB Website, be everyone’s sounding board and back up, misc. Tasks we have not yet thought of
- Melissa - Book selection, Submit NYS BOB Report to SSL Board (grades 4-6)
- Serena - Looking at handbooks and coming up with a draft framework for our kit
- Bridget - Maintain and update NYS BOB Virtual Book/Question Repository

Reconvene in September 2021

Report submitted by Liz Anastasi

YSS/SSL Youth Advocacy Committee Report
August 10, 2021

The committee has been in a slight holding pattern as we wait for action on various issues. The following report, submitted to the board in March, outlines the steps that need decisions and action.

YSS/SSL Youth Advocacy Committee
March 2021

The main work of the YAC this period was in working with the SSL President, Dawn Pressimone, to clarify steps to getting our respective board liaisons in place.

To that end, YSS needs to work on recruiting a liaison to the SSL board. This is a new position on our YSS board, and may need a position description and other work before putting someone in place.

Here’s my draft of the parameters of the role:

1. Attend SSL Board meetings, typically scheduled four times a year:
   - A weekend in January or February
- At annual SSL Conference in May
- At SSL Leadership Institute in August
- At NYLA Conference

Virtual attendance is possible, though in-person is preferred. SSL rules for their board members require attendance at a minimum of 3 of annual meetings.

At meetings, Liaison will represent YSS concerns, provide information about YSS activities as useful, look for potential collaborations, and continually build bridges between the two sections.

2. Report to the YSS Board at each meeting and communicate in between with the Vice-President if there’s an issue that needs earlier attention or reporting.

The YSS board will need to decide on the term, put provisions in the budget for travel to meetings and conferences, and develop an orientation for the SSL rep to the YSS board. This orientation can be used for other new YSS board members as well.

Also, there is a SSL rep to the YSS board already: Susan Polos. The SSL rep to our board should be treated as an ex-officio board member and informed of meetings and other business. I’ll provide Susan’s contact information to Jenny Burke.

Please let me know how the YAC can further this work so that both SSL and YSS liaisons are in place and functioning.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fellows, Chair, Youth Advocacy Committee

Liaison Reports:

Communications Committee Liaison Report

This position isn’t currently filled, so no report.

Continuing Education Liaison Report

August 10, 2021

NYLA has a new Professional Development Manager, Sarah Sherlock. She is busy working on the annual conference, which will be November 3rd through 6th, in-person and in Syracuse. There will also be a virtual component of the conference, which will be held October 28th and 29th. Early bird registration ends September 30.

Preconference workshops include a hands-on podcasting session, a SSL-sponsored author visit from Julia Torres, and a general "digital tech sandbox".
Look for the Ann Gibson Scholarship Reception on Wednesday evening and the Friday Section Luncheon, where we'll celebrate the YSS Empire State Award, given to Brian Selznick.

Report prepared by Claire Lovell

**Intellectual Freedom Committee Liaison Report**

August 13, 2021

Nothing to report. We did not have any meetings.

Report submitted by Anthony Stenta

**Legislative Committee Liaison Report**

August 10, 2021

As this is my first report since the budget passed, it bears noting here those results:

Library Aid $94.1M

Library Construction $34M

Bullet Aid $23M

Digital Inclusion Grant Program $15M

As of this date, bills passed by both Houses and awaiting the Governor’s signature include:

**Streamline & Modernize Library Program Requirements**: Consolidate and modernize State process for distributing library funds.

**Training for Library Trustees**: 2 hours/year training requirement for public library trustees

**Increased Access to the Library Construction Program**: more flexibility for systems in distributing the funds

**Access to E-Books**: requires that publishers who offer electronic books to the private market also extend licenses to libraries within the State, without discrimination.

For thorough information on these bills, see [https://www.nyla.org/2021-legislative-session/?menukey=advocacy](https://www.nyla.org/2021-legislative-session/?menukey=advocacy).

The Legislative Committee met in June and determined to pursue the same 2022 budget as our 2021 request: Operating Aid $123.1M; Construction Aid $45M. Other legislative priorities are to be determined.
Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fellows, YSS Legislative Committee Liaison

Web Liaison Report

August 12, 2021

News

Communications committee work:

· Review of top-level webpages for sections and round tables to check for consistency of headers. YSS page is in good shape.

· Review of new member portal that will replace listservs. Will be rolled out to general membership later this year.

Updates

· Added minutes for March 2021 board meetings.

· Updated scholarship and award pages with current year’s winners.

· Updated election page with candidate info and then with announcement of winners.

Work in Progress

Will update conference archives with any slides/handouts from 2021 if they are still available.

Questions for YSS board

For Angela: are there any materials you’d like me to add to the 2021 conference archives?

Report prepared by Amy Holland, Irondequoit Public Library

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New York State Library Liaison Report

August 2021

Youth Services Updates
It’s time to start planning for Summer Reading 2022! The READsquared product will continue to be available to NY state public libraries under the current contract through December 2022. Planning is underway for a new 5-year contract through the state RFP process. Libraries should continue to sign up for an account if they are not already using the free READsquared product and mobile app. Previous training sessions can be found on the READsquared page of the Summer Reading site: https://www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared/

Summer wrap up sessions for READsquared will take place starting September 13. Full information on dates and signing up for a session can be found at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared/

CSLP - manuals for 2022 have been ordered by the State Library and should ship out to library systems for distribution to public libraries in the fall. The CSLP annual meeting for state reps will take place virtually on September 23. Looking ahead to next year, the 2022 Summer Reading theme is oceanography, and the slogan will be "Oceans of Possibilities!"

Save the Date! CSLP is planning a virtual meeting that will be open to ALL public library staff. Many exciting Summer Reading related programs and sessions are being planned by the CSLP board and planning committee. The tentative date is Dec. 2, 2021 but more information will be shared with systems and libraries once the date and details are confirmed.

A reminder that Summer Reading at New York Libraries has a new updated logo! The new logo formats and style guide can be found on the Summer Reading site at https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/srlogos.htm

Several “Lunch and Learn” sessions were offered this year on a variety of topics to kick off Summer Reading 2021. Find more information and view the sessions at https://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/

Summer Meals update – After experiencing a significant decrease in library participation in 2020 due to library closures and COVID, the Summer Meals program is making a strong comeback for 2021! As libraries and schools prepare for a new school year, many organizations are still hard at work ensuring kids are well-fed over the summer break and ready to return in the fall. With many summer meal sites operating through the end of August or early September, outreach to families remains key. Visit the summer meals outreach resources webpage for tools you can use to spread the word, including flyers, social media posts, and graphics. Hunger Solutions New York wants your input and wants to hear from you! Send your summer meals photos (email us for a media release), stories, and best practices we can amplify to help sponsors
and sites reach more kids this summer and beyond. Email Krista.Hesdorfer@HungerSolutionsNY.org.

- Did you know that CSLP also has many great Summer Food Service resources on their site? Check out the CSLP materials at https://www.cslpreads.org/libraries-and-summer-food/#resource

- The New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) has an updated page for Summer Reading! TBBL staff have compiled a selection of book titles organized by reading level, and the titles are all available in braille or audio format. A link to the new TBBL page and book lists has been added to the Summer Reading “Great Partners for 2021” page at https://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/

- The State Library truly appreciates the efforts of all public and school libraries and systems as they continue to meet the daunting challenges of offering Summer Reading during a pandemic and time of uncertainty. We don’t know what the coming year will bring but we know libraries will rise to the occasion to keep students engaged and learning over the summer months and throughout the year. **Do you have an inspirational story or photo to share from a 2021 Summer Reading program or event?** Please email your photos and/or stories to nyslyouth@nysed.gov and be sure to include the name and location of your library as well as a contact person for follow up if needed.

- **NYSL Twitter account** - Follow the New York State Library on Twitter @NYSLibrary https://twitter.com/nyslibrary

- **Transforming Teen Services/T3 training** update – Two T3 training sessions on Connected Learning were held in May and June. There’s very high interest in this training and more sessions are being planned for later in 2021 on the other T3 modules. The YALSA grant ends in December 2021, but options are being explored to continue to offer T3 training beyond that date. Each course can accommodate about 20 participants, and the sessions have filled up quickly so far. **Please remind library staff that it is important to honor their commitment to this multi-week training if they do sign up and are accepted into a class!**

- Want to find out more about what T3 involves? A T3 presentation was offered at the 2021 spring NYLA/YSS virtual conference and can be found on the recently updated T3 landing page here.

Questions about Summer Reading at New York Libraries or Transforming Teen Services/T3 may be directed to Sharon B. Phillips, Program Manager at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov

**Ready to Read at New York Libraries**
Did you miss a previous Ready to Read early literacy webinar? View the recordings and slides of previous webinars at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/webinars.htm

SAVE the DATE! A webinar on Story Walks is being planned for November 9. Registration details will be announced soon on NYLINE.

Do you have an idea or suggestion for a great webinar? Please email nyslyouth@nysed.gov with your ideas or suggestions.

Supercharged Storytimes online training – a spring session was offered by Valle Blair and training was provided to 20 attendees. These popular trainings for library staff working with young children and families fill up quickly. Please remind staff to fully participate if they do sign up OR notify the trainer if their situation changes and they are unable to attend the class. More sessions are planned for fall 2021 and dates and details will be shared when available. Find the Supercharged Storytimes page at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/ssa/training.htm

Did you know that One More Story now has 2 new e-books each day?? Don’t forget to feature this great resource provided for FREE by the NY State Library on your library web sites and promote it to parents, caregivers, schools and your library community: https://daybydayny.org/. New bookmarks are also available upon request.

Questions about Ready to Read at New York Libraries may be directed to Sharon B. Phillips, Program Manager at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov.

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6. 2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report

Report by Chrissie Morrison, 2022 YSS Spring Conference Director
YSS Summer Board Meeting – August 13, 2021

Roster of Committee Members:
Dan Barker – Albany Public Library
Amy DuBrey – Upper Hudson Library System
April Fernandez – Schenectady County Public Library
Conference Location is locked in!!! [River’s Casino & Resort in Schenectady, NY]
We have a signed contract *and* a receipt for our deposit. I will be reaching out to our contact [Amanda] soon so that we can begin discussing more particular details about the conference -- like room setups and menus.

Author/Keynote Speaker – Chris Crutcher
Chris was very gracious about waiting for his contract until after we had a signed contract for the venue. Now that I have sent his contract, though, I haven’t heard back. I need to check in with him again.

Past Presidents’ Dinner Suggestion – Druthers Brewing Company
We still have not reached out to them because the Delta variant of COVID is making things insane and I am sure that will impact their plans for scheduling events. I will likely reach out to them soon just to see how far in advance they typically book things and when they think it would make sense to get started on plans for our event.

Potential Charity Partner – Things of My Very Own
At our last meeting, Dan agreed to reach out to them. I haven’t heard back from him about this, but I can’t imagine we will have difficulties getting this partnership up and running.

Bookstore – The Open Door Bookstore
April has worked with them via events in partnership with the SCPL and is acting as our liaison to the bookstore. She touched base with them and they know that we are looking to work with them, but we haven’t started talking about an actual contract yet.

Proposals and Contracts
We think we have a good lineup of presenters/topics. There were a couple of proposals that overlapped, and I had a meeting with both parties to discuss a collaboration. They agreed and will be presenting together. We also had a few more teen programs than others, so we will have a small Table Talks with ideas for teens. I will share the lineup with the board after I get back contracts!