

PALS PLUS YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 2021

The Youth Services Committee meeting was called to order on Zoom

on January 25, 2021 at 10:35 AM, by Linda Belen.
Date Time Chairperson

Present:

Linda Belen	<u>Y</u>	Luca Manna	<u>Y</u>
Sara Rappa	<u>Y</u>	Heather Nilsen	<u>N</u>
Phil Deckers	<u>Y</u>	Donna O'Hanlon	<u>Y</u>
Melissa Dunn	<u>Y</u>	Annemarie Shapiola	<u>Y</u>
Monica Galiano	<u>N</u>	Kristen Churchill	<u>N</u>
		Aleksandra Brittain	<u>Y</u>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Month of December 2021 Motion by Linda Belen _____

Seconded by Annemarie Shapiola Approved Yes X No

Old Business:

Suggested Dates and Agenda for February Meet-Up

A YS Meet-Up is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th at 10:30. The topic to be discussed will be "Programming for Tweens and Teens". Everyone was asked to come up with an idea for Preteen or Teen Programming and bring it to the meeting. Linda has materials on D&D programs and would be happy to share it.

New Business:

WPU Virtual Arts Education Workshop

WPU would like to do programs with the libraries a few times a year. The next book they will be doing is "New Kid" by Jerry Craft, available on Hoopla. The program will be virtual with a book discussion and craft. Scheduled dates for this program are Thursday, March 4th – Gr. 4-5, March 11th – Gr. 6-8. WPU will send us a flyer so we can edit it. This time we will register the children from our own libraries, then tell WPU how many craft kits we need. Each library will be responsible for getting the craft kits to their own children. WPU will send the craft kits to Wayne Library for pickup by each library. WPU will also provide a materials list in case some of the children cannot get the craft kits.

Read Across America Day

Linda asked if any libraries had planned anything for this event – nothing yet.

World Read Aloud Day, February 3rd

Libraries were asked if they had anything planned for this day. Linda signed up for materials for it and they sent her the book they would be reading – “My Very Favorite Book in the Whole World” by Malcolm Mitchell.

Joint Programming

With the success of Miss Jolie, more joint programming ideas were discussed. Luca said PALS Plus now has a committee for joint programming. Some libraries are now using EngagedPatrons to register their patrons for programs.

Other Business

The Digital Services Committee will do a webinar on Brainfuse. Information on it will be shared with the committee. Information on a Readsquared webinar will also be sent to the committee.

Luca will send information about setting up a Drive for the YS Committee – if anyone has anything they want to share they can put it in the Drive so other libraries can access it. This would be better and easier than using emails, as email limits get filled up quickly.

PALS Plus has an Escape Room kit if anyone wants to borrow it. Since the Pandemic, most libraries are using the Breackout EDDU website to do their Escape Rooms. Linda suggested libraries could do an Escape Room Competition from library to library, limited to about 5 kids per library.

Melissa shared the Caldecott (We Are Water Protectors) and Newbery (When You Trap A Tiger) winners. Check out the ALSC website for all of the winners.

Today is the day RBDigital is switching over to Overdrive. You will now be able to create a “Shelf” for children’s magazines, which are a great resource for school reports.

The next Youth Services Committee will be on February 22nd at 10:30 A.M.

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Belen Time 11:26 AM
Seconded by Annemarie Shapiola

Respectfully submitted by Annemarie Shapiola