

PALS PLUS YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 2021

The Youth Services Committee meeting was called to order on Zoom on April 27, 2021 at
Date

10:09 AM, by Linda Belen.
Time Chairperson

Present:

Linda Belen	<u>Y</u>	Luca Manna	<u>Y</u>
Sara Rappa	<u>N</u>	Healthier Nilsen	<u>N</u>
Melissa Dunn	<u>Y</u>	Donna O'Hanlon	<u>Y</u>
Monica Galiano	<u>N</u>	Denise Carrozza	<u>Y</u>
Annemarie Shapiola	<u>Y</u>	Kristen Churchill	<u>Y</u>
Akiema Buchanan	<u>Y</u>	Aleksandra Brittain	<u>N</u>
Yanet Burgos	<u>Y</u>	Ryan Oxild	<u>Y</u>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Month of March 2021 Motion by Linda Belen

Seconded by Melissa Dunn Approved Yes X (with changes needed to correct that Akiema and Yanet were present) No _

Old Business:

Pop Up Workshops

The committee discussed upcoming pop up presentations. Linda explained the idea of 10-15 minute presentations that she would like the committee members to make on any topic related to Youth Services. Linda will be presenting her library's Dragons and Dungeons program. Annemarie and Melissa will also be presenting programming ideas. Akiema and Yanet had the idea to present a program on how to be culturally appropriate and inclusive in programming, which all of the committee members thought would be a great idea for a pop-up presentation as well as for a full length presentation in the future. Luca mentioned the need to run any dates for these programs by him so he can make sure there are no conflicts with other PALS programs.

WPU Program

The next William Paterson Art Workshop is coming up on Tuesday, May 4th. This workshop is geared toward a younger audience. The book, Miss Maple's Seeds, will be read before the art project, so participants do not have to have read the book ahead of time. Kits are available for libraries to pick up at Wayne.

New Business:

Summer Programming

The committee discussed ideas and trends for summer programming. All committee members were planning on mostly outside events, rather than virtual. Logistical issues, as well as rain dates and portable mics were a few of the issues that were discussed related to outdoor

programs. Melissa mentioned Wayne will be continuing virtual story times, as well as offering outdoor story times. Linda noted the problem she is experiencing with people signing up for programs and then not showing up. This seems to be an issue for most libraries.

June Meeting & Summer Reading

It was agreed that the June 28th meeting of the Youth Services Committee will be moved to June 14th, so it does not conflict with the beginning of Summer Reading. The committee also discussed how libraries are doing Summer Reading this year. Readsquared is being used by most libraries. Ryan mentioned Verona is trying a hybrid of in-person registration, as well as Readsquared.

Other Business:

Melissa shared a craft idea for making a puppet out of a paper cup.

Kristen and Donna mentioned that their libraries will be creating videos to promote their summer reading programs.

Linda mentioned that her Spring Bingo program was very successful. The Spring Bingo boards, created by Melissa, are up on the YSC Google drive for anyone to use.

Little Falls will be making a video giving students a virtual tour of the library.

The idea for doing a pop-up workshop on how libraries can utilize TikTok was discussed and Linda mentioned there is someone at Little Falls who may be interested in presenting this topic.

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Belen Time 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Dunn