

PALS PLUS YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 2021

The Youth Services Committee meeting was called to order on Zoom on May 24, 2021 at
Date

10:35 AM, by Linda Belen.
Time Chairperson

Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Month of April 2021 Motion by Linda Belen

Seconded by Annemarie Shapiola Approved Yes X

Old Business:

Pop Up Workshops

Luca and Linda reminded everyone that Melissa will be doing her Pop-Up Workshop tomorrow at 11:00 and 2:00 on a Backyard Birds Storytime. Luca will send the links tomorrow. If anyone would like to do a Pop-Up Workshop, send Luca some dates and times. Linda may do one on the online game "Among Us". This involves a spaceship and players have to guess who the imposters are. This a good, quick way to do a program for the middle schoolers and teens. The best way to do this program is on Zoom.

WPU Program

William Paterson University will be doing another program for Grades K-4 on Monday, June 21st at 4:00 P.M. centering around their sculptures on campus. As with the other K-4 program, the book will be read online and a craft will follow.

New Business:

Passaic County Fair

Luca announced that the Passaic County Fair is happening this year. As in past years, PALS Plus will participate and have a Library tent. More information and dates to follow – he will be looking for volunteers! If anyone has any ideas for activities, etc. please let him know. One idea is to bring Hotspots to the fair and promote the Library tent - :Free WiFi – visit the PALS Plus Library tent!" The button making activity and giveaways are always popular, maybe do a "Spin the Prize Wheel" activity.

Other Business:**1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Linda asked if libraries had many children who completed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program since our last celebration in 2018. Most libraries don't seem to have as many as they used to. Should we have a celebration in 2021?

Summer Reading Kick-Off Events

The following Libraries shared their events:

- Caldwell Public Library will have a performance by Magical Melodies on Saturday, June 19th from 11-12.
- Wanaque Library will have a petting zoo from Mountainside Stables, Lafayette NJ on Monday, June 21st.
- Ringwood Library will partner with their local Wildlife Rescue who will bring some animals on Saturday, June 19th. They will also have a children's only tent booksale.
- Verona Public Library will kick off their summer reading program with a storywalk and a Performance by Acoustic Rooster.
- Alfred Bauman Public Library will have "Dinosaurs Rock" in the park on Thursday, June 21st.

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Belen Time 11:44 AM

Respectfully submitted by Annemarie Shapiola