

Delaware Library Association



Youth Services Division
Annual Report to the DLA President, 2010 – 2011

The Children's Services Division has been active for the year 2010 – 2011, especially with the Delaware Blue Hen Children's Choice Book Award, which the division sponsors, and the Summer Reading Club in which all public libraries and the Dover Air Force base library participate.

The officers for the division for this year have been:
Maureen Miller, Lewes Public Library, President
Audrey Avery, Dover Public Library, Vice President
Sherri Scott, Georgetown Public Library, Secretary-Treasurer

Activities of the division include:

1. The Summer Reading Club theme for 2010 was "Make a Splash at Your Library". The statistics (with 35 libraries reporting) were:
Registration = 14,195 (13,147 children, 1048 teens)
Completions = 8,038 (7482 children, 556 teens)
Percentage of Completions = 56%

2. The 2011 Delaware Blue Hen Children's Choice Book Awards were voted on by the children of Delaware .

The winners were:
Picture Book: Tiger Pups by Tom and Allie Harvey
Chapter Book: A Season of Gifts by Richard Peck
Teen Book: If I Stay by Gayle Forman

3. The 2012 Delaware Blue Hen Children's Choice Book Award nominees were selected by the youth service award committees. The voting will take place from March 1 to September 31, 2011. The ballots are attached. The winners will be announced on the first Saturday in November 7, 2011, in each public library in the state, along with the official press release.

The nominees are as follows:

Early Readers:

Chalk by Bill Thomson
City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems
Franklin's Big Dreams by David Teague
Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion by Mo Willems
We Are in a Book! (An Elephant and Piggie Book) by Mo Willems

Middle Readers:

Jake by Audrey Coulombis
Million Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
On the Blue Comet by Rosemary Wells

Teen Award:

Battle of the Sun by Jeanette Winterson
Finnikin of the Rock by Melina Marchetta
I Shall Wear Midnight by Terry Pratchett
Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi
Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green & David Levith

4. Four meetings of the division were held this year.

The fall meeting concentrates on receiving the Summer Reading Club manuals, presentation of programming possibilities, and other division business.

A second meeting in the fall is a Performer Showcase, giving local performers the opportunity to present their talent. This showcase results in the selection of state-wide performers that are funded by the Delaware Division of Libraries and the Delaware Division of the Arts.

A third meeting was held April to present craft and programming ideas for the Summer Reading Club. This meeting is hosted by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Division.

The fourth meeting will be held at the Delaware Library Association conference. That meeting will result in the election of new officers and any other business pertinent to the division.

A teen workshop, funded by the Delaware Division of Libraries, was held in March and attended by many of the Youth Services members.

5. The Division is currently accepting nominations for the 2013 Blue Hen award. Books need to have been published between November 1, 2010 and October 31, 2011.

Nominations can be fiction or non fiction. Nominations can not be part of a series, unless they stand alone. The Blue Hen award is given in three different categories: Picture Books, Chapter Books, and Teen Books. Nominations should be sent to: CHILDSVCS@LISTSERV.LIB.DE.US through December 31, 2011.

6. The Division is working on revisions of the Blue Hen Manual.

7. The new slate of officers is as follows;

President -- Audrey Avery, Dover Public Library

Vice-President -- Sherri Scott, Georgetown Public Library

Secretary/Treasurer – Barbara Keeseey, Appoquinimink Public Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Miller, President of YSD

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