

Meeting Minutes

1) Opening 9:45 a.m.

- Introduction and ice breaker, worst thing you've ever eaten.

2) Annie Norman 10 a.m.

- Patty Langley is out sick until further notice.
- Jaclyn Hale and Alta Porterfield will be helping with YS while Patty is on leave.
- CSLP 2023 manuals are available and will be given to one representative per branch that is present at this meeting. If your branch was not represented, a manual will be sent to your library via transit.
- Jaclyn Hale will be sending out Scholastic book forms (SRP)
- There is extra book inventory at DDL if needed
- DDOA is no longer funding summer reading performers. They are now funding senior citizen projects
- DASEF already has a scheduled contract for next summer
- BBB DHSS Help Me Grow 10th Anniversary is taking place on Wednesday, November 9th at Route 9 Library
- Annie asks how we feel she should respond to requests from people who want to offer story time to kids. Rachel West responded saying that NCC requires background checks from all volunteers and the volunteer is responsible for any fee associated with said report. This weeds out most, if not all, forward motion, usually.
- YS staff requests performer showcase be brought back and possibly offered virtually. Annie does not believe that is an option at this time as DDOA sponsored that opportunity.
- YS staff asks if the state will cover cost for performers.
- Annie requests we submit a list of potential performers

Potential Performers in order by popularity per YS staff

- Barn Hill
 - Baba Boman
 - Ran 'D Shine
 - Hip Hop Fundamentals
 - Bubbly Beats
 - Diane Macklin
- Please submit all suggestions for SRP performers to Annie moving forward
 - The state has partnered with Community of Excellence collective impact to gather funds for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL)
 - Billboard are up for the 2 months advertising DPIL
 - What is the minimum books read at preschool storytime? 3 was the average answer. Annie will promote that information accordingly.
 - Successfully getting money for school libraries Tues., Oct. 25th at 11 AM at Colonial School
 - The state is working diligently to add public schools to the DDL consortium
 - School would leave Destiny to become part of DLC

3) Sarena Deglin 10:30 a.m.

- Beanstack stats have been added to Lib Guides. She will share stats with us starting back in 2017. We will be able to view stats, see trends, and other information will be available

- New reporting – LibPas training available now so we can understand how Sarena interprets YS programs for stats
- Go to lib.de.us to access all Beanstack competitions in one general location.

4) Break 11 a.m.

5) Susan Elizabeth Cordle 11:15 a.m.

- CSLP manuals handed out. If library is not present they will go out in transit ASAP
- Summer Reading Program themes and slogans are as follows:
 - 2023 Kindness & Friendship | All Together Now
 - 2024 Adventure | Adventure Begins at Your Library
 - 2025 Art | Color Your World
 - 2026 Dinosaurs | TBD
- Blue Hen has open positions and are in need of members! 1 spot is open for Middle Readers and position will ideally be filled by a Kent Co. representative.

6) Rachel West with MLA/DLA conference updates 11:30 a.m.

- MLA/DLA conference is taking place in Cambridge, MD, May 10 – 12, 2023
- This year YSD is offering 3 conference sessions: 1) Intro to YS Panel 2) Social and Emotional Learning with Puppets 3) Prime Time Family Reading
- We need items to fill gift baskets for silent auction winners
- Please send basket ideas and/or items to Rachel West, Appoquinimink Public Library
- NCC is planning a Teen Services Boot Camp and will offer this statewide
- Transforming Teen Services needs two trainers for its new series of workshops. Sending out a Google Form for this opportunity and the chance to go to Indianapolis Feb 5 – 7, 2023 for proper training. Unsure of the exact time commitment for onboarding (possibly 30 hrs.). Rachel will send out more information regarding this opportunity soon.
- Festival of Words (FOW) is taking place on December 3 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Georges Vo. Tech High School in NCC. Check out bit.ly/fowdelaware for more information about this event. Volunteers are needed.

7) Terri Jones with Blue Hen Updates 11:45 a.m.

- Blue Hen is seeking a sub-committee to update information online. Bernadette Davis, Elisabeth Simmons, and Katryna Cera-Proulx offered to assist when needed on said committee. Still seeking more members preferably a Kent Co. representative
- Brief History of Blue Hen
- There has been confusion about rules and timeline. Rules are as follows:
 - Voting time period is April 1 – Oct. 31
 - Picture books must read 5 of the 5 nominees
 - Must read 3 of the 5 to vote in all other categories
 - Nominations come in from staff Jan 1 to Dec 31
 - Only nominate books from published in that year and 2 years prior
 - Nominations can be turned in via the ListServ
 - Once nominations are submitted, YSD President will update a spreadsheet then send it out to the committee periodically so committee has time to read the books
 - If you need the link, email the ListServ
 - Nominations are only accepted if: 1) There are at least 2 creditable reviews from a professional source 2) You should have personally read the book to make sure it is appropriate per age and category 3) It ought to offer a good message to teens (if it is a YA nomination) 4) A copy of the book needs to be in the DLC, preferably two or more 5) If it is part of a series it must be the first in that series or able to stand alone.
 - A book can be nominated all 3 years as long as it has not made the ballot

- The time commitment is two years and you have to have read all of the nomination so you can vote on the books to narrow it down to the top 5 which will be on the final ballot.
- A middle grade Chair is needed. Please email Susan Elizabeth, Dover PL, if you are interested in being a part of the committee.

8) Lunch 12 – 1 p.m.

9) Program Share: YSD Staff all share a program they feel has been successful at their branch

- Laurel, Stacy Lane: Family engagement Night. This program consists of community round tables, speakers, professionals touch on tough and relevant topics.
- Brandywine Hundred, Bernadette Davis: Schools out STEM. This program is offered in days the district closes. Passive programs that revolve around a theme of the day/month.
- Denise Knestaut, Brandywine Hundred: Passive writing prompt programs in the teen space. If I Knew I Could Not Fail I Would... And, Post It: Write a 6 Word Memoir. Also, teens creating a vision board to help keep on the right track.
- Kirkwood, Elisabeth Simmons: Question of the Week display is a conversation starter. Staff chooses a silly or serious question to get patrons engaged. Also, themed programs have been a success such as, Di'november for Dinosaur themed month-long programs.
- Rehoboth, Elizabeth Miller: Decorate Lebkuchen Cookies. A German tradition. This happens around the Holiday's similar to decorating a Gingerbread House.
- Lewes, Emily Ellinger: I Spy. I Spy is a passive program that Lewes has on display in the Kids' Wing year-round. Monthly, Jen Noonan changes out the display to follow a theme. Kids search for objects and when they're found kids get a prize from the main desk.
- Kent Co. PL, Hillary Wellwer and Robin Agar: Zom'Beanies. Teens can make a beanie with a simple tie and glue technique. Beanies can be decorated with eyes and plastic bugs to make it festive for Halloween.
- Dover, Susan Elizabeth Cordle: Bob the Builder Storytime: A person dressed as Bob the Builder reads to kids and afterward kids build things out of Styrofoam that staff collects throughout the year. They use crab mallets as their hammer and golf tees as their nails.
- Route 9, Marissa Parker: Maker Lab for Kids. And, Keep It Reel: film club based on black produced films.
- Elsmer, Debbie Phillips: Library of Things; Crafter'noon; Adult Game Night; Summer Crafter'noon
- Appoquinimink, Rachel West: Intro to D&D, a 6 week course on Dungeons and Dragons
- Milford, Kim O'Hea: Passport Program, a speaker from another country comes to speak about culture and sometimes brings food and artifacts. Crafts, and a successful Homeschool Program
- Milford, Alyssa Waters: Shared a 3D printing resource she made and is available on the Milford website's Teen Page. Minecraft Club and an Art Club where supplies are laid out and teens can make whatever they want with it.
- Hockessin, Terri Jones: Using Tinker Cad Terri has developed a successful 3D Printing program and she did an overview of her projects and the website.
- Bear, Kyra Carmack: Volun'teen'. Bear library partnered with the Brandywine ASPCA and became a dog adoption site for the day! Teens were able to help out and get service hours.

10) Closing:

- Next meeting will be a title talk with Baker & Taylor. We can expect publishers and Authors to be there. Happening in April 2023. Date TBD.