

## OYAN Meeting Notes

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Attendance:**

- Katie Fischer, Crook County Public Library
- Denise Auld, Multnomah County Library
- Mark Richardson, Cedar Mill Public Library
- Ruth Headley, Newberg Public Library
- Ian Duncanson, Beaverton City Library
- Caitlin McMahan, Eugene Public Library
- Greta Bergquist, State Library of Oregon
- Chloë St. Claire, Multnomah County Library
- Layla Pett, Cascade High School Library
- Vickie Kromer, Driftwood Public Library

### **Summer Reading Report (Lisa via email):**

Wasn't it a great conference, y'all? I enjoyed presenting Summer: What is it Good For? with Greta, Dena, and Monica McQueen of OregonASK. Attendees got to hear a bunch of data about how many kids and teens we serve over the summer and how libraries help fill a gap for lower income families who often do not have the resources to send their kids to summer enrichment activities. Folks then took that data and those ideas and spent time reimagining or reaffirming their summer programs. Greta, thank you so much for organizing such an informative and engaging session! Monica noted that some funding has been late to flow into schools, so they may have a bunch of money to spend and not enough school year left to plan anything for it. Maybe reach out to your schools to offer a summer collaboration! Resources from the session should be posted on Memberclicks.

Our monthly virtual summer reading meetings should be winding down after May.

The 2024 iRead slogan is Read, Renew, Repeat. Get your gaming and puzzle programs ready for the 2025 theme! It's likely we will continue to stick with iRead rather than CSLP. It's been going well, and we haven't seen any evidence yet of CSLP becoming more culturally competent (though, please, someone correct me if I'm wrong). It may be time to assess how folks throughout the state are feeling about iRead after this summer.

### **Raffle (Denise):**

We had 20 donors this year for prizes and overall value was \$2000. Our gross take was \$2901.12 after square fees were deducted. This was great raffle year as we didn't have the expense of buying forest passes to deduct from our final total. All prizes have been distributed and paperwork has been signed.

Suggestions for next year:

We should buy 3 locking bank bags for cash handling so that members can circulate and sell tickets easier during conference. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is no longer financially able to donate passes, but they have been longtime supporters of OYAN's raffle. The suggestion was made that instead

of purchasing forest passes, that we purchase tickets from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to help support them in return.

**OLA Scholarship (Ruth):**

Ruth, from the Newberg Public Library, was a recipient of the OYAN scholarship fund. She was able to use the funds to send herself and two additional staff members to OLA this year. Ruth was one of the presenters for the session on the state grant funded teen internships and attended several sessions on teen services.

**Discussion about OYAN officer positions and membership (Caitlin):**

Early call for new officers – Caitlin will be moving into the Past Chair position this fall and Mark and Ian will be incoming Co-Chairs.

Current officers are:

Chair – Caitlin McMahan (soon to be Mark Richardson and Ian Duncanson)

Past Chair – Denise Auld (soon to be Caitlin McMahan)

Summer Reading Representative – Lisa Elliott

Secretary – Vickie Kromer

Publications Manager – Katie Fischer

Web Editor – Sonja Somerville

Current terms end at the end of August so if you're interested in participating as an officer, let us know.

We discussed current barriers that might prevent OYAN members from considering officer positions – many libraries are short staffed and staff members are spread thin, some members are still very new to their positions and are trying to get their feet under them, and the amount of work that is needed.

The idea was suggested that we create a support team for officers, especially positions that have a heavy workload that come with them. Some of our current challenges are that we've lost some institutional knowledge as people left during COVID and many new members are coming in blind as to what has been traditionally done and what the timelines are for various projects.

Goals:

- Clarify job descriptions of officer positions.
- Outline timelines for projects (raffle, Book Rave, Graphic Rave, etc)

Membership is down overall for OLA and OYAN. Thoughts for how to increase membership are to outreach to library schools in WA and CA and reach out to school librarians.

The suggestion was made that holding informal roundtables in between quarterly meetings would be a way to build more community in OYAN. Members could discuss programs, challenges, successes, etc in a low-pressure environment.

**Graphic Rave (Mark):**

We discussed combining the Graphic Rave and Book Rave back together, but ultimately the decision was to keep them separate for now. Feel free to start sending Mark nominations for graphic novels published from March 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023.

**Teen Services Share:**

Discussion of Beanstack for summer reading use – Mark uses it every year and it works well. He's able to set challenges for users that go beyond just logging reading time. The app seems to go over well with teens.

Chloë showed us that using 3D glasses with Marvel and DC graphic novels makes the images pop off the page. We weren't sure if the publishers intended that but it was really cool to see.

Vickie talked about interactive movies (using props and cues for audience participation) and send out a google doc she found that was curated by other librarians.