

Minutes: OYAN Quarterly Meeting, October 24, 2008

Tualatin Public Library

Present: Anja Skudlarek (Multnomah Co. Library intern), Lisa Elliott (Tigard), Katie Kane (Fern Ridge), Robin Fosdick (Corvallis-Benton), Ian Duncanson (Beaverton), Sue Plaisance (Hillsboro), Stephanie Lind (WCCLS), Laura Mikowski (Hillsboro), Carol Reich (Hillsboro), Mark Richardson (Cedar Mill), Aimee Meuchel (Tualatin), Susan Smallsreed (Multnomah), Ruth Allen (Multnomah), Kristin Starnes (Corvallis-Benton), Katie Anderson (Oregon State Library)

INTRODUCTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the summer 2008 minutes: Aimee Meuchel moved to approve the minutes, Katie Anderson seconded, all present voted to accept the minutes.

Financial report (Kristin)

OYAN's budget is in good shape. The executive board increased allocations for various budget items including airfare for the CSLP representative and the maximum allowance for scholarships (it is now \$400.00). Kristin has received two applications for scholarships. April is going to YALSA's Literature Symposium. Please submit an application for a scholarship if you need one.

Action: Kristin will send out the current budget. Ruth will attach it to the minutes.

RESOURCE SHARING

Tigard (Lisa)

- On November 7th, Tigard will be showing a DVD with 16 short films, 9 of which were created by youth in the Portland area. These are the winners of a juried festival by the Northwest Film Center, and the entries come from youth all over the Northwest.
- Tigard wanted to do a video workshop, but it didn't happen. They might work with the 4H tech people to do something with video. Mark noted that he goes to schools and uses the schools' equipment when doing projects. Aimee wanted to do a video project the Northwest Film Center, but it would have cost \$1000.00. The program committee at her library is looking into using some of its funds to do a project. She has passed the program onto the Recreation Department to see if they can offer it for teens.
- Lawson Inada, Oregon's Poet Laureat, will be teaching a writing workshop at Tigard High school, followed by a workshop for teens and adults at the Tigard PL at 5:00 on February 19th. He will follow this up with a reading at 7:00.
- Tigard hosted a Blood & Chocolate Party where teens played a werewolf game. See www.portlandwerewolf.com for game details.
- On December 5th, there will be a Vamp Camp with makeup artist Christina Kortum (www.coolscarystuff.com) giving lessons.

Cedar Mill (Mark)

- Cedar Mill raffled off a Twilight movie poster provided by Bellina Chin (bellina@thaweb.com) who is in charge of publicity for Terry Hines and Associates. Contact phone numbers: (206) 343-8000 and (206) 355-9463 (cell).
- The Oregon Poet Laureat is coming to Tigard to present a program.

Tualatin (Aimee)

Teen Read Week activities:

- "Recess" in the parking lot: provided basketballs and jump ropes, and teens played 4 square and hopscotch. Board games were provided inside along with snacks.
- Swap Your Stuff: teens brought items in that they wanted to trade and received a ticket for each item. They could then choose as many items as they had tickets for. This happened in the teen section on a Saturday and about 20 teens participated. The teens were encouraged to bring stuff that teens would actually be interested in, not stuff from their childhoods that they wanted to get rid of! Two hours were scheduled for the event, but Aimee said that one and a half hours would have been enough time.
- Mike King from Bridge City Comics will be speaking at the Animanga club kickoff.

Hillsboro (Sue and Carol)

- Teen Read Week Raffles were held at both libraries. Raffle tickets were hidden in books and AV materials in the YA Areas of both libraries. Prizes were a choice of YA books, gift certificates for Starbucks, the Library Coffee Court, Red Robin Restaurant. Teens could enter up to 15 times during a two week period of time
- Hillsboro's Twilight Movie Release Party will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6:30-8:00 PM at Shute Park Library. We have space for 40 teens. Registration is online and there is still space. Activities: Twilight Trivia contest, costume contest, beading Twilight bracelets, T-shirt decorating. The library will give away tickets to Regal Cinemas so the teens could see the movie that night.
- Based on input from The Teen Library Council, Hillsboro may offer Shakespeare and/or Jane Austen movie programs for teens where they would watch a Shakespeare or Austen movie and participate in activities related to the movie.
- Carol showed a nifty new handheld camcorder called the Flip Ultra that could be used for recording programs. BWI is selling it at a discount. The regular price for the Flip Ultra is \$180.00 while the cheaper edition is \$140.00.
- Hillsboro has been crunching Teen Contest numbers and has found that usage by 10-12th graders has dramatically increased in the last ten years from 3% to 23% and that there are much higher percentages of 7th and 8th graders participating, where 6th graders used to be the dominant group.

Beaverton (Ian)

- Twilight Party: had a Breaking Dawn cake and various activities such as bracelet making...
- Murder Mystery Party; The Teen Council played the roles at this activity. The script was purchased online, and there were ones specifically for teens. (get source)
- On November 12th, Japanese artist Masahiro Koyama (www.koyamafineart.com) will be presenting a program.
- David Michael Slater, author and middle school teacher, will be doing a book release party for his new title, *The Book of Nonsense*.

Multnomah County (Ruth and Susan)

- Teen Author Lecture with Rick Riordan. A largely tween crowd filled the venue and enjoyed Riordan's talk that included a quiz (with prizes!) about Greek mythology.
- The 2009 Children's Author Lecture will feature Jon Scieszka and will take place on Monday, April 20th

Corvallis-Benton (Kristin)

- Kristin heard John Green speak at OASL and is trying to get him to come to Corvallis.

Books

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

- Susan Smallsreed used it with a teen bookgroup. It has great characters and an engaging plot.

Life as We Knew It and *The Dead and the Gone* (companion book to *Life*) by Susan Beth Pfeffer
Life: Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Dead: After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.

Climbing the Stairs by Padma Venkatraman

In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.

- Aimee couldn't put it down and noted that there aren't a lot of books for teens on this subject.

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation ; v. 1 (The Pox Party) by M.T. Anderson

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

Gone by Michael Grant

In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power" and are able to perform supernatural feats and those who do not.

Unwind by Neal Schusterman

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

- The moral implications of dealing with troubled teens

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows (adult fiction)

As London is emerging from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton discovers her next subject in a book club on Guernsey--a club born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi after its members are discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island.

IQ by Roland Smith (book one in a new series)

"Step-siblings Q (Quest) and Angela are thrust into the work of the U.S. Secret Service and the Israeli Mossad when Angela realizes she's being followed, and Q learns the secret about Angela's real mother--a former Secret Service agent who was supposedly killed by a terrorist group. But who are the good guys and who are the bad guys.

- Action fluff similar to Anthony Horowitz's books

The Underneath by Kathi Appelt

An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

- A juvenile book that may have some teen appeal.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

- Psychology of the oppressed

Dragon Heir by Cinda Williams Chima

- Set in modern times, wizards hire warriors to fight their battles. The third in a series.

The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner

In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.

- The book was good, but not as good as the cover! The fantasy/magic part didn't work as well as the rest.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary Pearson

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

- Kristin heard a panel of teens talk about this book at ALA and the teens were obsessed with a minor character in the book to the exclusion of basically everything else.

The Patron Saint of Butterflies by Cecilia Galante

When her grandmother takes fourteen-year-old Agnes, her younger brother, and best friend Honey and escapes Mount Blessing, a Connecticut religious commune, Agnes clings to the faith she loves while Honey looks toward a future free of control, cruelty, and preferential treatment.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

- The audiobook is read by the author and is excellent!

CONTINUING BUSINESS

OLA Board Report

- Vision 2020
- Conference 2010 is PLA. There are ongoing discussions about the possibility of some type of OLA conference or mini-meeting. OYAN can't do a raffle at PLA, but we may be able to do some type of online raffle through memberclicks.
- Fund Our Future Oregon (school librarians) <http://fundourfutureoregon.org/> : A bill was introduced into the Oregon legislature by an Ashland legislator to tie curriculum to school librarians. There was talk about this at the OASL Board meeting as well.
- OLA program planning committee: OYAN is sponsoring a preconference and three sessions.

OLA 2009 Conference

OYAN preconference

The OYAN Preconference will feature Marc Aronson who will talk about guys and reading and emphasize non-fiction. He'll also be doing a conference session on art and music. The second half of the preconference will be Teens Services 101 based on the presentation Susan Smallsreed, Sara Ryan, Kristin Starnes and April Witteveen presented at the Focus Institute this fall. Marc is interested in doing presentations at schools while he is here, so if anyone knows of a school district who is interested in a visit with Marc, please let Kristin know.

Sessions

- *Book Rave booktalks* Kristin, Aimee, Mark and Ruth are presenting so far. If you are interested in doing some BR booktalks, please let Kristin know, as several of the booktalkers are tentative right now.
- With CSD, OYAN is co-sponsoring a presentation by the Alan Sitomer (<http://www.alanlawrencesitomer.com/>), California Teacher of the Year, who has written books about engaging reluctant readers.
- Sara Ryan (MCL), Aimee Meuchel (Tualatin), Traci Glass (Eugene), Patricia Prisbrey (Eugene) and Natasha Forrester (MCL) are presenting a session on volunteer programs for teens.

There are still slots available for programs at OLA. OYAN is thinking of doing a tween booktalking program if there is interest from CSD in helping out. **ACTION:** Ruth will check with BJ about recruiting CSD members for this. The deadline for applying is the end of November. The sessions that are currently available are Thursday from 11:00-12:30 and 2:00-3:00 and Friday 11:00-12:30.

The OYEA Award reception will be held on April 1st from 6:00-7:00.

OASL/WLMA Conference (Kristin)

- Patrick Jones talked about his books.
- Sex and the Library - a school and public librarian discussed intellectual freedom issues.
- John Green gave a Crap Books talk that was an "anti-reluctant reader" presentation in which he talked about kids rising to the level of expectations.
- Aaron Schmidt presented a talk on technology and the issues schools face in a 2.0 environment.
- Author talks: Frank McCourt, Pete Hautman

Oregon Reads (Katie Anderson) <http://www.oregonreads2009.org/>

The kick-off event for Oregon Reads is a joint Multnomah County Library/Portland State University event that will be held on January 15th at PSU. The finale will be held in Bend on April 24th. All three Oregon Reads authors (Lauren Kessler, Virginia Euwer Wolff and Deborah Hopkinson) will speak at this event. There is a readers theater script available for Bat 6 and costs \$300.00. More information is available through Virginia Euwer Wolff's agent on the Oregon Reads website: <http://www.oregonreads2009.org/invite.html#wolff>

Oregon State Library Report (Katie)

- OSL has [started an Oregon Poetry Collection](#).
- The Oregon Authors Committee got a grant to hire a web developer and has created an Oregon Authors website that is currently under construction. It is a place for Oregon authors to promote their work and events. Libraries will be able to promote events on the calendar as well. The website will launch on January 5, 2009, and there will be a podcast of the kickoff event. The Oregon Authors Committee will screen applications for the website which will include all types of literature. The web developer will also create a searchable database for the Oregon Authors bibliography that used to be only in paper. It will contain works for this point forward, although the committee is hoping to get a grant to get the past bibliographies into the database.

Letters About Literature (Katie)

<http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/letters/>

Letters About Literature is locally sponsored by OYAN, CSD, OASL, the Oregon Reading Association, and the Oregon State Treasurer. OYAN's K'lyn Hann will be the judge for the high school entries this year. Authors Heather Vogel Frederick, Susan Fletcher and Judy Cox will be judges this year as well. This year for the first time, there is an Eastern Oregon representative. If you want to be a judge in future years, contact Katie Anderson at the Oregon State Library.

Prizes are as follows:

Winners: \$500 Oregon College Savings Plan Scholarship, \$100 cash, and \$50 Target Gift Card, letters go on to compete at the national level.

Runners-up: \$250 Oregon College Savings Plan Scholarship, \$50 cash

Honorable Mentions: \$250 Oregon College Savings Plan Scholarship, \$25 bookstore gift certificate

Semi-finalists: \$10 bookstore gift certificate

Focus Institute feedback

- It worked well for OYAN to present, but the four hour block was a little long for both presenters and the audience.
- Six people said that the teen session was the most valuable session that they attended. This was about 25% of the participants. One or two said that this was the least valuable session, but only because they aren't responsible for teen services. At the next Focus Institute, presenters will stress the importance of the participants taking the information back and sharing it with their colleagues who **are** responsible for teen services.

NEW BUSINESS

OYAN Raffle

- Please send Susan Smallsreed or K'lyn Hann an email with ideas or contributions to the raffle
- We will do the Sylvia Beach Hotel again as the grand prize.
- X emailed McMenamins
- ARCS/audiobooks to contribute to baskets?
- Ideas for prizes from Eastern Oregon? Hot Lake Spa?

- Chocolate basket, chocolates from Oregon

OYAN Book Rave

There was much discussion regarding the idea of expanding the list to include tween lit or whether we should do a separate list. Ruth advocated for not adding tween books to the list as it is already difficult to narrow down to 20 titles and that it is hard for OYAN folks to read enough of the nominations for just the teen books in time to vote at the January meeting. No decision was made, but Sue Plaisance will send her list of tween books to Kris, and Kristin will survey the OYAN membership. Nominations for the Book Rave are due to Kris Lutsock by October 31st, although we will take nominations from teens beyond then.

Mock Printz

Susan revealed the titles for the Mock Printz: *Madapple* by Christina Meldrum, *Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow, *The Missing Girl* by Norma Fox Mazer, *Skim* by Mariko Tamaki, *The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson, *Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers, *The Last Exit to Normal* by Michael B. Harmon, *Paper Towns* by John Green, *Black Box* by Julie Schumacher, *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks* by E. Lockhart, and *My Most Excellent Year* by Steve Kluger.

Small group leaders for the Mock Printz so far are Ruth, Ian, Mark, and someone from Corvallis. Please let Susan Smallsreed know if you are interested in facilitating a group at the M.P.

OYAN on the Road

The OYAN Executive Board discussed taking the Teen Services 101 on the road as a way to help support teen services at smaller libraries. The Board thought that presenting it at one or two locations a year would be feasible. A survey was done about four years ago regarding the needs of libraries for information about teens. Perhaps we could look at that survey for ideas and also see what happens at the preconference.

OYAN Newsletter Distribution

Attendees discussed whether the OYAN Newsletter should be distributed to members only. Susan proposed that we distribute the current issue to OYAN members only with the back issues being posted on the web. All present voted for this proposal. **DECISION:** The current issue of the OYAN Newsletter will be distributed only to OYAN members through Memberclicks. Old issues will be posted on the OYAN website.

OYAN Winter Meeting:

January 30, 2009

11:00-4:00

Corvallis Public Library

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Allen, Secretary