

**Minutes: OYAN Quarterly Meeting, October 22, 2010**  
**Tualatin Public Library**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Attendees:** Susan Smallsreed (Multnomah), Ruth Allen (Multnomah), Mark Richardson (Cedar Mill), Lisa Elliott (Tigard), Peyton Stafford (Peyton Stafford and Associates), Kris Lutsock (McMinnville), Ellen Thompson (Coos Bay), Jeannie Rogers (Woodburn), Mary Thompson (Dragons Who Read), Ian Duncanson (Beaverton), Aimee Meuchel (Tualatin)

Attendees at the technology session: Jackie Welch (NPPL), Peter Melinger (Oregon City), Brad Clark (Wilsonville), Birgitta Clark (Wilsonville), Carol Reich (Hillsboro)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Review/approve minutes** Aimee moved to approve the minutes and Lisa seconded the motion.

**Budget (Susan)** Please find the budget attached. Susan went over the increases in spending for this coming year. Ruth moved to approve the budget and Aimee seconded the motion.

**Vision 2010 (Susan)** Susan highlighted the Goals that OLA has asked all Divisions to work towards. ([http://data.memberclicks.com/site/ola/Vision\\_2020\\_FINAL.pdf](http://data.memberclicks.com/site/ola/Vision_2020_FINAL.pdf)). It looks like OYAN is pretty much on track.

**OYAN Goals (Susan)** The OYAN goals remain the same as last year's:

1. Promote resource-sharing;
2. Provide professional development opportunities; and
3. Advocate for teen library services.

**RESOURCE SHARING: BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS (all)**

*Borrowed Names* by Jeannine Atkins (Susan) poetry about famous mothers and daughters  
*God is in the Pancakes* by Robin Epstein (Aimee)  
*The Replacement* by Brenna Yovanoff (Lisa)  
*Folly* by Marthe Jocelyn (Ruth) Victorian England from a servant's and orphan's point of view  
*Finnikin of the Rock* by Melina Marchetta (Lisa)  
*Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld (Aimee)  
*The Mysterious Howling* by MaryRose Wood (Ruth)  
*Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd* (Lisa)  
*Nomansland* by Lesley Hauge  
*Gunnerkrigg Court* by Tom Siddell (Aimee) graphic novel  
*Resistance* by Carla Jablonski (Susan and Mark)  
*Frankenstein* (the graphic novel) (Peyton)  
*Enders Game* graphic novels (Aimee and Ian)  
*I am Not a Serial Killer* by Dan Wells (Lisa)  
*Shades of Milk and Honey* by Mary Robinette Kowal (Lisa) great for Jane Austen fans

**OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)**

**Cooperative Summer Library Program (Susan L via email)**

CSLP is seeking ideas for programs for the 2012 "Into the Night" teen manual. Susan L will send out the "call for ideas" handout from Patti Sinclair so that you can see what she's envisioning. However, Susan is hoping Oregon will come up with something even more original. Please email suggestions directly to Patti Sinclair [trishsinclair@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trishsinclair@sbcglobal.net).

### **OLA Board Report (Susan)**

*OLA/OASL merger* OASL members will talk this year about the merger. Concerns include loss of identity and independence, and an increase in dues (OASL's are much less than OLA's). OASL would benefit from OLA's support services and lobbying.

### **State Library Report (Katie via email)**

#### *Ready to Read*

Ready to Read has been cut by 26% already due to shortfalls in the State General Fund. There is very real concern that the Governor will mandate more cuts, and we know Ready to Read is at great risk. The State Library only uses State General Funds to cover Ready to Read and Talking Book and Braille Services. The State Library has already reduced the Talking Books budget as much as it can without laying-off staff. As the State Librarian told you directors last month, it is possible that the Ready to Read Grant be cut completely. As always, the State Library will work very hard to keep the Ready to Read Grant. What you can do to help is contact your state legislators. Give them some statistics and tell stories about how Ready to Read impacted the children and families in their constituency. Explain what will happen to their local libraries and communities without Ready to Read.

#### *Dive into Saving for College*

This was our first summer partnering with the State Treasurer's office on a summer reading sweepstakes, Dive into Saving for College. This year there were 6,669 entries total. Most feedback I received from you and other libraries was the desire to order materials yourself instead of have them automatically shipped. This is something that has already changed, ordering these materials part of the summer reading survey! I will be meeting with our partners to discuss how things went this year and potential changes for next year. Another thing we would like to change is the age restriction for parents so that teen parents may enter their children. We don't have time to discuss this now, but we need feedback from you that will help improve the program next summer. You may have provided that in your summer reading survey, if not please email your feedback to me.

#### *Summer Reading Best Practices:*

As you may remember from the Spring CSD meeting, I am working with the support of CSD and OYAN on developing more guidance around providing high-quality summer reading programs. As you know 'summer reading' is one of the three library youth services best practices that libraries are encouraged to provide in their communities. The best practices are not required because we know that not all libraries have the capacity to implement all three best practices.

The purpose of the best practices is to provide guidance to libraries looking to improve or develop youth services. However recommending a library provide a summer reading program is too vague to be much help. The guidance we are working on will outline specific summer reading activities that research shows lead to higher quality programs for children and teens when they are not in school. This is critical because about two-thirds of the achievement gap can be linked to lack of access to high quality summer programs. Demonstrating to your library boards, city council, county commissioner, local schools, and communities that your library is offering high quality summer programs is important to advocating for your budget and your staff. CSD, OYAN, and the State Library hope that these components of high quality summer reading programs will be a useful and valuable tool for you and your libraries.

I plan to present the complete document, including examples of Oregon libraries already implementing these activities, at the Spring CSD meeting which focuses on summer reading.

#### *Letters About Literature*

I want to remind you that the Letters About Literature contest is underway. This is the reading and writing contest for kids in 4th-12th grade where they write a letter to the author of a book that changed their life or the way they think about themselves or the world around them. The deadline

is November 8th. You can download and print the guideline and entry forms online at either the State Library's website or the national Letters About Literature website. The State Library's Letters About Literature webpage also include bookmark, buttons, and posters you can download and print. If you are interested in being a judge next year please send me an email. It is a lot of fun!!

**ACTION:** Aimee, Mark and Lisa are all interested in being judges so email Katie!

## **NEW & CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Scholarships** Susan went over the changes to the scholarship application and procedures. Peyton suggested adding the "actively involved" wording to the application itself. Aimee moved that we adopt the new application and procedures with Peyton's changes and Lisa seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**OLA workshop update (Susan)** Susan submitted two program proposals for OLA 2011: Book Rave Booktalks and Libraries & Teen Parents. The second will be in collaboration with CSD and the Adolescent Sexual Health Program of the Oregon Public Health Division. Susan has been asked to replicate this workshop at the Adolescent Sexuality Conference on the Monday and Tuesday of the same week. OYAN is also co-sponsoring with CSD, the ORCA booktalks and Amelia Bloomer programs.

**Book Rave (Kris)** October 31<sup>st</sup> is the publication deadline for Book Rave nominees.

## **RESOURCE SHARING: PROGRAMS (all)**

**Coos Bay (Ellen)** Coos Bay is considering several ideas to beef up teen services. Ideas include a teen leader grant, a teen council, and possibly a teen page on the website and Facebook. Coos Bay is going to be designing a new space but this may be years down the road. The YA collection needs upgrading. OYAN members suggested that she look into YALSA grants and the Libri Foundation.

**Tualatin (Aimee)** Upcoming programs: Toast Mural (people bringing toasters and making toast with which a mural will be created); Freezer Paper Stencil Tee-shirts (Cedar Mill is doing this too); Zipper Art, a Wii Tournament over the winter break; a Winter Reading Program (read 20 minutes a day for 20 days or read 20 books between December 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>). For Hispanic Heritage Month, there was a program with a band, food, and a pinata. 300 people attended. Craftastic afternoons are happening as well.

## **Multnomah County (Susan & Ruth)**

The NWL Teen Council is organizing a teen film contest for students in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade: create a film that is 3-6 minutes (PG-rating only!). There will be five awards: best film, runner up, best acting, best comedy, and best music (original or copyright free). The Teen Council will decide the winners. These will be posted on YouTube. The dream is to have a showing of the best films at Cinema 21.

Central Library is having a national book launch party for *The Book of Maps*, the third book in David Michael Slater's trilogy. It will be on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00.

MCL's annual Teen Author Lecture happened in October. Tamora Pierce answered questions for a throng of teen fans, some of whom came dressed as characters from her books. For the 2011 TAL, MCL is hoping to have Matt de la Pena.

**Woodburn PL (Jeannie)** Woodburn has a big screen in the teen area! In one recent teen activity, teens brought in their own art work, the library manager scanned it into a PowerPoint and projected it on the new screen. Jeannie is the Woodburn PL member who is part of a committee, along with members from Stayton PL and Salem PL, that is organizing a contest for teens to design a special card for teens in the CCRLS system.

**Beaverton (Ian)** Beaverton tried a yoga program, but it was a dud. In November, it will host a magic tricks program that will hopefully be more successful. Beaverton will be having a winter reading program in which people will submit book reviews. It will run from December through the beginning of January.

**Cedar Mill (Mark)** Cedar Mill hosted a successful mystery program, "Horror at Homecoming", that had 24 attendees.

**McMinnville (Kris)** On November 30<sup>th</sup>, McMinnville will sponsor a Young Artists Craft Fair for kids and teens aged 7-18. Participants will make crafts that they will then bring and sell. Kids and teens will set their own prices. People have to bring a sample craft in order to register.

#### **Upcoming OYAN Meetings**

January 21, 2011	11:00-3:00	Salem PL Come check out the new teen space!
April 29, 2011	12:00-4:00	Fern Ridge Library (Veneta, OR)
July 22, 2011	11:00-3:00	Coos Bay PL

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Allen, Secretary