

ULSTER COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

June 16, 2016

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Lynne Ridgeway (Plattekill)

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kara Lustiber (West Hurley), Tracy Priest (Town of Ulster), Julie Kelsall-Dempsey (Highland), John Georghiou (Plattekill), Janet Dymond (Woodstock), Brooke Dittmar (Town of Esopus), Liz Potter (Phoenicia Library), Caitlin Decker (Hurley)

GUESTS PRESENT: Craig McMahon, Paralegal/ICAN Coordinator for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

The meeting of the Ulster County Library Association was called to order by Julie Kelsall-Dempsey at 10:20am at the Phoenicia Library.

Approval of Minutes: Janet Dymond made a motion to approve the minutes for the April meeting, 2nd. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: None

Legal Services Presentation: Craig McMahon made a powerpoint presentation and distributed materials about services offered by Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is the only provider of comprehensive civil legal services to all seven counties of the Hudson Valley including Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan.

eBook Report: Just started using monies allocated during the May UCLA meeting.

Civil Service: The Library Manager exam will be offered soon. No word yet on the Library Director exam.

PR Committee: Tracey Priest and Katie Scott-Childress met to discuss PR ideas. This is a brief summary of the items discussed:

- Better ways to market the databases are needed
- Webinar trainings for staff and patrons
- Piggyback on county mailings
- Create pdfs from Town of Ulster webpage postings
- Create a paid position to promote databases
- Perform market research for county
- Hold off on PSA until some of these ideas are realized

New Business

MHLS Trustee Nomination: There are three nominees for the Mid-Hudson Library System Trustee position.

UCLA Annual Meeting – Brooke Dittmar, Tracey Priest, Katie Scott-Childress, and Julie Kelsall-Dempsey will arrange for this meeting.

Ulster County Funding – The committee will meet. Possible items to ask for an increase for include Library elf, county skin from III, or publicity.

Assemblyman Cahill Reading List – Cahill's office sent out a reading list for the summer reading program. Tracey Priest's staff reviewed the list to determine if the items were available in the system. The list is appended to the minutes. Kara Lustiber made a motion that up to a thousand dollars of the monies previously applied to eMagazines be used to purchase books on Cahill's list. These books will be distributed to UCLA libraries, 2nd. Approved. Tracey Priest will handle the purchase and the distribution.

August Meeting - Julie Kelsall-Dempsey made a motion to hold a UCLA meeting on August 17th at 10am at the Olive Free Library, 2nd. Approved.

Publicity

Human Services Expo at the Hudson Valley Mall on April 21st from 10am – 2pm. John Georghiou (Plattekill) manned the booth. Kara Lustiber (West Hurley) helped to set up. About 150 people stopped by the booth.

Legislative programs, education and community services committee met on May 9th. Several representatives of the UCLA met to demonstrate the new Zinio service to them.

Catskill Interpretive Center Book Fair - Saturday, June 4th – Jessica Kerr (Woodstock) and Kara Lustiber (West Hurley) represented the UCLA at this event from 10am – 3pm at the Catskill Interpretative Center in Mt. Tremper. About 50 people attended the fair.

Ulster County Fair – August 3-6 at the New Paltz Fairgrounds. Kara Lustiber just sent out a Doodle poll asking for volunteers to man the fair.

John Georghiou made a motion to adjourn, 2nd. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Lustiber

Secretary

ULSTER COUNTY Library Association MEETING

Thursday June 16, 2016

Phoenicia Library 10:00 AM

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Call to order

Approval of Minutes from April

Treasurer's report

Craig from Hudson Valley Legal Services

Committees:

E-Book report

Civil Service

PR-

New Business:

MHLS Trustee nominations-

UCLA Annual meeting

UC funding- increase request?

1.) Library elf

2.) County Skin from III would need approval from T Sloan and possibly resource sharing

Cahill reading list

Old Business:

- Mobile App
- Zinio
- UC Fair



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The Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge

"Summer was supposed to be about freedom and youth and no school and possibilities and adventure and exploration. Summer was a book of hope."

— Benjamin Alire Sáenz, poet and novelist

Suggested Reading List

For more titles, visit: www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm

Poetry

Enormous Smallness: A Story of E. E. Cummings by Matthew Burgess. This book is an introduction to the life and work of one of America's great poets. Non-fiction. Grades 3 and up.

Booked by Kwame Alexander. This free-verse novel is about a 12-year-old soccer player who struggles with family, love and a bully. Helping him is his best friend and a rapping librarian. Fiction. Grades 5-7.

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson. This is the author's memoir told in verse about growing up in South Carolina and New York during the Civil Rights Movement. Non-fiction. Grades 5 and up.

Picture Books

Little Humans by Brandon Stanton. From the blogger of "Humans of New York," comes a picture book of free-verse poetry with photographs which celebrate commonality and diversity among children. Non-fiction. Grades pre-K to 1.

Barreling Over Niagara Falls by Nancy Allen. This is the biography of the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. We learn why and how she did it and also about those who followed her in later years. Non-fiction. Grades K-3.

Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message by Chief Jake Swamp and Erwin Printup, Jr. A children's version of the Thanksgiving Address, this message of gratitude originated with the native people of upstate New York and Canada and is still spoken at ceremonial gatherings. Non-fiction. Grades pre-K and up.

River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River by Hudson Talbott. The story of 400 years along the Hudson River is told as a dream sequence ending with the environmental recovery currently taking place. Non-fiction. Grades 1-3.

The Hula Hoopin' Queen by Thelma Lynne Godin. This fun book is the story of a girl's determination to win a hula hoop contest, the obstacles she encounters and the coming together of the whole neighborhood, young and old, to hula hoop. Fiction. Grades K-5.

All You Can Be: Dream It, Draw It, Become It by Curtis Granderson. This book is illustrated with drawings, chosen by Major League Baseball star Granderson, fourth graders made depicting their goals. This is the true story of a boy who worked hard to reach his goals. He shares his lessons of personal responsibility, character and integrity. Non-fiction. Grades pre-K to 5.

My Story, My Dance: Robert Battle's Journey to Alvin Ailey by Lesa Cline-Ransome. This is the true story of a boy who fell in love with dance, and despite many obstacles, worked hard and became the artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Non-fiction. Grades K-5.

Good-bye, Havana! Hola, New York! by Edie Colón. Talk of Castro forces 5-year-old Gabriella's parents to leave Cuba while she stays behind with her grandparents. When she does join her parents in New York City, Gabriella finds that everything has changed for her: sights, sounds, smells, language and climate. Memoir. Grades pre-K to 3.

Turtle's Race with Beaver by Joseph Bruchac. Turtle wakes up from hibernation to discover that an aggressive beaver has taken over her pond, challenging her to a race to determine who can stay. This book offers lessons on cross culturalism, sharing, cooperation, perseverance and humility. Fiction. Grades K-3.

Early Readers

I Spy Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold. This book brings us a new adventure about Fly Guy playing hide-and-seek with his pal Buzz. Fiction. Grades preschool - 3.

Fancy Nancy: Budding Ballerina by Jane O'Connor. Fancy Nancy loves going to ballet class so much that she decides it's time to give her family ballet lessons. Fiction. Grades preschool-3.

Are You Ready to Play Outside (An Elephant and Piggie Book) by Mo Willems. Piggie is excited to play in the sunshine, but a rainy day threatens to ruin the fun. Fiction. Grades preschool-2.

Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach by James Dean. Pete spends the day at the seashore with his family. His brother offers to give him surfing lessons, but the water looks scary. Fiction. Grades preschool-3.



Elementary Books

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by *Lindsay Mattich*. The tale of the real black bear that inspired the character of Winnie-the-Pooh is told with beautiful watercolor illustrations. Non-fiction. Grades K-3.

George Bellows: Painter with a Punch! by Robert Burleigh. This is the biography of a baseball player turned artist who spent most of his adult life in New York City capturing the energy of its people, from inside the boxing ring to swimmers diving into the East River. Biography. Grades 3-7.

Willie and Me by Dan Gutman. Part of the Baseball Card Adventures Series books, 13-year-old Stosh can use baseball cards to travel in time. This is the perfect mix of action and history for the youngest baseball fans. Fiction. Grades 3-7.

Postcards From (Postades Desde) New York City:
(Traveling with Anna/Viajando Con Ana) by
Laura Crawford. When visiting New York City,
Anna sends postcards home detailing the famous
landmarks she visits. Fiction. Bilingual. Grades 4-7.

7 Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Doreen Rappaport. This pictorial biography uses stunning watercolors and Dr. King's own words mixed with the author's prose to depict one of the world's greatest civil rights leaders. Biography. Grades K and up.

3) **Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges.** This moving memoir of the first black student to attend an all-white school in 1960 is rich in history, simple in language and illustrated with photographs. Memoir. Grades 3-7.

Tibet Through the Red Box by *Peter Sís*. This is the author's story of being separated from his father as a child, and years later, receiving a red box containing his father's diary from his time in Tibet. Memoir. Grades 4-6.

4 **The Year of the Dog** by *Grace Lin*. Grace is the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants who is celebrating the Year of the Dog. This is the year she is supposed to find herself as she struggles to integrate her two cultures. Fiction. Grades 3-7.

Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel by *Nikki Grimes*. Dyamonde is a third grader coping with her parents' divorce, her move to a new neighborhood and school. She's a smart, confident girl seeking a new best friend. Fiction. Grades 2-4.

Middle School Readers/Tweens

10 **True Tales: Heroes of 9/11** by *Allan Zullo*. A book of stories about the events on the day of September 11, 2001, this book focuses on character and is a tribute to the first responders at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and those who fought back on United Flight 93. Non-fiction. Grades 4-7.

Bird in a Box by *Andrea Davis Pinkney*. During the Great Depression, in a small town in upstate New York, three children find hope in the boxing matches of Joe Lewis as he fights to become the country's next heavyweight champion. Fiction. Grades 3-7.

Mack McGinn's Big Win by *Coleen Murtagh Paratore*. This is a book about a competitive boy from a family of athletes trying to live up to his parents' expectations and the problems he faces when he and his family move to a new, upwardly mobile neighborhood. Fiction. Grades 5-9.

Hoggee by Anna Myers. This book is about a boy who works on the Erie Canal driving the mules that pull the boats along the canal. Howard learns about himself as he struggles to find food, understands his brother and befriends an older man and his family. Fiction. Grades 5-9.

Steel Drumming at the Apollo: The Road to Super Top Dog by *Trish Marx*. A group of 7 musicians from Schenectady, NY, win a talent competition and compete in a series of amateur nights at the famous Apollo Theater in Harlem. The story is told in photo-essay format and includes a CD of the students' music. Non-fiction. Grades 5 and up.

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by Linda Sue Park. Nya is an 11-year-old girl in Sudan in 2008 and Salva is a boy in 1985, one of the "lost boys" of Sudan. Their story is told simultaneously and their lives intersect in a surprising and moving way. Non-fiction. Grades 5-8.

28 Sweetgrass Basket by Marlene Carvell. Told in prose poetry and alternating voices, this story is based on true experiences of Native American children around 1900. After their mother dies, two Mohawk sisters are sent to an off-reservation school. Historical fiction. Grades 5-8.

Flamethrowers-Guardians of the Game by J. Alan Childs. Kenny lives in a hockey town, in a hockey family. His dad was a pro and Kenny hates hockey. He discovers a stone box in a cave which contains a stick. So begins Kenny's discovery of a sport new to him but ancient to the indigenous people who have always played this game. Fiction. Grades 5-8.

Behind the Mountains by *Edwidge Danticat*. Celiane and her family leave her mountain village in Haiti to join her father who has immigrated to Brooklyn five years ago. The book is in journal format in which 13-year-old Celiane tells the story of an immigrant. Fiction. Grades 5-12.

A Tugging String: A Novel about Growing Up During the Civil Rights Era by *David Greenberg*. Duvy's father is a civil rights lawyer who represents Martin Luther King, Jr. and the protesters in the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery. We learn about 12-year-old Duvy's daily life from his worries about his baseball game to the sometimes scary and noble impact that his father's work had on the family. *Memoir. Grades 4-8.*

Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery by Lois Miner Huey. A skeleton head rolls off a dirt pile at a construction site in Albany, NY, and an archaeology dig is begun. The bones of 18th-century slaves are discovered and photos, illustrations and diagrams help us understand what their lives were like. Non-fiction. Grades 4-8.

Heat by *Mike Lupica*. Michael is a 13-year-old little league pitcher living in the shadow of Yankee Stadium. This is a great story for baseball lovers and one in which the main character struggles in order to achieve his goal. Fiction. Grades 5-9.

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson. While this book is about the sport of roller derby and was written by a real-life derby girl, the story is one of friendship and determination as experienced by 12-year-old Astrid. Fiction. Grades 4-8.

