

CYP Business Meeting

October 6, 2017

1:00pm

Rochester, MN

1. Year in Review

- a. Unconference in March at DCL/Heritage on infant brain development. Guest speaker Dr. Mike Troy from Children's Hospital of MN was very informative. His slide show presentation is available – contact Monica if you would like to receive a copy.
- b. Budget balance : our annual budget of \$100 was nearly spent at the Unconference on lunch and snacks for participants.
- c. Youth Services Librarians Meet-Up in April : hosted by MDE, this annual event is a good way to connect public librarians and school librarians in a common place on common themes of discussion. Look for information early next year for the 2018 date – all librarians are invited to attend!

2. 2018 CYPS Chair Selection

- a. Monica Stratton has completed two years of chair and is ready to relinquish the reigns as CYP Chair.
- b. Nominations for chair and chair-elect should be sent to Monica (mstrat@rclreads.org) by **October 31**. Informal ballots will be sent out after the first of November with a deadline on submitting ballots. If no more than one person's name is submitted for either chair or chair-elect, the informal election will be cancelled and by default the name(s) of those submitted will be elected to chair and chair-elect.
- c. Moving forward (2018 and beyond) we would like to have in place past chair, current chair and chair elect. Monica Stratton will become past chair for 2018.

3. YS items in the news : several items were discussed briefly at the meeting :

- a. Arlington Public Library (IL) and their proposed title "Killing Youth Services" at the upcoming PLA convention resulted in quite a negative reaction from the youth services community at-large. This backlash resulted in a change of the session name to "Redesigning Your Organization for Today and Tomorrow" (you can read the session description here : <http://www.placonference.org/program/redesigning-your-organization-for-today-and-tomorrow/>). The name may have changed, but the content of the proposed session (that public libraries can essentially do away with youth services librarians to better serve their public) remains problematic.
- b. Jbrary has created a new way to connect with colleagues in the field. It is titled "Library Services for Children Journal Club" and you can read more about it here : <https://jbrary.com/2017/09/>

- c. The recent issue with the White House donation of Dr. Seuss books to a school library has resulted in conversations about classic titles and their biases in contemporary society. Do we need to hold on to previously held “classic” titles if they contain offensive or racist language or stereotypes? A topic that is sure to have continued discussions. You can read about the initial issue here :
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2017/09/28/racist-propaganda-librarian-rejects-melania-trumps-gift-of-dr-seuss-books/?utm_term=.44e5e8dcc245
 - d. Mass shooting in Clovis, NB resulted in the death of one of our colleagues, youth services librarian Kristina Carter (along with circulation staff member Wanda Walters). Think of “Miss Krissie” the next time you do a storytime at your library. Here is one of many articles : <http://blog.kentforliberty.com/2017/08/clovis-nm-library-murders-i-understand.html>
4. Door prizes were awarded for most recent YS librarian, longest serving YS librarian, librarian who renovated a space, opened a new library, etc.

Meeting adjourned 1:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Stratton
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