

Children & Young People's Section (CYPS)
Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, October 24, 2007
MLA Conference, Mankato, MN

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m., agenda and minutes of 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

I. Ongoing Business

A. Ready 4K at Your MN Library

Kathleen James reported on early literacy posters and bookmarks. The bookmarks are sold out. A preorder request form was available at the CYP booth at MLA. Would need request of at least 325 packs of bookmarks before we could justify printing more. The first 325 packs sold in 6 months. It was suggested that in future reprints, MLA sponsorship should be more prevalent on the bookmarks. Posters were on sale at the CYP booth for a conference price of \$5 each. 250 posters are available to libraries statewide for purchase. It was requested we put information regarding the bookmarks and posters on the MLA & CYP pages. It was also suggested we send a note about preordering bookmarks to the CYP listserv, and an email to system directors and the general MLA membership. We are also hoping to use the CYP web page to encourage sharing of ideas for how to use the bookmarks and posters. Anyone with ideas will be directed to send photos and other information via email to Kathleen James (kathleen@melsa.org).

B. Library Day with the MN Twins

The Minnesota Twins project was passed on to the MLA Foundation to handle. The CYP Advisory Board voted in favor of this, in the hope that the Foundation could create a more comprehensive relationship with the Twins organization.

C. Sharon Lerner Scholarship

This year's winner was Marcela Sanchez of the Hennepin County Library System. Having one winner this year, with registration and expenses paid, seems to work better than past practice of three winners with only their registration paid. It was suggested that next year's chair be more proactive in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for the scholarship with Harry Lerner. Karen Kolb Peterson will write a letter for this year. Contact information will come from Heidi Hoks.

D. Minnesota Storytime and Books Across Minnesota

Minnesota Storytime is a collection of reading guides for picture books, while Books Across Minnesota (BAM) will be a collection of reading guides for books for older children (primarily chapter books). BAM is still in the works.

E. Mock Youth Book Awards

Gail Nordstrom reported on this year's events. Discussions will take place on the campus of St. Kate's. Everyone from all over Minnesota is invited to participate, although the discussions are physically held here in the metro area. Reading lists will be available on the Stillwater Public Library website.

F. Minnesota Youth Reading Awards (MYRA)

MYRA will have a more kid friendly bookmark design available soon. MELSA libraries customized their bookmarks to include a tracker on the back, so kids can

check off the books as they read them. MELSA libraries can use these bookmarks to promote voting.

G. Read Across Minnesota

The idea for this grew out of the Capitol Read-a-thon. Mini-grants will be available to help libraries fund events where elected officials will guest read children's books aloud. Funds for this came from an MLA Foundation grant that Kathleen wrote and was awarded. Letter and press release templates for events will be available on the CYP page.

H. Conferences and Events

a. Capitol Read-a-thon

Great opportunity to promote libraries and early childhood literacy among legislators and elected officials.

b. Spotlight on Books

Ruth Solie shared handouts with information about this conference. The lineup will include Jim Trelease (who will lead a full-day workshop), Mary Casanova, D.J. MacHale, and Debra Frasier. Attendance scholarships will be available. In honor of the 20th anniversary, all Minnesota authors who have participated before will be invited to attend.

II. New Business

A. Election of Board Members and Officers

New Advisory Board members:

- Kelly Wussow (Minneapolis Public Library)
- Suzanne Fuchs (Carver County Library)
- Erin Smith (Fergus Falls Public Library)
- Lori Crocker (Redwood Falls Public Library)

Chair-Elect:

- Jennifer Verbrugge (Dakota County Library)

B. Revision of Youth Services Competencies Manual

It was unanimously agreed that we should adopt the ALSC/YALSA competencies as our own, to reduce duplication of effort. The old manual should be removed from the CYP website.

C. Discover Minnesota bibliography

Donna Nix requested consideration of revising the "Discover Minnesota" bibliography, which lists fiction and nonfiction titles about Minnesota. The current edition is 1999. It was agreed that other resources have replaced this list, and is not a priority of CYP to update. We recommend that MEMO works with the Department of Education to update this, if they so desire.

D. 2008 Conference Sessions

Ideas for 2008 CYP conference sessions should be sent to Jennifer Verbrugge of Dakota County Library. (jennifer.verbrugge@co.dakota.mn.us)

III. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.