

LLC YS Meeting Notes

3/2/20 at Tamarack District Library

Called to order at 12:30 PM

October Minutes Approved- Mike 1st, Lydia 2nd

Maranda Update:

- Great Lakes Crossing will provide overnight grand prize
- Has boxes of Disney Star Wars books to distribute (Perhaps at May Mtg)
- Double checking on usual prizes (Whitecaps etc)
- Randy from the Grand Rapids Gryphons has reached out re: tickets.
 - Randy's Contact Info: rcleves@griffinshockey.com

Vice Chair:

- Jessica Volkers (OZ) Self Nominated Michelle 2nd
- Group approved Jessica's appointment to Vice Chair
 - Will be holding a small meeting after to discuss SRP Workshop
 - Workshop will be held 11/20 at OZ

PLA Update from Allison:

Attended PLA using grant funds through MLA, part of the grant requirement included sharing with others information learned at the conference. Look for a short article in the next LLC newsletter!

Overall-Great conference, highly recommended.

Breakouts:

Racism in Children's Literature presented by Nashville Public Library

A multi-departmental, multi-cultural committee was created to review book in their collection.

In regards to classics: kept classics in the collection but created talking points for patrons and families to discuss what was in (or what was left out) of the literature.

Deeper Dive in Diverse Books: diversebooks.org

Books are reviewed and instances of diversity are marked, this includes main and side characters.

Purpose is to add descriptors to catalog records making it easier to search for books featuring diversity, increasing accessibility.

The group is always looking for more readers.

Grant Update:

- Grant is due in May, group is still taking ideas

- Creating Programing Kits that can be shared among LLC librarians.

Round Robin:

Michelle (MADL-UM): MADL has opened three storyville locations. They're early lit. centers-but more! Areas include a camp store, kitchens, a boat, a submarine, baby garden and so much more. Everyone is encouraged to check them out!

Zach (OC): Women's Robotic Club from the high school hosted an engineering program with spaghetti and marshmallows. Had a great turn out!

Adrianna (AW): Artist Recreate Program for Black History Month. Participants created artwork based on the works of two artists. Including silhouettes and mosaics.

Hannah (SW): Held a Bad Art Night with a prize for 'ugliest' art. Well received and a great way to get rid of some old supplies.

Hennie (KDL): Working on more multi-generational programing. Had a Arcade/Mini-Golf/Silent Disco Party.

Andrea (GRPL): Success with Social Justice Storytime has led to an 'I like Me' series with people who break stereotypes (Woman who is a firefighter, Male ballet dancer etc)

Cassie (EC): Hosted a Grandparents Night for kids ages 3-10 and family/caregivers. Created a picture frame, photo booth, interviewed grandparents and read together.

Julia (IB): Did a book tasting event with a high school group in the style of musical chairs. Read a book for 7 minutes, played music and moved to another seat/book, read 7 more minutes.

Tiffany (MG): Book vs. Movie Trivia night for teens. Has questions and answers available.

Robin (ML): Unbirthday Party over the weekend, great turn out for a Saturday. Included Alice in Wonderland games and crafts.

Beth (ML): Encouraged contributions & ideas for programing kits. The Grant Committee is in need of a YA rep. The next meeting is 3/19 @ 1:00.

Tim (NN): Superhero Party with an obstacle course, went over really well. Also starting family storytime on the weekend which is growing.

Shanni (IC): Encouraged everyone to share information about Thumbs Up Vote. Including having teens fill it out on paper and then staff enters it online, using the paper ballots for a prize drawing. Milibraries.org/thumbs-up-award

Shelly (NG): Wrapped kids' books up for a surprise check out, well received by all ages. Showed a calendar of daily fun from Demco. Creating a homeschool group, first project includes creating blankets for a nursing home and delivering them to residents.

Paige (BH): Fix That Clock by Kurt Cyrus- great book for storytime

Stefanie (AW): Finished organizing picture books by genre. Took several months but well worth it, generally received good reviews from the public. Other librarians agree that they like this change when made in their library.

Mike (IC): Crash, Splash or Moo by Bob Shea & Everybody Says Meow by Constance Lombardo again great for Storytime & school visits. Also organized picture books by topic with positive feedback from the community. Discussed ways to run escape rooms that are minimal work but effective.

Lydia (SM): Soldering Stations- Quarterly. Purchased kits from evilmadscientist.com. Participants have to register, follow safety protocol including watching an instructional video. Kits vary in cost.

Jessica (OZ): Hosting a St. Patrick's Day Party with crafts, selfies, storytime and balloon twisting.

Amanda (IB): Family Nights with crafts & cookie decorating.

Gillian (MADL-UN): Participated in High School comicon. Had a great time but encourages others to make sure you establish yourself as the public library vs. school library vs. vendor.

Multiple recommendations for the Lego Librarian Blog