

LLC YS March 6 at 1:00pm

Notes taken by Justine Wieggers (AL)

Attending: Amber McLain (LL), Allison Boyer (OL), Ashley Johnson (OA), Chris Stegink (AL), Erin Supri (IS), Justine Wieggers (AL), Katie Kirk (OH), Lydia Oschmidt (SM), Melissa Thatcher (SM), Michele Wittkopp (UM- MADL), Paige Brandli (BH), Shanni Kerr (IC), Shelly Patterson (NG), Tiffany Ohman (MG), and Zach Ludge (OC)

1. Greetings
2. Update from Maranda
 - a. Your numbers for Whitecaps have been sent into Maranda. If you need your numbers changed contact Zach ASAP, so he can contact Maranda.
 - b. There is no grand prize this year; however, 8 prize bundles will replace the 1 grand prize.
 - i. Examples of prize bundles are a John Ball Zoo membership, or a Craig's Cruiser bundle.
 - ii. Discussion on drawing names: opinions
 1. Create a Google form
 2. Each library draws a names and sends it to Maranda
 3. Have Maranda draw 8 libraries, and notify the library. Each library would then draw their own name. If this opinion works best, it was requested to not tell the libraries right at the beginning of summer so they are not influenced in pushing drawing entries (or not pushing for Maranda drawings).
 4. Opinion 2 or 3 is preferred
 - iii. Zach will contact Maranda on what way would work best for her.
3. Approval of October Minutes
 - a. Shelly motioned to approve
 - b. Lydia 2nd the motion
4. 2023 SRP Workshop
 - a. It was a good workshop
 - b. Glad it ended a little early due to weather
 - c. Claire when talking went long, but the information was valuable
 - d. People were disappointed that the library class size table discussion did not happen.
5. 2024 SRP Workshop
 - a. Scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2023 at Howard Miller Library
 - b. Planning Committee
 - i. Paige is head of the committee
 - ii. A sign up is available to join the planning committee
 - iii. The committee meets via Zoom
 - iv. Contact Paige if you want any more information
6. Baby Time Programming
 - a. Coopersville is having a hard time getting numbers. What do you all do?
 - i. Allow older siblings to attend

- ii. Don't restrict the age
 - 1. Erin's tween/teen program is now just general youth programming
 - iii. Zach mentioned his Dr. Seuss party had 78 people. He got a cake, and had more passive activities.
 - iv. Allison : Baby Time is with their Toddler Time activities
 - v. Shelly: Attendance numbers fluctuate. She posts themes to create a draw for upcoming programs. She posts photos (with permission) of past programs to create a buzz for similar future programs.
 - vi. It was mentioned that small numbers are okay for Baby time. Do not get discouraged by having low numbers.
 - vii. Competing with KDL for story time programs is hard. Consider changing times or days to counter the conflicts.
 - viii. Advice: give the kids free range/do not try and corral them.
 - ix. Katie- Thriving Baby times with high numbers of attendance are typically in bigger cities. Do not be discouraged.
 - x. Consistency is key: same time on the same day of the week. Create the habit of attending. When planning- avoid nap time.
 - xi. Maybe create more of a mom group similar to a play group.
 - xii. Allison - They program in time chunks to counter burnout. They have 8 weeks of story time, and then a few weeks off. During those off weeks they set out stuff for play time to keep the routine of attending weekly.
7. Registration for Events vs Open Events
- a. Majority of the libraries have open events rather than sign ups
 - i. Some have a hybrid system with registration on a program when needed.
 - b. Katie has registration for every event. They use Evanced by Demco. Sometimes she shifts a few people from the waiting list into a "full" event, knowing that a few people will not attend who signed up.
 - c. Another online signup opinions are Local Hop or EngagedPatrons
 - i. The draw back to these 2 opinions are patrons cannot self-cancel once signed up for an event
 - d. Allison- uses the verbiage "Registration Encouraged". This way they have an idea of what the attendance might be, but they are not set to that number
 - e. Amber - If people do not show for events, you can always create take home kits with the materials.
 - f. Erin- She created an "Island of Misfit Kits" to use up some of their odds and ends for past program nights.
8. Spring Institute
- a. March 30-31
 - b. Take notes to share what you learned at the next meeting
9. ALA Conference
- a. June 22-27- bad dates for YS librarians
 - b. Coopersville is closing for the week so the staff can attend

10. Round Robin

- a. Michele- 3 MADL libraries received a “Family Place Library Grant”.
 - i. Family Place Library: Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in a young child’s growth and development. The overall goal of Family Place Libraries is to develop and institutionalize a family friendly environment by transforming libraries into community centers for literacy, early childhood development, parent education and engagement, family support and community information. (<https://www.familyplacelibraries.org/what-family-place-library>)
 - ii. Hackley Library is also part of the Family Place Library Workshops
- b. Amber - It is almost Solar Eclipse Time. Get your Eclipse books and glasses.

11. Next meeting: May 1, 2023 1:00pm at KDL Service Center. Come get your libraries goodies.