MLA Youth Services Section – November 3, 2011

Meeting Minutes – Chicopee Public Library, Chicopee, MA

**Attendance** – Molly Collins (YSS Chair – Burlington), Sharon Colvin (Vice Chair – Chelmsford), Clayton Cheever (Past Chair – Boston), Erin Daly (Chicopee), Meg Anastasi (Springfield), Robin Brenner (Brookline), Noelle Boc (Tewksbury), Nancy Sheehan (Wakefield), Anne Hrobsky (Worcester), Martha Coons (Springfield), Margaret McGrath (Plymouth)

Minutes September 8 – Approved

**MLA Executive Committee Update** – Sharon went to the Exec Board meeting this time. It was an odd meeting taken up by a lot of MBLC updates. Their budget brochures will be fabulously useful, though. Informal Meet & Greets are going well. We’re hoping they will encourage people to become members.

**Children’s Standards** – There are 9 people on the committee (YAY!) and they have started researching standards in other states. So far many states do not have youth standards. The working goal is May 2012. Clayton suggests leaving some time for public comments.

**Conference Update** – Robin submitted the conference proposals (see wiki) and they look great. They’re all low or no cost for now. Once we have approval from the conference committee (Carol was at the meeting today) we can start recruiting speakers, etc. In addition to the proposals, we’re still looking into getting some space in the exhibit hall for craft demonstrations, make & takes…

**Budget Questions** – Some of the YSS budget goes to discount MLA conference fees? What about the Teen Summit?

**Bylaws** – Clayton made some small changes (see wiki) like swapping out language about the regions and changing the quorum numbers. We will vote on the final version at the next meeting in January.

**Mission & Goals & Show and Tell!** – See the worksheet that was sent before the meeting. In the spirit of our mission, we would like to share our communal wealth of resources and information.

* Noelle – NYPL has an extremely structured, organized and standardized training. Maybe we could link to some of their training materials.
  + Dlty-kids.com – preschool and toddler crafts, especially
  + Enchantedlearning.com/crafts
  + Craftsbyamanda.com – “drop in craft gold!”
  + Kids.nypl.ogr/reading/recommended.cfm – booklists
  + The Teen Librarian’s Toolbox – on Facebook
  + YA Rebels
* Robin recommends listservs for getting your name out into the community
  + YALSA listservs to connect with other librarians without having the “teen librarian” title.
  + Guyslitwire.blogspot.com
  + Noflyingnotights.com
  + SLJ blogs
    - Chair, Fireplace & Tea Cozy – trends.
    - Good comics for kids
    - Someday my Printz will come
  + Hootsuite.com – connect twitter and FB in one page. For networking, Teens don’t tweet!
* Erin – Linda Braun is a great mentor
  + Readingrants.org
  + Yalit.com
  + Yalsa.ala.org/blog
  + Yalsa.ala.org/thehub
  + Google reader is a good option for keeping up with blogs
  + Boysdontread.com
* Roundtables
  + CHATS – new western MA childrens and teen round table
  + Childrens and Teen roundtables in MVLC
  + CLASS – on the south shore, may have a new name
* We’d eventually like to collect links (by they expire so who would update them?), lists of resources, maybe links to listservs, websites, performers (go to the wiki if you have ideas)

# Spring Program – New England Roundtable of Teen and Children's Librarians

(NERTCL) is doing an early literacy program in March. Perhaps we should collaborate? Salley Mavor (Pocket Full of Posies) could be a good keynote for a program on literacy based programming. Noelle will be contacting NERTCL.

**Virtual Catalog** -- Clayton wants to plug the statewide effort to replace the Virtual Catalog and connect them to all libraries. See him if you’re interested in adding to the discussion.

See you on January 12 in Georgetown!

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Colvin