



Washington Library Association

Washington State Children and Young Adult Services (CAYAS) E-Newsletter

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1. Welcome Message from Chair, Sarah Lynch

It's a busy time for CAYAS. We just finished a successful conference with our colleagues in OLA in Vancouver, Washington. Our spring workshops "Get Fizz, Boom, Read-y" have instructed people on how to incorporate science into the 2013 summer reading theme. What's next? Well, that's in part up to you. Our board will be working hard to offer relevant training to those in youth services in Washington State. Stay tuned to hear what our fall workshop will involve. And it's never too early to start planning for next year's conference. If you have ideas for sessions, or would like to become more involved, please email me at sslynch@kcls.org with your ideas or suggestions.

2. Meet Your CAYAS Board 2013-2014

This is going to be a fantastic year for CAYAS, based on the great people we have on board.

Sarah Lynch, Chair

King County Library System

Sarah Lynch is an Adult Services Librarian at the Federal Way Library of the King County Library System. She's worked in both teen and children services, and loves that CAYAS keep her aware of what's happening in those fields. When not at the library, Sarah enjoys running, cooking, travel, and of course, reading.

Darcy Brixey, Chair Emeritus

King County Library System

She has worked as a teen services librarian for the King County Library System after graduating from the iSchool at the University of Washington. She refuses to tell you her favorite hobby is reading as it's an expectation of the job. She will, however, tell you she enjoys writing.

Jennifer Fleck, Incoming Chair

King County Library System

Jennifer Fleck is a story addict who supports her habit by working as a Teen Services Librarian for King County Library System.

Joy Feldman, CAYAS Secretary

Sno-Isle Libraries

Joy works for Library on Wheels with Sno-Isle Libraries. In her job, she gets to experience the wonder and wackiness of working on the bookmobile and also visiting loads of children in daycares, ECEAPs and Head Start classrooms. Joy responds to many names when working with small children, her current favorite being Mrs. Library.

Ericka Brunson, Board Position 1

Kitsap Regional Library

Ericka, a self-professed book pusher and Disney Channel aficionado, recently relocated to WA from Kansas where she was kicked out for being too awesome. She is a children's librarian at Kitsap Regional Library, where she remains in a constant state of embarrassing delight at getting paid for doing what she loves.

Sonia Gustafson, Board Position 2

Spokane County Library District

Sonia is a youth services librarian who loves making top five lists. **At work:** baby lapsit, singing and dancing with preschoolers, teen reader's advisory, page supervising, and learning new things. **At home:** Friends, reading, travelling, pets, and playing.

José Garcia, Board Position 3

King County Library System

José literally grew up in libraries. As a child of migrant parents who worked long hours, he and his siblings spent long hours at home by themselves. Their refuge: the library! José can clearly remember the big reference desk in the middle of the library (Pasco Branch, Mid-Columbia Libraries) and how he revered the person sitting there as someone with omnipotent powers; now he knows librarians do have super powers, of course—at least that's what he tells himself. He splits his time between working with teens and outreach to Spanish-speakers. When he's not at work you'll find him reading (surprise, surprise), walking Bosco (a Labrador/Chow mix), or grilling (yes, even in the midst of winter).

Rosalie Olds, Board Position 4

King County Library System

My name is Rosalie Olds and I've worked in libraries for the past 22 years. Currently I'm a teen services librarian at the Fairwood Library where I've been since 1999.

Emilie Trott, Board Position 4

Seattle Public Schools

Emilie has worked with children for over fifteen years. As a children's librarian, she has served children and families in libraries and out in the community. She now works for Seattle Public Schools sharing her love of books and early learning with children who have Special Needs.

Kendra Jones, Blog/Newsletter Editor

Fort Vancouver Regional Library

Children's Librarian with Fort Vancouver Regional Library. Storytelling toddler wrangler and twitter addict. Follow me @klmpeace

Sarah Ogden, iSchool Distance Liaison

Lisa Jordan, iSchool Campus Liaison

3. A Day In The Life

National Bookmobile Day

Dawn Rutherford, Teen Services Coordinator for Sno-Isle Libraries

Wednesday April 17th, 2013 was National Bookmobile Day, and our staff celebrated with books,

bubbles, and smiles. Everywhere the bookmobile travels there are folks who have been waiting for it to arrive. Preschoolers grab more books than they can carry. Tweens request every book in a series. Retirees pick up more holds than they can get through in two weeks...but who can blame them? We have so much great stuff!

Our favorite comment of the day was from a teen girl who came by just to peek in, but when she discovered we had books 2, 3, and 4 of the *Beautiful Creatures* series told us "I feel like I just won the lottery!" She'll be back, and so will the Bookmobile. It isn't just library services and materials it brings, but a real sense of community, that is received with lots of love.

4. Spring Training

This spring's CAYAS trainings focused on STEM programming in libraries and creative partnerships with local science centers. Sonia Gustafson, who helped organize the training in Spokane reported that "The Spokane workshop was great. The morning part with examples from Mobius was fantastic- we made our own lava lamps, played with hydrophobic sand, levitated tinsel with a pvc pipe, and did some marshmallow engineering. Then we went and explored Mobius, went to lunch and came back to the afternoon session with Mary Ellen Braks and Gwendolyn Haley (Spokane County Library District youth services managers) about using science in storytime and other programming for young children".

The training in the western part of the state partnered the Pacific Science Center and the Seattle Children's Museum, both of which gave excellent information.

5. YALSA STEM Toolkit

YALSA's STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) Task Force recently released a toolkit full of ideas on how to integrate STEM into the library. The toolkit is a great resource for library staff planning programs and includes step-by-step program plans in addition to advocacy information and programming ideas. Check it out today!

www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/.../STEMtoolkit_Final_2013.docx

6. WLA/OLA Youth Services Highlights

Every four years, the Oregon Library Association and Washington Library Association join forces to plan and host a conference for both states. CAYAS and OYAN jointly plan programs to exchange information, creating a broader conference experience. Highlights from this year included:

- Breakfast with the unflappable Bainbridge Island author, George Shannon, author of *Lizard's Song*, *Rabbit's Gift*, *Tippy-toe chick*, *Go!* Shannon talked about his career as a librarian and his experiences sharing picture books and stories with children.
- Shannon Peterson received the CAYAS Visionary Award for her work at the Kitsap County Library System. The award is given every year to a library leader who excels in service to young people. Peterson is the current YALSA President.
- *Party girl* viewing hosted by CAYAS and OYAN
- Booktalks from iSchool MLIS Candidates and members of OYAN at the annual Booktalking the Best
- Informative and innovative workshops on programming

Interested in accessing handouts or other conference materials? Check out <http://www.nwcentral.org/resources>

7. CAYAS and the CSLP Annual Meeting

Submitted by Meredith Hale, CSLP representative

Each year delegates from most of the 50 states meet to determine details about the Collaborative Summer Library Program we in Washington all have the opportunity to use, thanks to our fabulous support at the State Library. The meeting is traditionally attended by the CAYAS Chair

Emeritus. Washington generally takes an official voting delegate from the State Library and one or two other representatives. This year, Josephine Camarillo of the Ellensburg Public Library attended. It was great to have a representative from both the eastern and western sides of the state.

The meeting took place this year in Atlanta, Georgia, though there wasn't a lot of free time to see the city. The days were full of discussions, problem solving and decision making to determine the themes, slogans and artists for summer reading programs to come. These categories had been opened up nationally for a vote and were narrowed down by the time we saw them. As a group we saw the choices, spent time discussing the pros and cons of each, then voted on the final outcome. I felt a little like I was in congress – each state got three votes and was able to split those as desired, announcing the state's decision in turn. The Washington delegates agreed on a lot, but worked together well to vote in the way we thought the people we represented might vote. We voted on the slogans for the 2015 children's, teens and adult programs, the artists for the 2015 programs and the theme for 2016. During the meeting we also reviewed and discussed the budget, the program manuals and got to give feedback to Upstart/Demco on past and future products. We also got a sneak peek at the artwork in progress for the 2014 programs, Fizz, Boom, Read!, Spark a Reaction! and Literary Elements.

Perhaps one of the most interesting experiences was getting to really see the many resources offered for free through the CSLP web site every year – there just to enhance your programming and make your life easier. Even though I had participated in summer reading each year for the past four years, I had no idea these resources were there. If I can offer one piece of advice to you all, make sure you go take a look, especially under the "Programs" tab. The site is www.cslpreads.org. You won't be sorry.

The meeting wasn't all work - attendees got the opportunity to see all of the state winners for the CSLP Teen Video contest, and we all spent an excellent evening at the Atlanta Center for Puppetry Arts. As a child of the 70s and 80s, I loved seeing the huge display of Henson's Muppets, including those from Sesame Street, Fraggle Rock and Labyrinth. It was also a treat to get to meet and network with youth librarians from all over the country. We are an awesome group!

And now – here are the results from the votes!

The slogans for 2015 (with a general theme of Heroes):

Children: Every Hero Has a Story

Teens: Unmask!

Adult: Escape the Ordinary

And the general theme for summer of 2016 will be Wellness/Fitness/Sports.