

YS Forum Meeting Minutes

Virtual Library World

April 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

I. Welcome and Reports

- a. Introductions = around the Zoom. Cyndi Robinson, Kelly Stulgate, Sarah Tatersall, Ann Baillie, Jen Abler, Kerry Bailey, Tina Ruzala, Beth McCloskey, Rich Izzy, Amber Creger, Lisel Ulaszek, Anne Kunzen, Christy Kepler, Jenny Richmond, Heidi Knuth, Brandi Smits, Kristi Miller, Heidi Knuth, Ellen Fitzgerald
- b. Forum buddies for new members = none
- c. Assign note taker = Kelly
- d. Approval of minutes from **February 7, 2020 = Approved.**
- e. Any additions or changes to agenda= no
- f. ILA Board report (Amber) = Amber will have Cyndi speak.
- g. YASF report = no official update, but Amber sent a link to their last meeting in chat.
- h. iREAD report = Brandi gave the unofficial report. IRead met virtually. Essentially, they are trying to make this work for everyone this year. The 2022 = Read Beyond the Beaten Path. Outdoors theme.
- i. Correspondence = none.

II. Old Business

- a. Check YS Forum Board Roster information = was attached. No changes.
- b. New Workshops/Fieldtrips
 - i. What is still happening/what has been cancelled = Reaching Forward was cancelled and there are now Reaching Forward Fridays
 - ii. Any other area YS meetings, programs or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to forum—possible changes/cancellations. None
- c. Planning for 2020 ILA Conference: *Many Libraries, One State -- We Are ILA*. All programs submitted were accepted. We discussed this together as part of new businesses and Cyndi's update. It has not been announced yet, but conference will be virtual.
 - i. Breakfast – Jenny & Beth = Can we have a later start now that's it virtual.
 - ii. Stories & Spirits – Ann and Heidi = We don't need food. Discussion of how to include Rob?
 - iii. Awards – —chair: Anne (Christy, Lisel, Tina, Kristie on committee) = Will go on. No update on how. Anne thinks she can do a really nice publication and a thank you for award winners. She will promote the awards again on the soup. All members, please share with staff and directors.
 - iv. Pre Conference Committee: Jen and Anne = The concensus was to try to bring it back in 2023.
 - v. Marketing and Promotions – chair: Christy (Brandi, Kerry, Kelly, and Ellen on committee) Christy has been trying out different things. It's a good time to promote the soup. Maybe share archived webinars, monthly round up of meetups or meetings in the SOUP. Could be the Monday Roundup. Make sure you post if it's your week.
 - vi. ILA Conference Programs sponsored by YS Forum = all approved
 - vii. Booth Committee – Heidi and Beth. Discussion of virtual booths
- d. iREAD Program Guide Submissions update – Christy. Lots of submissions. Deadline has past. Those who completed 5 will get a patch. Some very unique and different.

III. New Business

- a. 2020 ILA Conference– October 20-22, 2020 Springfield. Cyndi spoke to the group. Unofficially, (until the May 8, ILA board meeting announcement) the conference is virtual. There is so much to figure out—virtual exhibit hall, poster sessions, not to mention programs. There is a need to think about important events at the conference. Cyndi says

any questions, please feel free to email her. Anne asked about awards and if we can have an online awards presentation. Beth had questions about awards and the breakfast. The price of conference was discussed. Social events would probably be free. There's not a lot of answers yet and we will most likely need to reconvene before August to discuss. Some in our group attended Middle Grade Magic by SLJ and this conference is one that was attended by many and would be a good example of how to structure ILA.

- b. Possible New YSF Board Committee – ILA Strategic Plan (we tabled this at the meeting in February) = Discussion of what else can we be doing to be youth advocates and leaders. Thoughts were we should be discussing this all the time and make it a standing agenda item.
- c. Ideas for engaging YSF members in this time of COVID-19 =
 - i. Weekly roundup posting on Soup.
 - ii. A weekly social hour
 - 1. We decide upon a schedule for a weekly cocktail hour, advertised on the Soup with an invite.
 - 2. Cyndi will set up the Zoom and send links out to anyone who replies to the invite.
 - 3. First event is Thursday, May 7, and we will have a social hour all during the month of May.

IV. Upcoming Meetings: Beth suggested scheduling a June meeting. May 25 or later. Week of May 25 was suggested. We will touch base.

- a. August 7, 2020 – Arlington Heights Memorial Library
- b. October 2020 – at conference
- c. November is TBD, 2020—at ?