

## YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regular meeting: Via Zoom

### 1) Welcome & Reports

- a) Introductions/welcome visitors, new members – No visitors or new members; 14 in attendance: Jen Abler, Ann Baillie, Ellen Fitzgerald, Richard Izzo, Christy Kepler, Anne Kunzen, Niki Marabotti, Beth McCloskey, Kristi Miller, Nicole Mills, Cyndi Robinson, Brandi Smits, Sarah Tattersall, Jenny Westbrook-Krusza
- b) Forum buddies for new members – no new members
- c) Assign note taker (Beth)
- d) Any corrections to the minutes from April 30, 2021 – no corrections
- e) Approval of minutes from April 30, 2021 – Jen motioned to accept the minutes; Nicole seconded the motion; all voted to approve
- f) Additions or changes to agenda – none
- g) Roster additions – Anne changed Lisel’s extension and will email an updated roster
- h) ILA Board report (Cyndi) – Board met in July (first meeting of the new board); people are encouraged to submit suggestions for legislation to the Public Policy Committee at: <https://www.ila.org/about/committee/13/public-policy-committee>; ILA is in good financial standing mostly due to iREAD, which has been adopted by ten states now; \$105,000 has been earmarked for DEI initiatives throughout the year; the strategic plan is about to expire, so they will decide to extend it or make revisions to the current plan
- i) YASF report (Nicole) – they just had their meeting and Nicole will send her notes to Anne
- j) iREAD report (Brandi) – they are looking for Task Force members and submissions for the 2023 “Find Your Voice” Resource Guide
- k) Correspondence – none

### 2) Old Business

- a) Request: Forum help needed in obtaining new sponsor for Youth Services Librarian of the Year award – ILA will cover the costs for this year, but we need a sponsor for 2022. Anne didn’t have any luck with her contact at Scholastic. Niki introduced us to Toniebox (<https://us.tonies.com/>) and said that they seem like they may be interested. We will forward Niki a sponsorship template to use, and she will contact them.
- b) 2021 Conference sessions follow-up reports/planning:
  - i) Storytime EDI on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. – Sarah’s former colleague (now at the Glen Ellyn Library), Sophie Kenney, will present this program; it’s complete and ready to go as she presented a similar program elsewhere; Sarah will moderate, if necessary
  - ii) Passive Programming for Youth on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. (Beth, Kristi, Brandi) – They will each present 3-4 passive programs plus handouts with additional suggestions; prefer a meeting style session so attendees can share their own passive programming successes
  - iii) IGNITE on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (Ellen and volunteers) – Christy will present on transitional readers and the other topics will include Bluestem, large interactive library displays, library school info from a recent grad, and programming for elementary grades (NOTE – Ellen mentioned her Noon Network program here; information on this is included in these minutes under 3b.)

- iv) Unconference on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. (Kerry, Ann B., Niki, and YASF volunteers) – All those involved recently met to discuss their session; participants will be able to choose their own breakout rooms based on topics; they will post a schedule in advance in case people can't attend for the full two hours; Kerry made a Google doc for gathering topic suggestions; for more information, see the Unconference website (<https://www.ila.org/news/2364/ila-2021-youth-young-adult-services-unconference>) or give your suggestions directly through the Google doc: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDUNYyQ8m9t0iGMXtOW4ukV7-HnFXKC8napThr5LD-XQrong/viewform> which will also be posted on the Soup
  - v) Youth Services Keynote Speaker on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. (Cartoonist, Editor, and Professor Steenz) – Sponsored by iREAD; hosted by YSF in place of the Author Breakfast; Ellen volunteered to introduce the speaker
- c) At the April 30 meeting, Alea Perez had proposed a YSF project/program using youth graphic novels in a similar format to YASF's Battle of the Books. The topic was tabled until today, so we could discuss it further. Brandi explained more thoroughly and is willing to volunteer to work on this. Sarah said she is also willing to help. We would use the Soup to post information and book reviews, so it was suggested that the Social Media & Marketing Committee work on it as part of their duties. There was a vote on whether or not to have the committee move forward on it and put together more details for our November meeting; all voted in favor.

### 3) New Business

- a) YSF Committee Reports:
  - i) Awards Committee (Ellen, chair; Kelly, Tina, Kerry, and Anne K.) – The committee was very impressed with the winners, Heather Love Beverly (David Cup) and Shelley Harris (Golden Ticket); the awards will be presented at the ILA Conference; next year's awards will be called Youth Services Librarian of the Year and Youth Services Achievement Award. As chair of the ILA Awards Committee, Jen shared that they will be meeting on Monday and all winners will be able to make a pre-recorded thank you video for the conference, and she will introduce the award winners. She reminded us that when we promote award nominations, we should remind people to complete their nominations in full. Cyndi added that the awards ceremony will be modeled after Reaching Forward's Awards ceremony which you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf0mgbTIEoY>
  - ii) Author Breakfast Committee – YS Keynote Speaker instead of breakfast this year; as noted above, Ellen volunteered to introduce the speaker
  - iii) Stories & Spirits (Kristi and Niki, co-chairs) – After much discussion, it was decided to take a hiatus this year, since the conference is virtual.
  - iv) Social Media & Marketing Committee (Christy, chair; Brandi, Anne K., Tina, and Ellen) – Discussed whether to allow people outside of Illinois to join the Soup; it was agreed to keep the parameter that members need to live or work in Illinois
  - v) Conference Booth Committee (Jen, chair) – Cyndi will share info with Jen in late-August or early-September regarding the virtual booth; Anne K., Kristi, Ann B., Niki, and Sarah all said they could help, if needed
  - vi) Virtual Networking Committee (Beth, Kristi, and Sarah) – they hosted a 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Social Hour on May 20 with the topic of youth programming; had a lot more registrations, but still only about 8 showed up; we'll offer another one on Thursday,

October 21 at 6:30 p.m. with the topic of transitional graphic novels; we'll promote it at the conference, through the Soup, and emails to our various YS groups

- b) Any area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities that anyone would like to announce to the Forum:
- i) Ellen and Kelly will host an ILA Noon Network webinar on Wednesday, September 29 on management tips and tricks; this was a session proposal that Ellen submitted for the ILA Conference, but instead of presenting it there, she was asked to do a Noon Network on the topic instead. You can register here: <https://www.ila.org/events/ila-noon-network/remote-learning/practical-magic-management-tips-and-tric>. If you are in a management position (or know someone who is), please fill out their survey: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScimZmmZbTOC3Uk6QnuXduy0IMX1vcHdvYovr6D\\_pPvzouEww/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScimZmmZbTOC3Uk6QnuXduy0IMX1vcHdvYovr6D_pPvzouEww/viewform)
  - ii) Prairie State Story League will resume for the “year” in September. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month at 10:00 a.m. To get more information, email the current secretary, Christine Kawalek, at [ckawalek@stdl.org](mailto:ckawalek@stdl.org).
  - iii) Congratulations to Brandi on receiving a grant to host an EDI program. She is hosting it through RAILS on Friday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. The speaker, LaTonya Wilkins, will present on being a good ally. Register here: <https://librarylearning.org/event/2021-09-10/how-be-exceptional-ally>
- c) Ellen announced that starting in November she will be the interim director of the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library. We will look into whether or not she needs to take a break from YSF while interim director based on the YSF bylaws.

#### 4) Upcoming Meetings:

- An additional pre-conference meeting was deemed unnecessary at this time
- At annual ILA Conference: October 12- October 14, 2021/all virtual
- November 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., TBD

Jen motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Anne seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.