

MMLL Youth Services Committee

March 21, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Diane Eisenga (McBain Community Library), Justine Peterson (Seville Township Library), Cindi Place (Bellaire Public Library), and Sarah Welch (Big Rapids Community Library)

Agenda:

1. Introduction
 - a. Sarah Welch began the meeting at 10:05 AM
2. Summer Reading Program
 - a. Cindi Place
 - i. Will be having limited programs such as Mad Scientists. They have moved the location of the Summer Reading Program to a local park which is only a few blocks away from the library.
 - b. Diane Eisenga
 - i. The Conservation District is doing free programs this summer. She will also be having Joel Tacey, a puppet program, and an animal group from the Missaukee County Farm Bureau.
 - c. Justine Peterson
 - i. Has ordered her Summer Reading Bags and will be offering a program for adults, teens, and children. The adults and teens will have to count their number of books while the children will be by minutes. She has a large donation of near perfect condition books, so she has them in a bin for the teens and children. For her adults, she will be speaking with a local bookstore.
 - ii. Summer craft idea – jellyfish suncatcher
 - iii. Uncommongoods.com
 - d. Sarah Welch
 - i. She is running a little behind on finding presenters for the Summer Reading Program. She is looking for suggestions if anyone has one.
 - ii. Has receive many location donations in the last couple of years and is hopefully to receive those again.
3. Sharing Time
 - a. Sarah Welch
 - i. Has been offering Adult Murder Mystery Kits each month. It took some time for there to be interest, but now people ask for them each month. They take a lot of time to put together so this last month she just purchased them due to time limits.
 - b. Angela Fischer (Manistee County Library) via email
 - i. Brittany Adams: Live Mermaid, phantom@themagiccrafter.com, <http://www.themagiccrafter.com/>

- ii. Clark Lewis, the Juggler (Think David Blane meets juggling!),
<http://www.clarklewisjuggling.com/> clarkthejuggler@gmail.com
 - c. Diane Eisenga
 - i. National Poetry Month – Troy Graham from Marquette MI will be coming for a day to do a workshop with 8th and 9th grade classes.
 - ii. Preschool storytime
 - iii. Battle of the books – where they competed from January to March. She started with six teams at her library (grades 4-6), then the top 3 teams battled it out with another library. They had six books that they had to read, which were supplied by the library (and a grant from MMLL) and each team got to create their own team t-shirt.
 - d. Cindi Place
 - i. They have a patron who is a poet and will be doing a program for National Poetry month.
 - ii. Just Read – received a People’s Fund grant from Great Lakes Energy. Teens register and pick of six books they want to read. They get one books, read it, then report it back to the library. After they do, they get to pick up their next book. This program starts during Summer Reading and is available to all teens, but the library does reach out to the local teachers to reach the students who are struggling.
 - e. Justine Peterson
 - i. Hunt A Killer – program for teens
- 4. Money Smart Michigan
 - a. Storytime, connect with credit union
- 5. Battle of the Books
 - a. Could we do a league wide battle next year? Let’s discuss this later.
- 6. Next meeting: April 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM viz Zoom