

MMLL Youth Services Committee

January 17, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Meeting held via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Emily Garland (Mason County District Library), Kaitlin Matesich (Benzie Shores District Library), Cindi Place (Bellaire Public Library), Maryellen Paull (Glen Lake Community Library), Sarah Welch (Big Rapids Community Library), Susie

Agenda:

1. Introduction
 - a. Sarah Welch began the meeting at 10:01 am.
 - b. This group will meet on the third Monday of the month, at 10:00 am, and Sarah will send the Zoom link and agenda out by email. We have 36 member libraries in our co-op, so hopefully people will be encouraged to join the meeting.
2. Sheryl L. Mase, Director – MidMichigan Library League
 - a. Sheryl Mase, our favorite MMLL member, was introduced. She reminded everyone to check the MMLL.org website and will be compiling a Google drive for resources mentioned in these meetings.
3. Benjamin Gauthier & Dede Alder
 - a. Ben Gauthier and his co-performer Dede Alder were introduced. They perform as “BenJammin”, a musical group that encourages children to get on stage and be part of the performance when visiting local libraries. Ben plays guitar, drum, and ukulele to name a few and Dede plays drums, and they both sing. Their shows run about 45 minutes, and they bring about 10 drums with drumsticks to each performance. While they prefer outdoor venues, any indoor performances would be masked at this time, or a Zoom event could be held.
 - i. [Resume Benjamin Gauthier](#)
 - ii. [Set List compete Elementary School](#)
 - iii. [BenJammin Educational Music](#)
4. MMLL Mini-Grant Round Two
 - a. <https://www.mml.org/a/grants>
 - b. The second rounds of grants will start on February 14 and is due April 8. One time event cost support is awarded \$500, and a project cost support is awarded services \$1,250.
5. Sharing time
 - a. Cindi Place spoke about how their community no longer does the Art & Ice program, so she has organized a “mini-art show” of 4x4 canvases that are take-home kits with paint, that will be shown in the library.
 - b. Kaitlyn Matesich shows a craft of a paper plate peacock, perfect for take-home kits.

- c. Cindi Place asked for ideas on a lap-sit story time for babies. Emily Garland already has a Babytime program and invited Cindi to review her slides.
 - d. Emily Garland spoke about the “Fun Family Friday” bags of crafts or activities which go out weekly on their fence, to be picked up by families. Each bag includes enough for 2+ children to do the activity each week.
 - e. Maryellen Paull showed her books on the theme of Owls, and a sponge-painted owl craft.
 - f. Sarah Welch told about her A-Z Literacy Kits; each week spotlighting two new letters (last week was A & B). These focus on letter recognition, fine motor skills, matching, and other literacy topics.
 - g. Angela Fisher (Manistee County Library) was unable to attend but emailed her recommendation of “The Littlest Yak” by Lu Fraser as a great read-aloud, and said they were introducing an introductory stargazing program with binoculars for each child, part of the Girls Steam Ahead program.
 - h. Susie shared “Rhyming Dust Bunnies” by Jan Thomas and a pom-pom Dust Bunny that they used in a bunny-search program.
 - i. Cindi Place requested that we bring ideas for Poetry month to our next meeting.
 - j. Sheryl Mase listed some resources for us:
 - i. <https://nrr.ninja/search-programs/>
 - ii. <https://www.mml.org/resources/programming-options>
 - iii. <https://www.mml.org/resources/youth-services-1>
 - k. Cindi Place mentioned that Bellaire Public Library is involved in the MiLibraryQuest – an online scavenger hunt for teens – and they will be doing a Zoom meeting in February or March to help teens with instructions on how to participate, if anyone is interested in joining that or pointing their teens towards it.
6. The meeting ended just before 11:00 am.
7. Next meeting: February 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM – via Zoom