Teen Librarians Meeting  
October 6th, 2017 @ RCLS  
Co-Chairs: Dianne Aimone and Jessica Gordon

Attendees: [Bold denotes a new attendee]
- Dianne Aimone, Albert Wisner Public Library, Warwick  
- Kimberly Carletta, Orangeburg Library  
- Jennifer Cohen, Suffern Free Library  
- Felicia DaVolio, Newburgh Free Library  
- **Meaghan Doyle, Cornwall Public Library**  
- Randall Enos, Ramapo Catskill Library System  
- Liz Fisher, Cornwall Public Library  
- Linda Geissler, Woodbury Library  
- Joanna Goldfarb, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello  
- Jessica Gordon, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
- Cheryl Jones, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello  
- Angela Krajcar, Nanuet Public Library  
- **Maria Martinez, Florida Public Library**  
- Mary Phillips, New City Free Library

- Welcome & Introductions
- Chair News
  - Sunshine Fund Report- There is technically currently five dollars in the fund but, with two gifts to send out to departing members, the fund will be at -$95.
  - We will be collecting $10 from everyone to replenish the Sunshine Fund. However, with the lack of money in the fund, we might have to collect more soon.
- Chair News:
  - Dianne attended Media 101: Truth or Consensus- Survival Tools in the Age of Fake News at Bethel Woods, a very well-attended, interactive workshop and panel. One of the members of the panel is the 17-year-old editor of Manor Inc, which is a youth-led news source from Livingston Manor. Some librarians might be interested in having programming, even passive programming, about learning how to find reliable news stories. Joanna from Ethelbert B. Crawford put up a board where teens tried to tell which news stories were real and which were fake.
  - The Warwick Children’s Book Festival is taking place on Saturday, October 7th. While the festival is mainly about children’s books, there is also a decent showing of middle grade books and some teen books. 62
authors will be there, including Sarah Albee, K.L. Going, David Lubar, and Jane Yolen. More than 2000 attendees are expected at the festival.

- LARC news- The Teen Services Division of LARC met in September about Scrawl. They did not get to vote on the budget for the project and are discussing what authors they want to get in touch with to guest-edit Scrawl this year. They also discussed the dates and content for regular meetings. They would like some more comic submissions for Scrawl. Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 3rd.

- Randy’s Notes
  - Special Workshops- Reminders
    - Upcoming: FREE Webinar- Like, Share, and Get Noticed- Wednesday, October 4th, 1:00-2:30 PM: Posted on September 21st, there was still space to register for the event as of meeting time. This webinar will teach library staff how to use social media to connect with their communities. The speaker is Amanda Schiavulli, Member Services Librarian in the Finger Lakes Library System, who once presented at our teen summer reading planning workshop.
    - Fall Into Books- Taking place on Wednesday, October 25th, registration for the conference is now closed.
  - RCLS News
    - There’s a juvenile book preview in the works. Keep an eye out for announcements.
    - Workshops of Interest:
      1. Wednesday, October 11th- Overdrive Training at RCLS Headquarters: There are two sessions, one from 10:00 AM until noon and the other from 1:00-3:00 PM. Each session will cover different material. For more information or to register, visit https://rcls.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7152&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2017/10/15.
      2. Wednesday, October 18th, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM- Intro to Grant Writing at RCLS Headquarters. For more information or to register, visit https://rcls.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=7074&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2017/10/15
    - Outreach Services Grant/Management Professional Development Scholarship- RCLS will award three grants each year to encourage member libraries to develop new programs to services aimed at some or all of the NY State target populations. These populations
include people who are blind or physically disabled, aged, developmentally or learning disabled, institutionalized, members of ethnic/minority groups in need of special services, educationally disadvantaged, unemployed/underemployed, or geographically isolated. For more information, including the application form, visit http://www.rcls.org/?q=node/167.

- Results of September 21st RCLS staff in-service day- The staff came up with four goals moving forward:
  1. Connect libraries with similar problems
  2. Make better effort to meet with new staff
  3. More follow-up to inquiries and to be more timely in doing so
  4. More RCLS staff visiting libraries

- YSS/NYLA
  - Save the Date: The YSS Spring Conference will be taking place on Friday, April 13th, 2018 in Syracuse.

- SRP News
  - Reports were due on Friday, September 29th. Eileen Acosta will be contacting you if you didn’t submit it.
  - This part is not for the faint of heart: The Collaborative Summer Library Program/Upstart 2018 “Libraries Rock!” catalogs have arrived for distribution.

- Other
  - So B. It Movie- The film adaptation of the 2004 middle-grade realistic fiction novel comes out on Friday, October 6th. For more information, see Marjorie Link’s email from September 18th, 2017.
  - On Wednesday, November 15th, public librarians are invited to network with school library media specialists from the Warwick area at Warwick Valley High School, starting at 4:00 PM. There will be a presentation so librarians who attend will be able to get CE credits. There will be substantial refreshments available at the event. Registration will be needed.

- Topics
  - If you have content for the RCLS Teen Librarians LibGuide, send it to Dianne at daimone@rcls.org
  - Summer Reading Program- Best & Worst Programs
    - Mary said her best was a crocheting program (run by a teen who is great at crocheting) as well as a paint night (teens did have to pay a materials fee to take part).
Joanna’s worst was the teen advisory group. Her best was the third annual Val Con. Every Monday, she had a food program which was a hit with the teens (at one such program they made waffles).

Jennifer’s best was her henna workshop (with performer Margie Nugent) and Build a Better World for Animals. Her worst was the composting program she tried to run.

Jessica’s worst was her graphic novel book club. Her best was a beatbox workshop for tweens, the henna workshop (also with Margie), and the stop motion studio workshop.

Maria’s best was the Minecraft club (they won first place in the annual RCLS Minecraft competition!).

Liz’ best was Build a Better Sundae, as well as a competition to build the tallest structure using just balloons, straws, and tape. The worst one was Build a Better Community projects (only volunteers showed up).

Dianne’s best was Sign Language Story Tellers: teens learned over the summer how to speak in sign language so that they can do story times in sign language at the Warwick Children’s Book Festival. Another good one was Build a Solar Powered Phone Charger.

Cheryl said her Breakout.edu box program was her best. Her worst programs were the book clubs.

Linda’s worst was the beatboxing program due to low attendance. The best activity they had over the summer was that they got teens (including one especially gifted web designer) to work on their library’s website; they now have a great teen page. Their Build a Better Birdcage program was also popular.

Felicia’s worst program was Stop Motion Animation. Her best were teen trivia contests and Harry Potter birthday party (50 people showed up to the latter event!).

Kimberly’s cosplay contest and marble run were the worst programs. The best programs were string art and constellation boxes crafts, as well as the Mighty Five teen trivia.

Angela’s worst program was string art. Her best was Kindness Club, where they made toys and chemo caps for sick children (more boys than girls did work on the yarn projects!).

Committee Updates

- Battle of the Books Committee- The winners of the 2017 Battle of the Books are as follows: Daniel Pierce Library of Grahamsville (taking First place for the fourth year in a row), Albert Wisner Public Library of Warwick
(Second Place), and Nanuet Library (Third Place). For next year’s battle, book suggestions should be sent to Randy by October 13th. Angela has a new non-teen position so she’s stepping down as chair of the committee - Dianne will be taking her place as chair.

- Mock Printz Committee - The Mock Printz Awards will be on Monday, January 22nd, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM at RCLS Headquarter. You’ll get 2 CE credits for attending and participating.
  - The committee’s next meeting is on October 13th at RCLS headquarters, beginning at 9:00 AM.
  - For a complete Mock Printz reading list, email Mary Phillips at mphillip@rcls.org. You can also email her your suggestions for the list if you can’t come to the meetings.

- Next meeting
  - The meeting will be taking place on Monday, November 6th from 10:15 AM-12:00 PM.
  - The Special Topic will be “Dealing with Challenging Teens & Challenging Parents.” We’ll be participating breakout groups to discuss real issues that have come up. Email Dianne (daimonne@rcls.org) problems you’ve had in the past and we can assign the problem to a group to work out.