Teen Librarians Meeting  
Friday, February 16th, 2018 @ RCLS  
Co-Chairs: Dianne Aimone and Jessica Gordon

Attendees: [Bold denotes a new attendee]
- Dianne Aimone- Albert Wisner Public Library, Warwick
- Jennifer Cohen- Suffern Free Library
- Meaghan Doyle- Cornwall Public Library
- Randall Enos- Ramapo Catskill Library System
- Liz Fisher- Cornwall Public Library
- Linda Geissler- Woodbury Library
- Joanna Goldfarb- Valley Cottage Free Library
- Karen Golding- Goshen Public Library and Historical Society
- Jessica Gordon- Finkelstein Memorial Library
- Cheryl Jones- Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library
- Maria Martinez- Florida Public Library
- Mary Phillips- New City Free Library

1. Welcome & Introductions
   a. Sunshine Fund Report- Dianne believes that we are up to date and is not collecting money today. Angela Krajcar sent us a card thanking us for the gift from the Sunshine Fund.

2. Chair News- There are a lot of interesting events coming up soon in our region.
   The Hudson Valley YA Society, a monthly author event series at Oblong Books and Music in Rhinebeck, will be hosting Tamora Pierce on Sunday, February 25th at 4 PM. She will be promoting her book *Tempest and Slaughter*, the first book of the new Numair Chronicles series. This year’s NYC Teen Author Festival will run from Sunday, March 18th until Sunday, March 25th. E. Lockhart (*We Were Liars* and *Genuine Fraud*) and Ibi Zoboi (*American Street*) will be at events during the festival, among many other YA authors. Hudson Valley Comic Con will be returning for its third year at Gold’s Gym & Exhibition Center in Poughkeepsie on Saturday, April 21st and Sunday, April 22nd. Looking forward towards the summer, Shared Worlds, “an annual summer program designed for teen writers interested in speculative fiction” is now accepting applications from teens for their fantasy writing workshops over the summer; the sleepaway program takes place at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina from Sunday, July 15th to Saturday, July 28th; applications are due for the program by Sunday, April 1st. *Harry Potter: Hogwarts Mystery*, an official mobile game, is also expected to come out this summer. Another Harry Potter mobile game, *Harry Potter: Wizards
Unite, doesn’t have an official release date yet either. The latter game is created by Niantic (the people behind Pokemon Go) so expect it to be big.

a. LARC news- The teen division moving along with Scrawl. The deadline for submissions has passed- there were fewer submissions this year but there were more teens who actually submitted their permission slips so it evened out. A nonsensical funny story called “Cat Apocalypse” was the general favorite among the committee; submissions have now been sent to the guest editors for choosing and editing. The launch party will be taking place on Thursday, May 10th from 6-8 PM. While the location for the party isn’t confirmed yet, some options are Valley Cottage Library and Valley Cottage and Suffern Free Library.

3. Randy’s Notes
   a. Publishers
      ■ Previews: Macmillan
         ● Period, edited by Kate Farrell: Twelve authors have written essays putting the menstrual cycle in the spotlight. Release Date: May 8th, 2018
         ● Speak the Graphic Novel by Laurie Halse Anderson, Illustrated by Emily Carroll: Anderson’s modern classic has been illustrated by the Eisner Award-winning Carroll and is now available.
         ● Dear Rachel Maddow by Adrienne Kisner: A high school girl deals with school politics and life after her brother’s death by drafting emails to MSNBC host Rachel Maddow. Release Date: June 5th, 2018
         ● Out of the Blue by Sophie Cameron: When otherworldly beings start falling from the sky, it seems like the end of days are near- but for one girl, it’s just the beginning of an adventure that will change her life. Release Date: May 15th, 2018
         ● Mary’s Monster by Lita Judge: An illustrated biography in verse of Mary Shelley, author of Frankenstein, already available to purchase.
   b. Special Workshops
      ■ Reports:
         ● The Putting It Together workshop to connect took place in Warwick on Wednesday, November 15th, 2017. Librarians from both schools and public libraries got together to learn about the challenges that the “other side” is facing and to
understand that we have similar barriers to overcome. For example, Warwick’s school libraries no longer buy fiction books for students to read and school librarians have had to resort to buying novels using their own personal money to give students access to them. Meanwhile, the town of Minisink has no public library of their own; residents would have to get a card at another town’s library, a process that isn’t promoted because other libraries don’t want to spend money from their budget on residents of other towns.

- This year’s Youth Media Awards were just announced at the ALA Midwinter conference.
  - Alex Awards: The Alex Awards are given to ten adult books that teens might have a special interest in. This year’s winners are *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells, *The Clockwork Dynasty* by Daniel H. Wilson, *Down Among the Sticks and Bones* by Seanan McGuire, *Electric Arches* by Eve L. Ewing, *A Hope More Powerful than the Sea* by Melissa Fleming, *Malagash* by Joey Comeau, *Roughneck* by Jeff Lemire, *She Rides Shotgun* by Jordan Harper, *Things We Have in Common* by Tasha Kavanagh, and *An Unkindness of Magicians* by Kat Howard.
  - Printz Awards: This year’s winner was *We are Okay* by Nina LaCour. The Honor Books were *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor, and *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by Deborah Heiligman.
  - Morris Awards: The Morris Award is given to the best book by a YA debut author. This year’s winner was *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. There were four additional finalists: *Devils Within* by S.F. Henson, *Saints and Misfits* by S.K. Ali, *Starfish* by Akemi Dawn Bowman, and *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone.
  - Nonfiction Award: This year’s winner was *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by Deborah Heiligman. There were four additional finalists: *#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women*, edited by Mary Beth Leatherdale and Lisa

### Upcoming:

- **Professional development opportunity:** The Westchester Library System is giving a guided tour of their LEADER Lab on Tuesday, February 20th from 1:30 PM-3:00 PM. Participants will receive 1.5 hours of CE credit.
- **A Banned Books Symposium** will be taking place at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh on Saturday, March 10th. The keynote speaker was originally going to be Jay Asher, author of *Thirteen Reasons Why*, but he has been MeToo’d so he is no longer attending.
- **NYLA’s YSS Spring Conference** will be taking place at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center on Friday, April 13th. The Keynote Speaker will be blogger Rebecca McCorkindale, creator of the Libraries are For Everyone artwork. The luncheon speaker will be Tamora Pierce. Journalist Dashka Slater, author of *The 57 Bus*, will also be there.
- **A Greatest Of All Time (GOAT) teen librarian meetup** for librarians from eastern New York, western Massachusetts, and Connecticut will be taking place at the East Greenbush Community Library on Thursday, April 26th from 10 AM-3 PM.

### RCLS News

- Building construction at RCLS headquarters will now be going through March, meaning large meetings still need to be held at other libraries. However, when construction is done, there will be all new bathrooms!
- A performers’ showcase will be taking place on Friday, February 23 at Middletown Thrall Library. There are two performers showing off YA programs: Brian Crandall and his Mad Science/Bugs! program, and Tom Riley and his Become a Stamp Collector program. There are four other performers that might be of interest to teens as well:
Bill and Brian Robinson’s Wildlife Lectures, Hobby Quest’s Children Enrichment programs, Betsy Franco Feeney’s Initial Cap Design, and Robert McEntee’s Magic Beyond Imagination.

- We have a teen librarians LibGuide at http://guides.rcls.org/c.php?g=566564. While it is still a work in development, you can find notes from our teen librarian meetings there, as well as links to helpful blogs. We’re looking for content for the LibGuide, including itineraries for teen events and trivia questions for various fandoms.

- NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2018: Join RCLS on a bus ride up to Albany on Wednesday, February 28th to meet with legislators and ask for support for libraries in our state. You can register on RCLS’s online calendar.

d. SRP News

- We’ll be holding the annual Monday, March 5th, teen summer reading planning workshop at the Chester Public Library on Monday, March 5th. Volunteers are needed to talk about program ideas and demonstrate crafts at the workshop. Volunteers are also needed to help choose books for the teen and tween book lists that RCLS distributes. You can contact Randy to volunteer for either of these.

- Flash drives with the Collaborative Summer Library Program manual have been distributed. How are they working?

- The posters that RCLS bought from CSLP will be distributed soon to those who signed up for a free poster.

e. RCLS Professional Collection- The following are new books in the collection, available for borrowing from RCLS.

- *Putting Teens First in Library Services: A Road Map*, edited by Linda W. Braun & Shannon Peterson

- *Real-World Teen Services* by Jennifer Valesquez

- *Sex, Brains & Video Games: Information and Inspiration for Youth Services Librarians* by Jennifer Burek Pierce

4. Topics

a. Effective STEAM Programming- Children’s rooms have STEAM-related computers and toys. Some teen departments are creating tangentially related programs and calling it STEAM. You might want to look at people in your community to find people with STEAM backgrounds. 5th Graders will like Scratch and high schoolers want to learn CSS but what do you do
with the middle schoolers? It goes from too simplistic to tech-savvy with no in-between.

5. Committee Updates
   a. Battle of the Books Committee- Books have been chosen and are now final. The Battle will be on Saturday, September 8th; while the location isn’t confirmed, we often have it at SUNY Orange. The $75 fee to participate is due by Sunday, July 15th.
   b. Mock Printz Committee- While the committee dismissed *We Are Okay*, the eventual winner of the real award, three of our books (*The Hate U Give*, *Long Way Down*, and *Strange the Dreamer*) went on to win Honors!

6. Next Meeting
   a. As mentioned earlier, the RCLS Summer Reading Showcase is on Monday, March 5th at the Chester Public Library (don’t go to RCLS because we won’t be there).
   b. Our next regular meeting is on Monday, April 2nd at RCLS.
      ■ Special Topic: “Services for Teens on the Spectrum”