Teen Librarians Meeting  
Monday, May 6th, 2019 @ RCLS  
Co-Chairs: Dianne Aimone and Jessica Gordon

Attendees: [Bold denotes a new attendee]  
- Dianne Aimone, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
- Barron Angell, Florida Public Library  
- Jennifer Cohen, Suffern Free Library  
- Risa D’Angelo, Tuxedo Park Library  
- Emily Dowie, Pearl River Public Library  
- Meaghan Doyle, Cornwall Public Library  
- Emilia Estep, Mamakating Library  
- Joanna Goldfarb, Ramapo Catskill Library System  
- Karen Golding, Goshen Public Library and Historical Society  
- Jessica Gordon, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
- Katrina Hohlfeld, Valley Cottage Free Library  
- Cheryl Jones, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library  
- Karen Lee, Albert Wisner Public Library  
- Kim Naples, Nyack Library  
- Mary Phillips, New City Library  
- Faviola Ramos, Josephine Louise Public Library  
- Kristie Revicki, Nanuet Public Library  
- Abby Williams, Josephine Louise Public Library

1. Welcome & Introductions  
   a. Sunshine Fund Report- The Sunshine fund currently has $12 in it, meaning that the last gift basket that was made had to be paid for out of Dianne’s pocket. If you want to contribute, give your money to Meaghan, who is now in charge of running the Sunshine Fund. She’ll be collecting funds at our next meeting in the fall.

2. Chair News- For those interested, BestBuy has a community grant available “to prepare teens for the tech-reliant jobs of the future, [which] will provide funding to equitable, innovative, impact driven programs in eligible non-profit organizations committed to enhancing the lives of teens 13-18 years old through cutting edge technology enabled curricula.” The grant will award up to $15,000. Proposals for this grant must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 31st. More information on this grant is available [here](#).
   a. LARC news
i. The SCRAWL book launch party was on Thursday, May 2nd. 110 people attended, with published teens able to bring their families to the event. Two of the guest editors, J.G. Faherty and Dan Waters, were there as well to give remarks and, in the case of Waters, give out free signed books to teens.

ii. Jessica, who is now a Librarian II rather than Finkelstein’s teen librarian, is giving up the mantle of LARC liaison for our teen group. Emily nominated herself and was voted in as the new liaison.

b. Updates to Teen Librarians LibGuide- Dianne has added new content to our LibGuide, available here. The LibGuide is meant to be a teen librarian toolbox and a way for us to share resources. The notes from our teen librarian meetings are also available on the LibGuide.

3. Joanna’s Notes
   a. Advocacy
      i. CENSUS 2020 Training- There will be training sessions for youth services staff on Wednesday, June 5th at RCLS and Thursday, June 13th at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello for. There will be a training session for all library staff on Thursday, June 6th at the Pearl River Public Library.
      ii. There was a Census data analysis workshop on Tuesday, May 7th at RCLS. Those who attended received 1.5 CE credits.
      iii. The Great Giveback (www.thegreatgiveback.org) will be taking place on Saturday, October 19th. There will be a meeting at RCLS on Tuesday, June 4th for libraries who plan on participating.

b. Previews- To see the catalogs for these previews, email Joanna at jgoldfarb@rcls.org.
   i. Random House
   ii. Quarto- Quarto’s preview mostly consisted of children’s nonfiction books.
   iii. Sourcebooks
      - *Here There are Monsters* by Amelinda Bérubé, which comes out on August 1st, is “The Blair Witch Project meets Imaginary Girls in this story of sisterhood turned toxic, imaginary monsters brought to life, and secrets that won't stay buried.”
      - *We are Lost and Found* by Helene Dunbar, which comes out on September 3rd, is “a poignant, heartbreaking, and uplifting, story in the tradition of The Perks of Being a Wallflower about three friends coming-of-age in the early
1980s as they struggle to forge their own paths in the face of fear of the unknown.”

- **The Storm Crow** by Kalyn Josephson comes out on July 9th. “*Eragon* meets *And I Darken* in this thrilling new fantasy debut that follows a fallen princess as she ignites a rebellion to bring back the magical elemental crows that were taken from her people.”

- **You Asked for Perfect** by Laura Silverman, which came out in March, is an LGBTQ romance and coming-of-age story. “Ariel Stone is the perfect college applicant until a failed Calculus quiz sends his grades into a tailspin that can only be halted by a handsome tutor, but adding a burgeoning romance to his other commitments may push Ariel past his limit.”

  iv. **Macmillan**

- **Somewhere Only We Know** by Maurene Goo, which came out on May 7th, is a *Cosmopolitan* Best Young Adult Book of 2019 and a BuzzFeed Pick for "YA Books You Absolutely Must Read This Spring." “Sparks fly between a K-pop starlet and a tabloid reporter in [this] heartwarming rom-com from Maurene Goo.”

- **Tell Me How You Really Feel** by Aminah Mae Safi, which comes out on June 11th, “is an ode to romantic comedies, following two girls on opposite sides of the social scale as they work together to make a movie and try very hard not to fall in love.”

- **Born to Fly: The First Women’s Air Race Across America**, written by Steve Sheinkin and illustrated by Bijou Karman, comes out on September 24th; it “is the gripping story of the fearless women pilots who aimed for the skies- and beyond.”

- **I Wanna Be Where You Are** by Kristina Forest, which comes out on June 4th, is “a debut young adult rom-com about an African American ballerina who finds love on the road to an audition.”

- **The Merciful Crow** by debut author Margaret Owen, which comes out on July 30th, is a powerful saga of vengeance, survival, and sacrifice- perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo and Kendare Blake.
c. SRP News: Copies of the posters for the children’s, teens’, and adults’ summer reading programs have arrived. The next time someone from your library goes to RCLS headquarter, have them pick them up your library’s three posters and sign off for them. Contact either Joanna or Eileen Acosta (eacosta@rcls.org) to let them know when you’ll be picking up your posters.

d. Workshops and Events:
   i. NYLA’s YSS Spring Conference took place on Friday, April 26th. A few of our teen librarians attended. Jessica mentioned that some presenters at the conference talked about subjects that haven’t been discussed at other conferences. The keynote speaker, literary advocate and educator Dr. Kimberly Parker, spoke about diversity. Joanna and Emily both say Dr. Parker’s keynote was excellent.
   ii. Day of Dialog- The Library Journal-sponsored Day of Dialog will be taking place on Wednesday, May 29th from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM at the New York Academy of Medicine in New York City (previous meeting notes stated that this conference would be held at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice since they had a registration webpage that listed it as such). You can get lots of ARCs (advanced readers copies) at this conference.
   iii. Book Expo will be taking place Wednesday, May 29th to Friday, May 31st, and will immediately be followed by Book Con (Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd). Both events will take place at the Javits Center in New York City.
   iv. The RCLS Annual Luncheon will take place on Friday, September 13th at the Sullivan Event Center in Rock Hill, NY. “Library champions,” supporters of libraries who are not staff or trustees, are needed to speak at the luncheon on how the library helps them.
   v. This year’s Fall into Books will be taking place on Friday, October 25th at the Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel and Conference Center in Kingston. Registration forms for Fall into Books will go out soon.
   vi. Professional applications are out for New York Comic Con and librarians that submitted their applications when they were first made available might have already gotten confirmation back from ReedPop. Unfortunately, Comic Con doesn’t seem to be giving out tickets as prizes for summer reading programs this year: some teen librarians who requested them from ReedPop heard nothing back, some heard that the prize tickets were already given out for the
year, and some heard ReedPop weren’t giving any tickets as prizes out.

e. RCLS News
   i. The juvenile book preview is currently available for viewing and requesting at RCLS through Wednesday, June 5th.
   ii. Applications for the RCLS Annual Meeting Awards are due on Friday, June 14th.
   iii. VidCode, the coding program meant for youth in grades 3-12, received a positive response at the system’s services meeting. Now it continues on to the Directors Association Meeting to see if the library directors have an interest in paying to add it to the list of RCLS databases.

4. Committee Updates
   a. Battle of the Books Committee- The committee came up with a new mission statement: “The mission of the RCLS Battle of the Books is to foster a love of reading to area teens through fun and friendly competition, and to promote collaboration between libraries, schools, and other community organizations.” This year’s Battle will be taking place on Sunday, September 8th at SUNY Orange (also known as Orange County Community College) with pizza being made available to teens at 11 AM and the Battle beginning promptly at noon and runs until 4:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for pizza and soda distribution before the Battle begins. The date to commit to participate in the Battle is Saturday, June 1st (if you’re not sure if you’ll wind up with more than ten teens participating, you don’t need to know whether you’ll have one or two teams at the Battle by this date). The registration fee for the Battle is $75 per team and is due to Joanna by Monday, July 15th. If you need an invoice for the registration fee, let Joanna know. The committee is thinking of buying an electronic scoreboard for the event instead of the flippable card contraption we currently use for the Battle. There have also been slight changes made to the rules for the battle; the revised version of the rules will be available online soon. If you have any extra prizes, send them to Joanna at RCLS by Friday, August 30th. The final head count for each team is due to Dianne (daimone@rcls.org) by Wednesday, September 4th. The next meeting of the BotB Committee is on Monday, June 10th from 9:00-10:00 AM at the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society.
   b. Mock Printz Committee- 15 books have been removed from contention and 10 new books added to the list of possible contenders. There was discussing about whether the Mock Printz Award should be changed to a
RCLS Teen Librarians Choice Award. The next committee meeting is on Friday, June 10th at Goshen, starting at 10:00 AM.

5. Summer Programs- Our special topic for the meeting was the 2019 “A Universe of Stories” summer reading program. As in most years, some libraries focus on programs that relate to the space theme while others put more emphasis on programs that have been popular in previous years. The space theme does allow for a lot of science fiction and fandom-influences, from screenings of movies that take place in space to fanfiction writing workshops.

6. Next Meeting:
   a. Date: To be announced. Have a great summer, good luck with your summer reading program, and see you in the fall!
   b. Special Topic: As usual, our topic at our first fall meeting will be “Best and worst of Summer 2019.” Tell us all about which programs worked and which didn’t!