

Children's Meeting Minutes 1.25.18

Present: Anne, Cathy, Dani, Denise, Elizabeth, & Stephanie (minutes)

Presentation on Mobile Circulation System by Mark Grotelueschen

- Mark demonstrated how to set up and use the mobile circulation system, including the iPad app and accessories. He has sent out a user's guide. The kit can be booked by emailing Mark.

Branch Questions and Successes

- **Auburn:** Asked about how other branches schedule shared spaces, discussed the intranet calendars.
- **Sage:** STEM Kits are almost here – probably by May. More details and information will be released once they have been finalized with applicable departments. Book bundles are not doing as well at Sage.
- **Pinconning:** Book bundles have really begun to move since moving to their new display locations. Valentine's Bingo was a huge hit, especially using grab-bag prizes to maximize excitement without increasing budget.
- **Wirt:** Chocolate Olympics had sugar for everyone! A mix of competitive and passive programs was good for the crowd, but the best was the no-hands hostess eating competition.

Committee Updates

- **Admin:** No major updates.
- **Baby Bags:** Moving forward with a grant to fund the bags. A list of proposed resources has been created, but no funding has been assigned.
- **Theme Kits:** Alyssa, Wirt's intern, has put together a number of theme ideas. A basic structure for the bags, as well as how to display them, has been discussed pending funding.
- **Storywalk:** Auburn has been given one of the Library of Michigan's Braille storywalk kits. The supplies will be received in June, and will go in one of the parks in Auburn.
- **Unique Collections:** STEM kits are in final phases, with puzzles being converted from honor system to actual circulation after that.
- **Displays:** Please share your display ideas! The whiteboard on the intranet could be a good place for this.
- **Signage/Interior:** Shelf dividers for subject areas are being tested in the Wirt Children's room presently.
- **Good Grade Incentives:** Will have a component for grade school, tween, and teens, possibly involving punch cards. Homeschool students are being considered as the program develops, and they are looking into how various schools in the area run their marking periods.

Winter Reading Program

- Numbers are down significantly from last year for both WRP and Badge Challenge

- Could the program be shortened for a more concentrated burst of promotion/energy? Or moved to December to cover the winter school holiday?
- Staff feel like there are too many sign-ups being pushed at patrons all at once. Several comments about overlap with 1000 Books Before Kindergarten families. Could we change method of recording to match that style?
- Badge Challenge will be separated from WRP in 2019 and moved into March for Reading Month.

Summer Music Program Kit

- Ideas were shared and several were settled upon, including music bookmarks (they're coding too!), easy composing activities for kids, and making noisemakers. Request for any other ideas is still open, along with the number of crafts supplies expected for each branch.

Upcoming Outreach Events

- Winter Family Fun Festival – Elizabeth and Stephanie will go to this event at the Bay City Town Center, organized by the Bay Arenac Great Start Collaborative
- Summer Activities Night at Kolb Elementary on Tuesday, March 6 from 6-8pm – Anne will be going
- Concerts in the Park schedule for this summer will be sent out later

Summer Reading Program

- Oriental Trading Order is due 2/28, with a branch budget of \$200
- Book Selection Meeting will remain on Monday, March 26 so that more people can attend
- Dutch Village coupons for free rounds of putt putt have been offered to us. After discussion, it was decided these would fit best as final prizes. They will be designed and printed in-house, with Dutch Village to honor them.

Button Maker Demonstration

- Anne demonstrated the library's new button maker.

Horse Label Replacement

- Discussion of replacement for the discontinued Demco horse sticker. Anne brought several options, which were voted on. The new sticker will be sent out to branches to print.

Sharing

- Dani: *Mr. Squirrel and the Moon* by Sebastian Meschenmoser – very cute story about a squirrel who believes the moon has fallen onto his tree and he will be accused of stealing it.
- Cathy: Showed off her new portable craft tables from Michael's wonderful to store crafts in for each child at storytime and alleviates the need for a space-occupying table.

- Denise: *Rabbit Moon* by Jean Kim, and *Evermore Dragon* by Barbara Joose – both are picture books with fun, positive messages for kids
- Stephanie: *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur* – a comic series from Marvel that’s appropriate for kids, features a diverse female hero, and a TV series has been announced
- Elizabeth: Demonstrated two adorable new puppets for the storytime kits: Bear in a Tree and Rat in a Tin Can (way cuter than it sounds). She also showed off the *Book of Bones: 10 Record-Breaking Animals* by Gabrielle Balkan and *Read the Book, Lemmings!* by Ame Dyckman. Finally, she shared a fabulous template for booktalking by using points that pop – “Series Alert,” “Starring,” “For Fans of…” and more.
- Anne: *King & Kayla* transitional chapter books by Dori Hillestad Butler