

# YAACS Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7:00-8:00 pm

Vancouver Public Library Branch, Level 8 Board Breakout room and Phone-in

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Attendees: Julia McKnight (chair), Stephanie Hong, Jenny Zhang, Patricia Lesku, Sarah Harrison, Rhiannon Wallace, Sabrina, Miles.

## YAACS Meeting

### Agenda

1. **Approval of agenda**
2. **Approval of minutes from our July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting**
3. **Committee / Rep Updates**

**Chair, Vice-Chair and Past Chair** (Julia McKnight, Patricia Lesku, Kate Longley)

- All positions filled

**YAACS Awards Committee** – (Sarah Tarcea) – no updates

**YAACING Newsletter** – (Leah Pearce GVPL, Kate Wood GVPL) – no updates

**Continuing Education – Teen Services - Lower Mainland** (Cristina Freire BPPL, Stephanie Hong VPL)

- Planning is underway. The collective will be polled using YAACS listserv.
- YSI feedback provided: emerging tech / STEAM, life skills, advocacy, building relationships with teens

**Continuing Education – Children’s Services - Lower Mainland** (Jenny Zhang VPL, Sarah Bagshaw VPL)

- Ideas stage, nothing confirmed. Possibilities include: storytime props, felt making sway, social / emotional workshop; how Libraries can support families; support for parents with school-age kids (ie. Homework); incorporating ASL into storytime
- **ACTION:** please send ideas and presenters to Jenny and Sarah

**Continuing Education – Vancouver Island** (Nikky McCarvill and Kate Wood GVPL)

- There will be a Fall workshop on the island

**Continuing Education – Kootenays** (Avi Silberstein)

- Registration has been strong. Rhiannon is attending and will report back to group

**BCTLA/BCTF Representative** (Frances Renzullo-Cuzzetto & Angela Monk) – no updates

**SLAIS Liaisons** (Rhiannon Wallace)

- Currently in the process of transferring the position to a new representative. Rhiannon Wallace standing in temporarily.

**Red Cedar Book Award** (Marilyn MacPherson VPL) – no updates

#### **4. Continuing Business**

- YAACS is carrying forward \$1,200.00 budget from previous YSI which will be used for speakers and travel fees.
- Brainstorming topic for YSI: serving vulnerable families, panel of speakers with breakout sessions, community engagement (how to form partnerships and with whom, best practices); cycle back to early years topic; lightning talks connected to theme.
  - How to run a Teen Advisory Group
  - Library as community living room (how to play at the library alongside traditional services)
  - Launching “curiosity collections” (makey-makey, fitbit, backyard birdwatching kit)
  - SRC and beyond the book – inclusive summer programming that supports the community. Some examples: read a book w/ a protagonist from a different culture (teen challenge); read a story to a family member, act of kindness.
- **ACTION:** Julia, Patricia, Sarah regroup and refine YSI ideas and send to listserv
- **ACTION:** Everyone. Share speaker ideas once topic has been refined

#### **5. New Business**

- Patricia is co-organizing [Code4Lib](#) un-conference and encourages others to participate. November 28, 29 at West Vancouver Memorial Library and Capilano University, BC. Tickets are \$10. Lightning talks in the morning and breakout sessions in the afternoon.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8 pm Vancouver Public Library Branch, Level 8 Board Breakout room and Phone-in