**Youth Services Section**

**NCLA Business Meeting**

**October 19 2021**

Attendees: Chair Matt Mano, Scholarship Director Christin Daubert, Outgoing Chair Lisa Donaldson, NC Book Award Rep Janet West, State Library of North Carolina Liaison Jasmine Rockwell, Director at Large Jessica Reid, Jordan Conner, Tammiika Frowner, Secretary Tracey Bagnato, Outgoing Secretary Jewel Davis, Director of Membership Alicia Finley, Treasurer Helen Yamamoto, Amanda Yetter, John Russell,

Meeting began at 3:45

**YSS Executive Board**

Matt introduced the new executive board

* **Chair**: Matt Mano, Youth Services Librarian, Onslow County Public Library [matthew\_mano@onslowcountync.gov](mailto:matthew_mano@onslowcountync.gov)
* **Vice Chair/Chair**: Elect Amanda Weaver, Children’s Librarian, Person County [aweaver@personcountync.gov](mailto:aweaver@personcountync.gov)
* **Secretary**: Tracy Bagnato, Youth Services Librarian, Wake County [tracy.bagnato@wakegov.com](mailto:tracy.bagnato@wakegov.com)
* **Treasurer**: Helen Yamamoto, Library Manager, Morrisville Community Library, [hyamamoto@wakegov.com](mailto:hyamamoto@wakegov.com)
* **Director of Membership**: Alicia Finley, Children’s Library Services Specialist II, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library [afinley@cmlibrary.org](mailto:afinley@cmlibrary.org)
* **Director at Large**: Jessica Reid, Teen Librarian, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library [jreid@cmlibrary.org](mailto:jreid@cmlibrary.org)
* **Scholarship Director**: Christin Daubert, Early Childhood Librarian, Southern Pines Public Library [cdaubert@sppl.net](mailto:cdaubert@sppl.net)

**Grant Recipients**

The present YSS grant recipients Christin Daubert (Southern Pines), Amanda Yetter (Perry Memorial), and Tammiika Frowner (Fayetteville State University) briefly spoke about their progress.

**YSS Biennium Goals**

Matt shared ideas for the upcoming Biennium including:

* Organizing the retreat
* Updating the bylaws
* Seeking feedback through the member survey for programming ideas
  + https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqFI0T-1qKug1OtY75ZFD5e1L\_9fdeqk1WJ2FIi601flm6DQ/viewform
  + Jessica will also share the survey in the teen programming session on Friday.
* Networking opportunities and professional development. We are hoping to offer both virtual programming and in-person meetups

**YSS at NCLA Conference**

Two YSS sponsored sessions are on Friday

* Early Literacy to-go: Outreach and Self-Directed Activities to Empower Child Care Centers, Parents & Caregivers

10:15am - 11:15am, Oct 22

Speaker: Christin Daubert, Early Childhood Librarian, Southern Pines Public Library

* From Among Us to Tik Tok: Focusing on the needs and interests of Teens

10:15am - 11:15am, Oct 22

Speakers: Alicia Finley, Library Associate, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library; Gracey Gordon, STEAM Services Manager, Durham County Library; Megan Mosher, Teen Librarian, Mooresville Public Library; Jessica Reid, Teen Librarian, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

**State Library of North Carolina Updates**

* YALSA transforming teen modules will go out soon.
* The codes for the CSLP manuals have gone out to each library’s designated contact. Contact Jasmine if your library didn’t receive their code.
* Timothy Owens is leaving the State Library, so there will be a vacancy

**YSS Grants Discussion**

* Helen asked attendees to let YSS know what they would like to see offering in grants.
* Attendees suggested graphic novels grant and group discussed how to purchase in a more sustainable way and providing activity or lesson ideas for the selected texts. Reluctant reader texts were also brought up as an option for purchasing. Adaptations of classics and novels, hosting a professional development on graphic novels. Ways to show value and learning opportunities.
* Esports and gaming as a multifaceted opportunity to engage youth with much programming potential
* Grade Level Reading - maybe a grant to strengthen the training and school/multi-library connections
* The YSS board will seek additional member input before determining grant focus.

Meeting adjourned 4:43