

BAYA

Bay Area Young Adult Librarians

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2006
9:00 am—12:00 pm

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Minutes

January 31, 2006 – San Francisco Public Library

Report on Finances

We're seeing a decline in membership. Current balance is \$4943.00. The October author symposium lost \$750 because of low attendance.

When should dues be payable? How can we make people more responsible about paying their dues? This item set aside as an agenda item for a future meeting.

Book Review Editor

Book Review Editor Position is currently vacant as Erica Tang, recently elected, has taken a job in Southern California. Debbie Carton agreed to take on this job. Her e-mail address is dec1@ci.berkeley.ca.us – where book reviews should be sent to her as attachments.

BALIS Teen Forum

This may be the last BALIS Teen Forum as there is so much overlap between BAYA and BALIS Teen group. The forum, entitled "Teen Program Buffet" will be held on Thursday, February 23 from 9:30 – 12:30 at San Francisco Public Library in the Lower Level, Latino-Hispanic Meeting Room. There will be an opportunity to hear about all kinds of different programming ideas for teens. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

In other BALIS news, Teresa explained the National Library Week campaign being promoted by BALIS Public Relations Committee. PSAs on TV, buses, and in movie theatres featuring teens will run during April.

ALA Midwinter Reports

Brian Boies reported on Book Selection Committees. ALA Annual is still planned for New Orleans. New Orleans Public Library is sponsoring a "work day" which attendees can sign up for when registering for ALA. Vi Dyas attended the Teens & Technology program which featured a gaming night and karaoke. BPL is planning some programs related to this, including karaoke next month. OPL is getting ready to purchase video games for checkout. Tracy Firestone served as chair of the YA Galley Committee. Betsy Levine was on this year's Printz Award Committee. Pete Villasenor attended a Sandra Cisneros reading, sat in on Quick Picks and also attended the YALSA Gaming Night.

Round Robin

Debbie Carton is starting a "Serious Teen Fantasy & SF Book Club at BPL. They'll meet at 4pm on Thursdays with tea & scones in front of a video of a roaring fire in honor of JRR Tolkien et al. Jennifer Collins announced that there will be a Spanish language Book Fair held at SFPL on Friday, February 24 from 9am-4pm. All are encouraged to attend. Saturday, February 25 at 3:30 pm, Pleasanton Public Library will be hosting Word for Word performing the short story "Note to Sixth Grade Self" by Julie Orringer. They will also be performing at various San Mateo County libraries as well as SFPL. For more information on Word for Word, go to <http://www.zspace.org/schoollibrary.jsp>. Susan Woolrich of Poem Crazy will do a teen workshop at the Campbell Library on March 22nd. On February 23, Berkeley Public will have Sisterz of the Underground doing a DJ workshop for teens. (They recently did two workshops at San Francisco Public Library.) February 8, Milpitas Library will have a Poetry Slam hosted by National Poetry Slam past champion Mike McGee which includes a pre-slam workshop. Mike McGee can be booked via his website: www.mikemcgee.net or e-mail: johnnyappledog@gmail.com. He charges approximately \$250 and is highly recommended by Don Phillips. On February 28, Los Altos Library will have a Dance Dance Revolution competition. There was much enthusiasm for an announcement of an LSTA grant being written to finance statewide

[San Francisco] Bay Area Young Adult Librarians is an organization for teen services librarians from public and school libraries. We review fiction and nonfiction books, and publish our annual **Hot Picks**. We also provide continuing education for librarians. Members meet in January, March, May, July, September and November at various San Francisco Bay Area libraries. Membership is open to all those interested in promoting and improving library service to teenagers.

Hip Hop programs. Oakland Public recently had a jewelry-making program with Chelsea, Queen of the Nile which was very successful and low cost. Teresa announced that the BAYA Performers Blog, which she created, has had no activity and reminded us all that there is a link to it on the BAYA webpage. The web address, should you want to go there directly, is: <http://www.bayaprograms.blogspot.com/>.

Program: Comparing Teen Summer Reading Programs

[Your secretary apologizes in advance for the disjointed nature and possible lapses in the following minutes but it was that sort of a program...]

- **Registration:** San Mateo PL has online registration and book review forms. Contra Costa County has separate online reviews, downloadable forms as well as in person registration at a reference desk which seems to be where most libraries have teens register. Contra Costa's program was never held in the summer, but will be this year.
- **Intervals Rewarded:** Hours? Books? Pages? Pages or books? Teen sets own goals (Mountain View PL). A majority do books or pages, SFPL does hours.
- **Promotion:** Send flyers to English Departments, make school visits.
- **Start Date/Duration:** Some libraries do it the whole summer, some do approximately 6 weeks. This seems to depend on funding for prizes and how many prizes are given per teen.
- **Prizes:** Challenge – those that complete a certain level have the opportunity to paint the librarian for 10 minutes (this was done in New York libraries as reported by painted librarian, Tracy Firestone): gel wristband, paperbacks, Great America passes, gift certificates, drawings/raffles for big prizes, dragon figurines. Two catalogs that were recommended were Raymond Geddes and Oriental Trading Company for inexpensive trinkets. Work together as a network to get cheaper prizes in quantity which each library system being able to have their logo etc. on the item. (This was done by a consortium of libraries in New York.)
- **Programs/Events:** Weekly gaming/strategic board games, scrapbooking classes, movies shown weekly, babysitting workshop taught by staff from local hospital or Red Cross (for younger teens). San Leandro has no prizes, just a very well-attended party at the end.

Next BAYA Meeting – March 28 at San Leandro Public Library – Program will be on teen volunteering.