

BAYA Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2009
Oakland Public Library

Members present:

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| 1. Elsie Tep, President | 6. Carol Marquis, Book
Review Editor | 14. Betsy Levine |
| 2. Dana Aleshire,
Vice President | 7. Jack Baur, Webmaster | 15. Will Marston |
| 3. Sarah La Torra,
Treasurer | 8. Gary Morrison | 16. Jodi Mitchell |
| 4. Brandi Bette Smead,
Secretary | 9. Brian Boies | 17. Nicole Pasini |
| 5. Shawna Sherman,
Book Review Chair | 10. Kay Finney | 18. Linda Phillips |
| | 11. Amanda Jacobs Foust | 19. Joy Shiohita |
| | 12. Marie Richardson | 20. Rob Spitzel |
| | 13. Anna Koval | 21. Kelly Keefer |

Introductions: What is the most requested item in your library?

- Boy in the Striped Pajamas/ John Boyne
- Always Running/ Luis J. Rodriguez
- Any Urban Fiction
- A Piece of Cake/ Cupcake Brown
- Gossip Girl/ Cecily von Ziegesar
- Clique/ Lisi Harrison
- P.C. Cast novels
- Graceling/ Kristin Cashore
- City of the Beasts/ Isabel Allende
- Watchmen/ Alan Moore
- Twisted/ Laurie Halse Anderson
- TTFN/ Lauren Myracle
- Graveyard Book/ Neil Gaiman
- Rick Riordan books
- Naruto/ Masashi Kishimoto
- Erin Hunter books
- Vampire Kisses/ Ellen Schreiber
- Evernight/ Claudia Gray
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid/ Jeff Kinney
- Baby Mouse/ Jennifer L. Holm
- Coraline/ Neil Gaiman
- Neil Gaiman books
- Fruits Basket/ Natsuki Takay

Meeting begins:

- Minutes from January were accepted.
- We would like to announce our new Web Master, Jack Baur, from Berkeley Public Library. He comes to us from the University of Washington and he loves comic books!

Fall Workshop:

- Tentative date: Thursday, October 15
- Program proposal: Urban Fiction
- If you want to join this committee, let us know.
- Betsy Levine, San Francisco Public Library: These sources would be a good place to start.
 - Juvenile Hall
 - Miranda Doyle
 - Amy Cheney

- Local author: Renee Jackson (Pat Richards may be a good contact for Renee.)
- Brian Boies, Oakland Public Library:
 - Author of *Straight Outta East Oakland*, Harry Louis Williams, minister
 - Mona Ruiz, gangbanger turned cop, author of *Two Badges*
- Jodi Mitchell, Oakland Public Library: check out this link about a couple of new urban titles: www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6637829.html?&rid=
- Kelly Keefer, San Leandro Public Library: Her director is opposed to having an urban fiction section in the library. How can we advocate for having urban fiction in our libraries?
- Brian Boies: He used “Rep da Bay” stickers on their books and books and they were still stolen.
- Marie Richardson, Mountain View Public Library: We should add something on how to defend the teen services in your library. How can we promote this to our directors and city councils? Let’s put aside some time during our next meeting to talk about this.

Outreach Committee: Kelly Keefer and Penny Peck

- Reaching out to our teens. What can we take back from our meetings to our teens?
- BAYA Logo Contest: Our logo now is simple and to the point. What would you all think about having a contest for teens for them to design a new logo for BAYA. We could do this in our teen advisory groups. They could work on a design together and submit one entry. This would be a great way to get all of our teens working together on a project. We will bring this up at our next meeting.

ALA Midwinter:

- Betsy Levine, San Francisco Public Library: Alex Award Committee. The Alex Award is given to adult books with high teen interest. This will be her last year on the committee. (She will finally be able to read teen lit again!) Check out <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/alexawards/alex09.cfm> for the 2009 winners.
- Margaret Edwards Award. This is a lifetime achievement award for an author and his or her body of work, not just a single book. Laurie Halse Anderson won for 2009.

Programs: Teen Tech Week

- Kelly Keefer: Rock Band tournament. They had 20+ teens. They scored by points not by lever. They had 2 PS2s, and LCD projector and a big screen. There was also a Wii available for free play. They are now no longer allowed to buy gift cards as prizes. Finance says that it cannot be proved that they are not using gift cards for themselves.
 - Jack Baur, Berkeley Public Library: In Jack’s experience, Rock Band tournament scoring is part points and part performance. They have had judges to score the performance part. This way people can compete

against each other in different levels and still have a chance at beating someone in a high experience level.

- Brandi Bette Smead, Benicia Public Library. This is the third year in a row that they have had independent filmmakers from LA who have led a workshop for the teens. There were 19 teens who divided into 5 teams. They all had a scene to shoot. They had a little over an hour to shoot the footage. They uploaded over lunch and then spent the afternoon editing their film. At the end of the day, the teens watched and critiqued everyone's films, including the instructors' film! Check out the films on Facebook, "Teen Zone Benicia."
- Dana Aleshire, CCC Library, San Pablo: They had an "Amp your MySpace" event where people were instructed on how to improve the looks of their MySpace profile. Only 4 attended.
- Jodi Mitchell:
 - Youth Leadership Council. Teens will be writing letters to the Mayor and City Council Members stating the importance of teen services at local libraries. The first meeting will be about how to write a letter to a politician. "What the library, Teen Zone and teen services mean to them. Teens will give feedback to revamp the website.
 - Hospital Teen Outreach: Oakland Public Library has opened a kiosk in the hospital. Jodi heard about a grant (Operation Teen Book Drop: TBD) where YALSA and Readergirlz donate free books to people who need them. They got 600 books! The teens will be putting in bookplates. OPL also reads to teens in the immune suppressed ward of the hospital.
- Betsy Levine:
 - They will also revamp their new teen webpage by getting input from the teens. There will be a new blog.
 - Intergenerational program: they have now merged the teen and adult knitting circles. Volunteers from their Friends group help out.
- Sarah LaTorra, Redwood City Library: They did a mask design workshop. She printed masks on card stock. The teens cut them out and decorated them with feathers, sequins, glitter, etc. This was open to high school and middle school. 15 attended.

What it means to be a Soldier: Brian Boies, Oakland Public Library

Link to article: <http://pdfs.voya.com/VO/YA2/VOYA200904SoldierResources.pdf>

The idea for this article came about in 2005 when Brian came across a teen who was in frantic need of some information about joining the military. Her parents were making her enlist and she wanted to be informed. Brian found almost nothing and decided this was a disservice to the teens who desperately need this information.

Recruiters have bad reputations about their antics and philosophies for recruiting fresh meat. Many promise these potential soldiers what they want to hear just to meet their quota. The new GI bill passed in August, which grants a free ride to a university for anyone who has joined the military after 9/11. Stop-Loss has been a problem in the recent past. The soldiers have completed their commitments to the US Military and

instead of being allowed to go home, they are automatically re-enlisted for another tour. This is unfair and inhumane.

According to American Friends Service Committee, 25% more high school dropouts are enlisting now. The military has changed their standards to make sure that they get the soldiers they need. They are also more lenient about past criminal activities of the perspective recruits. There is a \$35,000 re-enlistment bonus. They have created a resource that every library should carry: *It's My Life: A Guide to Alternatives After High School*. To order the book, go to this link: <http://www.tools.afsc.org/itsmylife/get-the-guide.html>. The book is only available from this website.

Right now, there are no jobs for teens. Everyone is fighting for his or her spot in the work force and the military is looking more promising to teens every day. As the teens are looking for guidance, the library needs to be there with information so that they may make informed decisions.

For the article, Brian focused on nonfiction. Most teens want what is really going on not just stories about war and the military. You should look to veterans groups. There will be veterans who are pro and against military and war. The teens will want to look at both sides.

Resources: (A complete list of the resources is in the article.)

- The Blog of War: Front-Line Dispatches from Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan
ISBN: 978-0743294188 (Pro war)
- War Is...: Soldiers, Survivors and Storytellers Talk about War
ISBN: 978-0763642310 (Fiction/nonfiction, essays for teens)
- Lioness (DVD)
Order film: <http://lionessthefilm.com/dvd/> Release date: June 2009
(Documentary from PBS about the first female platoon in combat)
- Guide to Joining the Military
ISBN: 978-0768914412
- Project on Youth and Non-military Opportunities
All of their pamphlets are available to download from <http://www.projectyano.org/>.
- Generation Kill (from the creator of the wire)
<http://www.hbo.com/generationkill/>
HBS series. This is the most realistic (but fictional) portrayal of war created.
- Soldiers of Conscience (DVD)
Order film: <http://www.socfilm.com/>

DO NOT BUY or RECOMMEND:

- The Military and Teens: It Happened to Me,
Scarecrow Press, Inc.; illustrated edition (May 28, 2008)

Book Recommendations:

- Bloody Jack/ L. A. Meyer
- Day of Tears/ Julius Lester
- Hattie, Big Sky/ Kirby Larson
- Before I Die/ Jenny Downham
- Jellicoe Road/ Melina Marchetta
- Hunger Games/ Suzanne Collins
- Bonjour Tristess/ Françoise Sagan
- Playing with Matches/ Brian Katcher
- Graveyard Book/ Neil Gaiman
- My Abandonment/ Peter Rock
- Little Brother/ Cory Doctorow
- Piece of Cake/ Cupcake Brown
- Brothers Rodriguez/ Carlos Jalife
- The Glass Castle/ Jeanette Walls
- Suicide Notes/ Michael Thomas Ford
- Saving Francesca/ Melina Marchetta
- Heroes of the Valley/ Jonathan Stroud
- Each Little Bird That Sings/ Debbie Wiles
- Triple Shot Betty's in Love/ Jody Gehrman
- American Born Chinese/ Gene Luen Yang
- A Curse Dark as Gold/ Elizabeth C. Bunce
- Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow/ Jessica Day George
- Jessica's Guide to Dating on the Dark Side/ Beth Fantaskey

E-Resources:

- YALit: <http://www.yalit.com/>
- Database of Award Winning Children's Literature: <http://www.dawcl.com/>
- Midwest Teen Sex Show: <http://midwestteensexshow.com/>
- YALSA Book: <http://lists.ala.org/wws/info/yalsa-bk>
- YALSA Young Adult Advisory Councils: <http://lists.ala.org/wws/info/ya-yaac>
- Amy Cheney (I am not sure what about Amy is here, a blog or list serv?)
- The Series Binder: http://seriesbinder.lishost.org/index.php/Main_Page
- HCPL Storytime Database: <http://www.hcpl.net/ebranch/news/archives/000171.html>
- The YA YA YAs: <http://theyayayas.wordpress.com/>
- Guy Wire: <http://guyslitwire.blogspot.com/>
- Readergirlz: <http://readergirlz.blogspot.com/>

Next Meeting:

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Topic: Gaming: programming and collection development