

TLN Youth Services Committee Meeting
Friday, May 14th, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Angela Warsinske and introductions were made.
- January minutes were approved with a motion by Jocelyn Levin (Lyon) and Tee Versle (Romulus) seconded.
- The agenda was approved with a motion by Ashley Lehman (Orion), Mike DiMuzio (Southgate) seconded.

State and Local Committee Updates

- Sarah Leonard (Walled Lake) stepped up and was voted in as Chair-elect.
- There were no TLN updates.

Transitioning Back to In-person work?

Waterford is open for short visits, both browsing and computers.

Lyon is open for 30 minute grab and go (browsing, computers, and curbside).

Salem-South Lyon has a new drive-up window and is open for 30 minutes visits (both browsing and computers).

Orion is open for 45 minute visits (90 minutes for computers and makerspace appointments). They are putting furniture back out. They are also offering outdoor storytime (staff is masked).

Romulus is open for 30 minute visits, 1 hour computer visits. They are offering outdoor storytime (recording for Facebook live, staff are not wearing masks because of Facebook recording). They also have a city-wide program to connect seniors with vaccine appointments.

Southgate is open for 30 minutes visits, has pick-up lockers, and curbside pick-up.

Oxford has been open for browsing since June [2020].

Madison Heights is offering curbside only and will be open for grab and go beginning May 24th.

Livonia is open with limited access, short visits, computer use by appointment, curbside and walk-up service. They're offering virtual programming and outdoor storytime. Masks are not enforced for patrons during outdoor storytimes, but staff will continue to wear them. Livonia had a vaccination clinic, and firefighters administered shots.

Wayne is open for 60 minute computer use and grab and go.

Taylor is open for 30 minute grab and go, two hour computer appointments, curbside, and home delivery for residents. Their plan is to have all staff back in the building by the end of summer

(with projections of vaccines). Posted to Facebook to offer patrons help booking vaccine appointments. They will start outdoor programming in June for book clubs and an outdoor reading room. Masking is being enforced.

Novi is open for 60 minute visits. Drive-up window and locker reservations are available too. All programming is currently virtual.

Wixom is open for 30 minute browsing, computer appointments, virtual programming, and all staff will be back in the building starting next week.

Belleville is open for 60 minute computer use and for browsing. They are planning pop up storytimes for the summer. All of their summer reading programs will be online.

Walled Lake is open for 30 minute visits, offering curbside before the pandemic but much more use now due to increased awareness. They will offer outdoor storytimes in June, masks are required for staff, also their walking group is still meeting. There will be a summer hike/storytime for preschoolers at a local park. They will be using Wandoo Reader.

Rochester will have all staff returning to their regular schedule June 14. They are still in the grab and go phase, staff is masked, computers are available for a limited time.

Summer Reading Program How is your library handling summer reading this year? What platform is your library using? Is it all virtual? What kinds of programs are you doing? What are you most excited about?

Salem-South Lyon will be using ReadSquared. There are paper logs for patrons upon request. They will have weekly grab and go crafts for youth, preschool, and teens. The programming will be virtual at this point.

Oxford is hosting almost all of the summer programming outside (storytimes, older kid programs, and a few entertainers). They have a few indoor STEAM programs planned for very small numbers.

Romulus summer reading program will also be all outside, they had little to no participants for virtual programs last year.

Springfield is offering storytime in a local subdivision where there are lots of children, and in a local park. It's their first attempt at something like this.

Walled Lake summer reading program is all online too. All staff has been in the building the whole time they were open (only 8 employees). They will also have a table at the farmers market again this summer.

Oak Park will be having digital events (puppet shows and storytime), grab and go crafts, and socially distant outdoor storytime at the farmer's market.

Orion is moving to all paper logs and a game board. Children earn stamps on a passport. They are transitioning take and make crafts to in-person outdoor events. They are also doing outside storytime in collaboration with the parks and other libraries in the area.

Oxford summer reading program will be online with Beanstack or in person with paper logs. Patrons can choose which they prefer, but have to do either/or. The online and paper programs are identical.

Southgate will have their summer reading program 100% online this year.

Livonia will have everything for summer reading outdoors (storytime, wacky kids olympics, colorful art installation, petting farm, messy mystery Mondays, tween Tuesdays, the Music Lady, magic workshop, magician, Phoenix Freerunning workshop). They're using Beanstack. They are also doing Dial-a-Story with monthly themes and take-and-go crafts to match the theme. For Dial-a-Story, staff records stories to a dedicated phone line and patrons can choose a story. They read picture books so it will last from 3 - 5 minutes on average. They also include jokes and fun facts that go along with the theme.

Taylor is offering paper logs for the summer reading program. They still offer a form on their website for those that do not want to come in. They will be trying an outdoor drive-in movie and outdoor reading marathon (*House on Mango Street* will be read aloud).

Wixom will be using Beanstack and everything will be virtual. They will have a Community Scavenger Hunt in partnership with local parks and businesses, it will be hosted on Beanstack. They are increasing the number and frequency of graph and craft kits for all age groups.

Rochester is using Beanstack for the first time, previously they only had paper logs. They also have Phone-a-Story that works like a voicemail. The message has to be less than 5 minutes, sometimes just a joke or poem is used. There's a family line, preschool line, and one for kindergarten - 6th grade.

Fowlerville is using Beanstack as well as paper logs if people prefer. They have a petting zoo and storytime planned for outside. Otherwise everything is take & make crafts or zoom crafting programs. They will have zoom and Facebook live storytimes.

Romulus is using paper game boards and reading logs as well, They are working with resources from the Detroit Zoo for a storytelling program.

Salem-South Lyon asked if those who have used Kahoot would share their experience.

Orion uses Kahoot a lot, they used it for virtual Battle of the Books. They've used both synchronized and asynchronous versions with lots of success.

Taylor has not used Kahoot but a local middle school does all the time and says their kids love it.

Waterford is doing both paper and Wandoo Reader for the reading program. Weekly grab and go craft kits, outdoor storytime, a virtual K9 program with White Lake. White Lake and Waterford are partnering for this program. Each library will register 50 people, the K-9 human officer will provide a presentation and canine officers will be involved. They have also decided to move money to incentives versus performers.

Wayne will use Wandoo Reader for a second year. They will have a mix of virtual and in person activities. Storytime will be in person, outside. They have two in-person performers.

Novi is using Beanstack. Storytime will be virtual with lots of opportunities for grab and go craft kits. We are partnering with the city to provide some in-person programming at a local park.

[Discussion was paused for the presentation.]

Andrew Sarpolis from Turn Oakland County Green presenting on what libraries can do to be green and sustainable

Sarpolis discussed his presentation "Creating and Enhancing Sustainable Libraries". The full presentation will be available on the TLN Youth Services committee website. For more information their website is Turnoaklandcountygreen.com

Sarpolis provided an overview of how transportation plans, infrastructure, and planning committees can better prepare our spaces to be green. Examples included:

- Encouraging walking or biking
- Bike lanes
- Charging stations for electric vehicles
- More green spaces, green roofs, and solar panels.

Other things libraries can do are:

- Reducing waste
- Minimize energy usage with smart technology
- Use eco-friendly products
- Reduce consumption
- Rain gardens or rain barrels to reduce run off
- Native plantings help with reduction of water use.

Services the Library can provide to be more green:

- Educational programs

- eResources (avoid consuming printed materials and reduces emissions)
- Libraries as advocates for more sustainable choices from government bodies
- Proper disposal of materials

Questions:

Jocelyn Levin (Lyon) asked how do we encourage people to continue recycling if they're seeing the same truck picking up trash and recycling? Recycling is collected in the same truck but on separate sides of the truck. Recycled materials are still being processed.

Amanda Gehrke (Madison Heights) asked if Sarpolis or Turn Oakland County Green offered library presentations? Yes, the Turn Oakland County Green coalition will present to just about anyone.

Tee Versele (Romulus) asked if there were any recommendations for reducing plastic waste when ordering craft supplies, etc? Maybe vendors besides Amazon? No specific information was provided, other than Amazon isn't great for reducing plastic in their packing materials.

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[Discussion continued.]

Waterford requested outdoor storytime advice.

Angela Warsinske (Rochester Hills) suggested using big books since patrons are spread out.

Walled Lake has a fanny pack sound system for voice amplification.

Orion suggested using books with heavy dialog, performing the story instead of a traditional storytime or multiple copies of the book so staff can roam the crowd. Book Farm has a large selection of big books should anyone be interested.

Becky Price (Taylor) asked if any libraries were hiring performers? Taylor is not due to lack of virtual program attendance in the past.

Walled Lake isn't hiring any virtual performers.

Oxford is having a few performers outside. They are located next to a park, so we have a big, open space (bring your own blanket/chair).

Southgate is no longer doing virtual performers due to low attendance. No in-person events for the foreseeable future either.

Madison Heights is having the K-9 unit visit as an outdoor event. They are also doing Books & Bubbles event at local parks where families can stop by to get a book and bottle of bubbles, plus they will have a bubble machine as well as bubble wands for kids to play with.

Walled Lake requested silky fainting goats for programming but the handler denied the visit as they were classified as "a common surface".

Romulus is having Animal Magic come visit; they did not hear the same "common surface" issue. They are also partnering with the schools to create an enrichment program with summer school. This will be a collaborative story anthology.

Trenton will not be doing virtual due to low attendance. The best attendance they had last year was with Michigan Science Center who did a Zoom/Facebook Live program.

Waterford will be having a virtual pet show. They were also selected to participate in Inside out from the DIA, those that tour the whole campus can earn a raffle ticket. They are also doing a continent themed craft kit as grab and go crafts.

Belleville has hired nine virtual performers for all ages. However they are not sure if they will have good attendance.

Salem-South Lyon is doing a special program this year called Read Around the World. Each week they will focus on a region of the world providing a special craft and reading list. This is for kids 1st - 8th grades.

Becky Price (Taylor) asked if anyone would like to share any ideas they got from the presentation or really cool eco/sustainable things they're currently doing.

Her suggestions are:

- Work on a public transportation initiative from the high school to the library
- Story walk on the way to the library to encourage walking instead of driving
- City Recycling center information program
- How to make a rain garden program
- Change the remote printing process to print upon arrival to save paper from unclaimed jobs

Rochester is working with the Pollinator Club to have more native plantings and collaborating with the Early Childhood Specialist to create a better outdoor program space.

Romulus is doing a Backyard Habitats program, building bug hotels/pollinator habitats, and handing out native plant seeds.

Wixom asked if any libraries required registration or offered craft kits for outdoor storytime.

Walled Lake offers a craft kit with outdoor storytimes.

Romulus does not require registration for their outdoor storytime. They have provided a craft instruction video on Facebook as doing a craft outside isn't really possible right now.

Oxford is not requiring registration for storytime, nor are they doing a craft. They are having performers.

Waterford is not doing registration for outdoor storytime but they are providing a grab and go craft from the children's department.

Orion is not doing craft or registration for outdoor storytime, the participation has been low at the library, the Parks and Rec department sometimes provides a craft kit for the parks storytime.

Oxford is not doing a craft for storytime, they are having performers.

Ashley Lehman (Orion) asked how everyone was reducing waste.

Walled Lake is providing sustainable crafts such as owls out of pine cones and bird feeders.

Salem-South Lyon switched their grab and go crafts to a paper merchandise bag that is recyclable.

Waterford has created a craft corner to demonstrate by video instead of creating long instructions.

Wixom posts videos or email instructions to save printing paper instructions.

Lyon is sending all of their virtual programs to the TLN listserv so we can share programming

Taylor is moving towards more sustainable summer reading prizes instead of trinkets (this was sent out on the Mich-Lib listserv).

Lyon asked how libraries are conducting school visits.

Orion is doing virtual visits.

Salem-South Lyon will be sending videos to the school.

Romulus is meeting with the principals to advertise resources and SRP, then requesting visits to middle/high schools to increase teen engagement.

Oxford is going to send videos to the schools.

Walled Lake has received a request to provide storytimes to specific classrooms.

Novi is making videos to send to the K - 4th classrooms

Tee Versele (Romulus) asked if anyone had found biodegradable glitter.

Salem-South Lyon ordered some on Amazon (single colors not multi).

Several people mentioned ecodust.com in the chat but it was also mentioned that they can be pricey.

Becky Price (Taylor) suggested Etsy.

Waterford uses glitter glue or glitter paint to avoid loose glitter.

11:48am Adjournment Next Meeting: Friday, August 13th Virtual or Salem-South Lyon

Attendance:

Nakenya Lewis-Yarbrough

Kristen Jayska

Amanda Gehrke

Jocelyn Levin

Danielle Mazur

Ashley Lehman

Stuart Sturton

Kim Burean

Angela Warsinske

Tee Versele

Cecile Bosshard

Kelly Soerens

Mike Dimuzio

Lisa Murawa

Becky Price

Janna VanHouten

Amalia Ash

Sarah Leonard

Cynthia Walker

Michelle van Well

Hannah Norman

Belleville

Livonia

Madison Heights

Lyon Township

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Orion Township

Oak Park

Oxford

Rochester Hills

Romulus

Salem-South Lyon

Salem-South Lyon

Southgate

Springfield

Taylor

TLN

Trenton

Walled Lake

Waterford

Wayne

Wixom