

Meeting called to order at 9:33 AM

October 2019 TLN YS Committee Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Angela Warsinske (Rochester Hills) and seconded by Suzy Migrin (Redford).

January 2020 TLN YS Committee Meeting Agenda was approved with a motion by Jocelyn Levin (Lyon), and seconded by Mike DiMuzio (Southgate).

Jocelyn Levin mentioned that the Michigan Library Association **Spring Institute Conference** is scheduled for March 19-20, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor (www.milibraries.org/spring-institute). Keynote speakers include:

- Cori Doerrfeld (author and illustrator of many picture books and graphic novels including Mitten Award Winner *The Rabbit Listened*)
- Alex Gino (author of middle grade novels *You Don't Know Everything*, *Jilly P!*, the Stonewall Award-winning *George*, and forthcoming *Rick*)
- Shannon Martin (Director of Michigan's Zibiwing Museum and Cultural Center and co-author of NAGPRA Comics, Issue 1: Journeys to Complete the Work: Stories about Repatriations and Changing the Way We Bring Native American Ancestors Home)
- Heather Wood-Gramza (speaking on Effective Change Making at Every Level)
- Sandy Ryder and Wild Swan Theatre (presenting on Dramatically-able: Storytelling and Engagement for All Abilities)

There were no TLN updates.

2020 Performer Showcase Suggestions:

Erin Look (Auburn Hills) has the full list, but the following were mentioned as possibilities for next year's showcase:

- Something more interactive – not just shows
- Lansing Hoops (hula hooping)
- Martial arts of some type
- Fresh Food Fairy
- Science Alive
- Local farms with mobile petting zoos
 - Michigan State Extension Center/Tollgate Farms
 - Chamberlin Farms (unicorn petting zoo)
 - Bower Farm
- Detroit Circus
- Someone to teach dancing, possibly Alegro Dance (story and dance together)

2020 Meeting Topic Suggestions:

Erin has the full list, but possible future topic suggestions included:

- Read by Grade 3
- How to recognize child abuse and when to report
- Grant Writing – how to find and how to write
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
 - Milford does a kid prize at 100, 300, 500, 700, & 900, plus a parent prize entry every 100
 - Orion does 500 Books by 5th Grade

Apps in Storytime:

Great Video: “Media Mentorship and Using Apps in Storytime”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ow_895t4NeU

How Are We Using Apps Now?

- Coding: Ozobot, Sphero, Scratch
- Try just a book app that reads the book and allows for a bit of interactivity with illustrations
- Try just replacing one thing in storytime with an app instead (one song, one book, one rhyme)
- Apps in storytime can be nice for communities where kids many not have iPads at home – provides some exposure to technology before entering kindergarten.
- Model for caregivers how not to use technology as a babysitter by showing interactive use of apps and not just consuming media but **engaging** with the media
- Bloomfield Twp. has App Storytime on Wednesday afternoons, ages 3-6, and each child has an iPad mini to use during the program. Only the three apps being featured in that storytime are installed on each iPad. Good choices are the Sandra Boynton app and the *“Monster at the End of This Book”* app.
- Brighton started strong with their “Apps in Laps” storytime once per month, but then it fizzled.
- Many libraries have LaunchPads circulating (tablets sold by the PlayAway company preloaded with about 10 apps each with no access to the internet)
- *I Hear Ewe* is a fun barnyard sound app
- Search for “Storytime App Webinar” to find lots of good free options to watch
- Finding Good Apps
 - Look for Digital Media Award winners
 - School Library Journal reviews apps periodically

- Show parents how to access a book from Hoopla, BookFlix, and Tumblebooks if you subscribe (note that some teachers are being blocked from Tumblebooks due to IP addresses being located within schools). Show ABC Mouse from inside the library
- AWE/iPads/tablets to use while in the library
 - Remember to market what we have and what they do – every day we have someone who isn’t aware because children age and there are new parents all the time.
 - Often hear “I’m going to play on the iPads!”, “No, you can do that at home! We are here to get BOOKS.”
- Canton has No-Tech-Tober
 - One day event in October
 - They cover or remove all the computers in the Youth area
 - Put out a manual typewriter to play with
 - Provide mirrors and paper to draw
 - Have a music dance party
- Some libraries celebrate Screen Free Week

How to Select & Use Apps in Storytime by Carissa Christner, Madison Public Library:

<http://littleelit.com>

- *Conscious decisions* around app use and technology use by families is what we want to encourage no matter what the decision turns out to be.
- We need to be able to pay the little companies that are making high quality apps, not just the giant companies that can afford to offer free apps
- Choose apps that have no advertisements
- Play apps vs educational apps
 - It’s okay to choose “play” apps!
 - Educational apps can be too basic – just ABCs, colors, numbers
- A Few Favorites
 - Chomp by Christoph Niemann - Live Video with all age fun that puts your face into the animation
 - Red in Bed by Pop Pop Pop - Book app
 - Lexi’s World by Pop Pop Pop LLC - Spelling
 - Endless Alphabet; Endless Numbers; Endless Spanish; Endless Wordplay all by Originator
 - Endless Reader by Originator (more expensive but includes all the “word packs” that are available as in-app purchases in other version)
 - Gorogoa - Great for older kids at home, but probably not for the library
- Go to <https://appsliced.co/> to sign up to get notifications if an app ever goes on sale

- Every time the App Store or iOS has a new update, any apps that are not being actively being updated become unusable so be aware
- It is important to keep an eye out for racist content
 - Native American imagery in “Totem Up”
 - If you see something problematic, DO reach out to the company – the more people who contact them, the more likely they are to fix it.
- How to Show Apps During Storytime
 - Use an Apple TV, a Smart TV, Chromecast, or connect a tablet via cord
 - If you need a way to transition to using a projector, have a puppet who always sings a song and pushes the buttons to turn on your projector.
 - Have the kids “blow out” the lights as you walk over to the light switches
- Wording for sharing apps:
 - “Not every family uses apps, but if your family does, this is one I like”
 - At the end of the program, “This is why I liked this app enough to share it with you...”
- Carissa reviews apps on her local television news for an “App of the Week” segment: <https://www.nbc15.com/search?searchKeywords=Carissa+Christner&sType=atc>
- Note that apps are not tax exempt – Carissa has worked with developers to try, but it has been unsuccessful 100% of the time.

Favorite Reads of 2019:

- [Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds](#)
- [The Year We Fell From Space by A.S. King](#)
- [Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths by Graham Annable](#)
- [Who Wet My Pants by Bob Shea](#)
- [The New Kid by Jerry Craft](#)
- [Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai](#)
- [Usual Suspects by Maurice Broaddus](#)
- [The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart](#)
- [The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle by Christina Uss](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 AM with a motion by Karen Dobson (Milford), and seconded by Mike DiMuzio (Southgate).

Our next TLN Youth Services Committee Meeting will be **Friday, March 13, 2020**, at 9:30am at **Milford Public Library**, 330 Family Drive Milford, MI 48381, www.milfordlibrary.info

In Attendance:

Patricia Ballard	Bloomfield Twp
Stephanie Williams	Brighton
Nichole Welz	Canton
Elissa Zimmer	Ferndale
Jordan Wright	Ferndale
Joyce Krom	Huntington Woods
Jocelyn Levin	Lyon Twp
Amanda Gehrke	Madison Heights
Karen Dobson	Milford
Ashley Lehman	Orion
Lauren Baker	Plymouth
Suzy Migrin	Redford
Angela Warsinske	Rochester Hills
Mike DiMuzio	Southgate
Becky Price	Taylor
Janna VanHouten	TLN
Michelle VanWell	Wayne
Lynne Bustin	Wyandotte

Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyn Levin, Lyon Twp.