

TLN Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes: Friday, August 14th, 2020

The agenda was approved with a motion by Angela Warsinske (Rochester Hills) and seconded by Kelly Soerens (Salem-South Lyon). March minutes were approved with a motion by Kim Poma (Garden City) and seconded by Lauren Baker (Plymouth).

State and Local Committee Updates:

Spring Institute has become Fall Institute. It will be a one day virtual event on Tuesday, October 22, 2020, as a preconference prior to MLA Annual Conference. They are using a platform called HopIn that does a great job of replicating the in-person experience with ways to chat with each other and interact.

Performer's Showcase will be virtual this year on October 9, 2020. We thought TLN might be putting together a showcase but that was incorrect.

There were no TLN updates.

2021 Officer Nominations

Elissa Zimmer nominated herself for Chair-Elect of our TLN Youth Services Committee.

Kelly Soerens, Salem-South Lyon, nominated herself for Secretary of our TLN YS committee.

(Both candidates won their elections in September 2020.)

Meeting Locations for 2021 (if we are able to meet in person)

January 8, 2021: Livonia Civic Center Library

March 12, 2021: Auburn Hills Public Library (open to switching to a more centrally located library)

May 14, 2021: Ferndale Area District Library

August 13, 2021: Salem-South Lyon District Library

October 8, 2021: Southgate Veterans Memorial Library (tentative)

Summer Reading 2020

Livonia has started doing outdoor storytimes that have been wildly successful. They plan on continuing them through September and October, weather permitting. Patrons are social distancing and bringing snacks and blankets. They have a big speaker with a microphone that makes it easy for everyone to hear.

Redford is trying their first outdoor storytime on Tuesday and has our security officer lined up to help friends stay safe. We wanted our librarian to be able to focus on literacy and fun while our security will focus on safety.

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Novi is doing “Grab and Go” craft kits with Oriental Trading type crafts and they have all been extremely successful, all filling to capacity.

Auburn Hills has also had great success with “Grab and Go” craft kits especially in the second half of the summer. It may be worth considering continuing offering these type of programs-to-go in future summers for patrons who have super busy schedules and only stop in to the library briefly to grab some books and don’t usually stay to attend programs.

At Plymouth, they did a different type of Grab and Go Bags. They offered 60 bags available to checkout each containing 6-10 picture books, early readers and early nonfiction books, all on different themes. They were all checked out within the first week, so they started making more. They also put a form on their website to request a Book Bundle customized to your child’s age and interests, cultivated by a youth librarian. They’ve done about 70 of them in 3 weeks. Livonia did a similar form for creating custom bundles and is up to 190 requests already!

Garden City used a ton of the CSLP printable take home crafts and the kids loved them. They planned to put a prize in a goody bag for each goal summer reading participants met for them to pick up at the end of the summer, but ended up just giving everyone a full goody bag because they all participated and tried and they had the prizes, so might as well share them!

Walled Lake made bags of various themed prizes for everyone who signed up for summer reading online.

Rochester Hills made videos of many of the programs they had planned including “Outdoor Explorers” and emailed them to patrons who signed up for that given program, rather than posting the videos anywhere to avoid copyright issues. Patrons really enjoyed the videos.

Romulus also did videos and emailed them to registered patrons in addition to making Teen Tuesday and other videos for Facebook. They plan on doing the same thing with their annual Polar Express program.

Baldwin continued their existing Book Clubs via Zoom and found them to be well attended. They offer a Mom’s Book Club, a Family Book Club, Books & Bagels (4th-6th grade), and a Mother-Daughter Book Club.

Garden City did a Percy Jackson Zoom Book Club. The week prior to the meeting, participants would get some activities that went along with the book and the questions they planned on asking during the meeting so that they felt prepared to chat. They were all just really excited to see other kids’ faces on Zoom and get to see other people’s houses.

Auburn Hills hosted the local astronomy club about what could be seen in the sky that particular night and had 15 families attend. Families seemed to like being able to just log in and be muted and have videos off. Next time, they hope to offer a kit to go along with the program.

Mechelle did a Trivia Night with Kahoot on Zoom for her synagogue and highly recommends using Kahoot for trivia.

Garden City seconds the Kahoot recommendation. She did a non-synchronous one where families could answer the questions whenever they wanted but would see how they compared to others who had already participated. It worked really well and they plan to do it again in the fall.

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What Will We Continue to Do:

Auburn Hills plans on continuing to do more videos of programs. They hope to livestream their Battle of the Books so that family members from far away can attend virtually.

Wixom did a raffle for the first time and it went very well instead of having a big final prize.

Plymouth is going to continue the outdoor story times as part of our SRPs.

Wayne used Wandoo Reader for the first time and will continue using that platform.

Baldwin used Beanstack for the first time and it worked well. They will continue to use it.

Southfield had more programming with Parks and Rec meeting up at parks. They also did a cooking show in their staff kitchen. They've been using StreamYard, a company that helps with video distribution to Facebook and elsewhere.

Romulus' community really did NOT like the online summer reading. They think paper reading logs are here to stay for their future summers. Walled Lake had the same experience.

In Ferndale, adult summer reading flourished because it was online, but youth participation went way down, so they will likely return to paper.

Rochester Hills extended their Summer Reading program until the beginning of September instead of in August to give everyone a little bit more time and give kids more to do throughout August. They aren't sure if they will continue to do that in further years.

Auburn Hills started a little bit early and wishes they would have extended the end date a bit.

Salem-South Lyon used ReadSquared and liked the ability to have librarians add content like reading lists and activities rather than needing to have IT post things. They plan to do a fall reading program and launch 1000 Books Before Kindergarten on ReadSquared in September.

They will keep the paper logs too, but the added activities were beneficial. Their Adult numbers were good too, a lot more parents joined

Same here! I think parents liked the ease of logging with technology but missed that in person component

Current Stages:

Curbside Only	Grab and Go (and Curbside)
Ferndale	Auburn Hills
Livonia	Baldwin
Redford	Garden City
Romulus	Novi (30 min. visits)
Southfield (with computers by appt)	Plymouth (upper level and lower level closed)
Wayne	Rochester Hills (with 3 hour computer use limits)
	Salem-South Lyon
	Walled Lake (30 min. visits)
	Wixom (30 min visits, shortened hours, split staff into teams)

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Everyone said that their school districts were planning either a 100% virtual start, or virtual until sometime in October. Some are allowing families to choose virtual to start with the plan to move to in-person eventually or virtual all year long.

What We are Offering This Fall

Livonia is working with their school district to do a big push to make sure kids have up-to-date library cards. They did a video for city cable stations and teachers are all promoting getting cards or updating existing cards.

Redford is offering a home school quick start class next week. It is a zoom class through the library, one of our staff is a homeschooler who will facilitate with other helpers to answer the chat questions in real time. (Are you considering homeschooling your children this fall? Join us next Monday at 7:00 pm for a virtual meeting on where to start, how to plan, and how to find resources in our community. Register here ---> <http://ow.ly/3xWS50AVvhn>)

Walled Lake just got 5 hotspots to circulate and is advertising through the school system. They are also hosting a table at the farmers market and sharing a digital link to library card application with the schools to promote.

Southfield is working on purchasing lots of teacher support materials.

Plymouth is moving all their teacher / parent collections to their main level to make them easy to access.

Rochester bought Tutor.com. They've ordered a lot more homeschooling resources.

Livonia has been adding resources to the homeschooling section (look on the TLN listserve for some recommendations)

Redford recommends math curriculums. Homeschoolers really want to get their hands on math curriculum so that they can choose before they buy.

A lot of preschools are not opening so it's a great idea to try to offer homeschooling resources and kits for that age. Many parents are choosing not to send their Kindergarteners to school this year as well.

Salem-South Lyon bought Chrome books for an Hour of Code take-home program with a one-week checkout. Eventually they will become regular circulating items. They also have a good webpage for "Library at Home" resources for preschoolers.

Rochester Hills created a GoodReads forum so that tweens could chat about books without the need for Zoom.

Romulus got a grant to purchase hotspots and devices to check out to families learning from home.

Redford is doing lots of pick up kits and have 15 hotspots to check out.

Garden City got a grant for laptops and hotspots for check out.

Baldwin will be starting a program called Little Explorers geared to 18 months thru 5 years. We'll offer sensory kits once a month for families to pick up at curbside.

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Rochester Hills is doing a sensory kit to send home with a link to ebooks that goes along with the kits (Goodnight Construction Site with a little digger truck and some black beans; colored pom poms with cardboard tubes for sorting)

Garden City is using <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/> to come up with themes for programs – S'more Day, Black Cat Day, etc.

Auburn Hills is hoping to do a Halloween storywalk outside the library. They also hope to do a Monster Hunt through downtown business windows along with links to Beanstack.

Walled Lake is going to do a pumpkin carving competition with all the pumpkins displayed at the library, as well as a luminary craft with battery powered tea lights.

Ferndale was going to do a decorate a birdhouse like a haunted house program.

Someone suggested painting plastic skulls with chalkboard spray paint and sending them home with chalk so kids can decorate them over and over.

Walled Lake is doing a Take Home pinecone birdfeeder craft with Crisco instead of peanut butter.

Romulus suggested pinecone owls with cotton stuck inside and felt stuck on or pinecone bears: <https://liagriffith.com/felt-pinecone-bears/>

We discussed whether to record entire storytimes or just snippets.

Online Platforms and Counting Participation:

Novi is offering craft kits with a live zoom event to follow along with making the craft.

Wixom has been using Facebook Live and Zoom. Register for Zoom to keep it below 20 kids.

Auburn Hills is doing YouTube (2 a week, a preschool and a baby/toddler) then posting to Facebook. Zoom hasn't been as popular. They're hoping to make some kits to go along with the storytime with little manipulatives.

Baldwin is using Vimeo for storytime videos and posting them on their website.

Romulus is prerecording and posting to Facebook while taking into consideration copyright--they get taken down after a set amount of time.

Garden City uses Facebook Insights to show how long each view lasted and counts the ones that go for 1 minute or longer

For Grab & Go craft kits, Wixom counted how many people picked up the kits because we knew not everyone would watch the video

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Attendance:

Erin Look	Auburn Hills	Angela Warsinske	Rochester Hills
Cathy Gimby	Baldwin	Sandy Herman	Romulus
Elissa Zimmer	Ferndale	Kelly Soerens	Salem-South Lyon
Kim Poma	Garden City	Mechelle Bernard	Southfield
Kristen Jayska	Livonia	Janna VanHouten	TLN
Lindsay Gojcaj	Novi	Sarah Leonard	Walled Lake
Lauren Baker	Plymouth	Michelle van Well	Wayne
Suzy Shipman	Redford	Sara Hodgson	Wixom