

TLN Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 9th, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Angela Warsinske (Rochester Hills) and introductions were made.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Mike Dimuzio (Southgate) and seconded by Kristen Jayska (Livonia).

May minutes were approved with a motion by Mike Dimuzio (Southgate) and seconded by Cynthia Walker (Waterford).

August minutes were approved with a motion by Elissa Zimmer (Ferndale) and seconded by Sarah Leonard (Walled Lake).

State and Local Committee Updates

Elissa Zimmer (Ferndale) and Jocelyn Levin (Lyon Twp.) reported that Spring Institute has moved to Fall Institute. It will be a one day virtual pre-conference on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. There will be live and pre-recorded sessions. The Afternoon Author Chat will be with Mindy McGinnis, and lunchtime trivia will still take place.

There were no TLN updates.

Meeting Locations for 2021 (should the meetings be held in person)

January 8: Livonia Civic Center Library
March 12: Belleville Area District Library
May 14: Ferndale Area District Library
August 13: Salem-South Lyon District Library
October 8: Southgate Veterans Memorial Library

Jocelyn Levin (Lyon Twp) suggested that once we begin meeting in person again that we will continue to offer it virtually for those that might not be able to attend in person. After discussion the group agreed that this was a good option.

Pandemic Talk

What libraries are doing now (stage of opening, programs)

Livonia is still closed due to a structural issue, they are hoping to open in the next few weeks. When open there will be no computers, grab and go phase, curbside is available, and offering

outdoor storytime. The book bundles are popular. Offering walk-up pick up too, recently started take-home crafts.

Walled lake is open five days, computers are available, visits are limited to 30 minutes, meeting rooms are closed. Usually open until 8pm but always seems to be totally empty after 6pm. As soon as they opened to the public the drive up services dried up, only a few people using it.

Romulus is opening for computer use by appointment soon, no materials browsing available.

Springfield Twp. is open regular hours for quick visits, offering two in-person storytimes weekly with small groups, socially distanced.

Southgate is open normal hours five days a week, capacity of 15 total people in the building, patrons limited to 30 minutes per day (including computer use). Meeting rooms are open through a separate door, limited to 18 people. Curbside is available, the patron calls from the parking lot with their information, staff checks out their holds then carries the items out to the patron.

Garden City just opened. Four computers are available on the hour for 30 minutes, on the half hour they'll be sanitized. Opening to browsing grab and go in November, offering virtual storytime and book club, offering door pickup.

Southfield is offering drive-up checkouts limited to 5 items per card, must provide 30 minute notice. Six computers available by appointment, otherwise not open, online programming.

Wixom opened for grab and go at full hours, then after a COVID scare they shortened hours to 8 hours and broke staff into team A and B so they can quarantine if needed, hoping to not close again. Allow 30 minutes, four computers, shortened hours due to low door count too, grab and go, curbside available, the library closes at 6pm. Virtual storytimes provided over Zoom and Facebook Live.

Lyon Twp. is open for 30 minute grab and go visits, 30 minute computer appointments, four computers, curbside under tent, vestibule visits later. They are open regular hours.

Madison Heights is open limited hours, just started grab and go appointments and will begin computer appointments soon. They are also posting storytime videos to our storytime Facebook group.

Rochester Hills is open for grab and go, never hit capacity, both floors are open, computer use is spread out, no one uses the full time which is 3 hours (most under an hour), patron's are still tentative, drive up is available.

Salem-South Lyon is open for grab and go, 30 minute visits, there are eight computers available, and curbside pickup available.

Waterford has opened the lobby, limit capacity of seven people visits are limited to 45 minutes, limited computers, staff pulls materials for patrons, opening stacks next week, casual seating gone, no Sunday hours yet.

Brighton opened for curbside after July 4th, opened now for grab and go 30 minute visits, printer, copier, fax, but no computers, not open on Sunday. They started a blog and private Youtube.

Wayne is open regular hours for grab and go, limited computer use, and outdoor pickup.

Ferndale is open for curbside only with no plans to open further.

Oxford has been open for browsing since June. They have a limit of ten people in the Youth Department. They have hit that limit a few times, but the flow was such that they didn't have to block anyone from coming in. They are also offering Take and Make STEAM and crafts (very popular). Also, very small in person STEAM program for 4th & 5th graders, limited to 8. Each child has their own table and supplies. September they made Milk Plastic, October is Popsicle Stick Flashlights, and November is Owl Pellets. They also had an outdoor Family Yoga program.

Sarah Leonard (Walled Lake) asked in the chat if anyone was experiencing patron agitation about time limits.

Jocelyn Levin (Lyon Twp.) shared that they haven't had to ask anyone to get off the computers.

Nakenya Lewis-Yarborough (Belleville) asked in the chat if anyone was offering in person programming yet.

Mask compliance discussion

Libraries have switched from Executive Order to Health Department documents for mask enforcement. Overall patrons have been wearing masks with few exceptions or argument. There were several comments about patrons not wearing the mask properly, staff spends quite a bit of time asking patrons to cover their noses.

How we supporting students, teachers, and families

Waterford added Brainfuse, grab bags, kits to checkout, online storytime (Facebook), craft demonstration videos on Saturdays, and offering craft kits to go.

Brighton's take-home crafts have been really popular, online crafts and online science.

Livonia is working with schools to get cards for all students.

Ferndale will host Battle of the Books (makeup for current 6th graders, as normally a 5th grade program), undecided on virtual or in person at this point. They are also producing a podcast aimed at all ages (mostly by episode). Some feature adult authors, others might focus on youth literature or crafting. They feature staff and outside folks, including a teen that spoke about graduating during COVID.

Lyon Twp. discussed that South Lyon Community Schools has laid off all media monitors so they are trying to determine how to best assist the libraries and schools.

Salem-South Lyon provided a PTO storytime outreach over Zoom for a local elementary school.

Southfield has purchased new books for the teaching collection to help parents.

Wixom has added Tutor.com and beefing up the parenting collection with homeschooling books.

Walled Lake has added more homeschooling and non-fiction books.

Looking to the Winter:

Brighton will be adding more craft kits for different ages.

Rochester Hills take home crafts are really popular; additionally play and pretend kit (stickers, make a crown then pretend to be royalty) (cardboard car with rice/beans gravel combined with Zoom storytime).

Romulus grab and go has been popular, they are planning to add 2-3 year old toddler make and take kits.

Wayne will be offering a hot cocoa/magic scratch storytime combo.

Brighton is planning PJ storytime over Zoom with a take home kit.

Waterford is planning an apple craft kit (4 apple stories, songs, applesauce recipe, mini-felt, craft, glue with red tissue, paper plate apple).

Walled Lake also made a craft for apple day that included finger painting for really little kids. It includes construction paper to make an apple tree. For Fossil Day they offered plaster eggs filled with little plastic dinosaur figures as a take-home project. They also have a table at the local farmers market to hand out crafts, and promote the library

Garden City will be continuing craft kits (adding 3 per week) 35 kits are typically gone by Wednesday. They coordinate with National days like pasta day, fossil day, etc. Nice guideline, not derailed by a theme. They too are having the same problem with coming up with a wide age group versus specific per age.

Oxford's Take and Makes have been very popular. They are offering one STEAM Take and Make a month and one craft a month. Putting together 100-200 craft kits at a time. They also have a Fall Reading Program through Beanstack, doing virtual storytime. They also have a youth email list to which monthly events are sent. Oxford has a Mom Chatter Facebook page to share information (not library specific).

Southfield started a Pinterest page with crafts and ideas.

Livonia is offering a pumpkin decorating contest, using supplies from the craft closet (will give paper pumpkin if patrons would like one but regular pumpkins must be provided by the patron).

Southfield is sharing Maker Monday series with things around the house or inexpensive, videos on website shaving cream with food coloring paint, tissue paper on a jar with tealight, pop bottle craft, etc. They are providing videos, supplies will not be provided by the library.

Rochester Hills after running out of craft supplies patrons asked for the craft video as they didn't mind buying the supply they just wanted the idea and instructions.

Lyon Twp. gave out 2070 craft kits during the summer.

Sarah Leonard (Walled Lake) asked the libraries that have had successful outdoor in person storytimes, if they are going to stop doing them once the weather gets bad?

Kristen Jayska (Livonia) said they will be continuing to do outdoors through October then reassess.

Suzy Shipman (Redford) replied that Nordic countries do stuff outdoors all year, no bad weather, just bad clothing.

Vickie Weyand (Brighton) asked what sort of budget constraints that libraries are encountering.

Sarah Leonard (Walled Lake) has a limited budget as well, but spent a lot of time cleaning out closets while closed and tried to use up the old supplies they found.

Kim Poma (Garden City) frequents the dollar store and digs through cupboards, low numbers equals low budget (only 35).

Kim Burean (Oxford) shared since they didn't have any performers this summer we have a lot of programming money.

Mike Dimuzio (Southgate) said they are doing pretty well as they had a few of our SRP performers set up virtual events.

Amanda (Madison Heights) shared that their Friends group did a pop-up book sale at the Civic Center park as an easy money maker.

Sarah Leonard (Walled Lake) said their library also had an outdoor book sale too, that was very successful.

Sara Hodgson (Wixom) with the cancellation of their books sales, the Friends granted permission to go through the book room and create mystery bags patrons can buy for \$3 or \$5 depending on contents.

Dana Szanti (Wayne) asked how everyone is publicizing their craft bags. They have done Facebook promotion, videos, website, event calendar and still getting a low turn out. They are not sure how to spread word as they're slow to move

Kim Poma (Garden City) is using Facebook and publicizing via storytime

Janna Van Houten (TLN) suggested contacting the schools.

Suzy Shipman (Redford) is promoting via their calendar.

Vickie Weyand (Brighton) suggested putting it in the school newsletter? Sort of a "Here's what the library is doing."

Kelly Soerens (Salem-South Lyon) suggested partnering with the Westland library to see what they're doing as they have a joint school district and used to visit together for the Summer Reading Program.

Topics for Upcoming TLN Meetings:

Elissa Zimmer (Ferndale) suggested green libraries, lowering waste (kids crafts generate lots of discarded supplies)

Suzy Shipman (Redford) suggested youth room design, either retroactively fitting or new build. Angela Warsinski (Rochester Hills) shared that the ALSC conference offered a good discussion on this topic.

Sarah Leonard (Walled Lake) suggested jumpstarting attendance at programming

Angela Warsinske (Rochester Hills) has the list from previous meetings.

Virtual Showcase YouTube Channel and Information

Information such as pricing is listed in the details with each video as well as on the attached document.

The showcase will be viewed on your own, not in the meeting this year.

All performers on the handout are now included in the virtual showcase. Link to showcase:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9da6ja9kaHvc7m3sQW3_1ZB3m_mBcwG8

Angela Warsinske adjourned the meeting at 11:01am.

Attendance:

Brandi Swinehart	Allen Park	Michelle van Well	Wayne
Nakenya Lewis-Yarbrough	Belleville	Dana Szanti	Wayne
Vickie Weyand	Brighton	Cynthia Walker	Waterford
Elissa Zimmer	Ferndale	Sara Hodgson	Wixom
Kim Poma	Garden City		
Kristen Jayska	Livonia		
Jocelyn Levin	Lyon Twp		
Amanda Gehrke	Madison Hts		
Kim Burean	Oxford		
Suzy Shipman	Redford Twp		
Angela Warsinski	Rochester Hills		
Sandy Herman	Romulus		
Amy Howes	Royal Oak		
Kelly Soerens	Salem-South Lyon		
Mechelle Bernard	Southfield		
Mike Dimuzio	Southgate		
Lisa Murawa	Springfield		
Janna VanHouten	The Library Network		
Amalia Ash	Trenton		
Sarah Leonard	Walled Lake		