



YALS Meeting- ZoOM  
May 26, 2022 10:00am

Call to order Justine Fafara at 10:03

**In Attendance:** Justine Fafara- Richards Free Library, Sarah Ballard - Manchester City Library, Julia Lanter - Exeter Public Library, Chandra Boudreau - Exeter Public Library, Stacey Desrosiers- Goffstown Public Library, Alex Planchak - Manchester City Library, Jenny Devost-Merrimack Public Library, Susan Dansereau- Gafney Library, Krista Bordeleau- Pelham Public Library, Meg Roby- Concord Public Library, Grace VanHanley- Portsmouth Public Library, Adrienne Skora- Sandown Public Library, Karen Larue- Chesterfield Library, Jenn Hartshorn- Seabrook Library, Lori Liadis- Hooksett Library, Nicole Rheume- Lebanon Public Libraries

**Location & Date of next meeting**

- August 25, 2022 at 10:00am - As of now, planned to be a hybrid meeting at Exeter, but the schedule will be checked and Justine will let us know.

**Approval of March minutes:**

- Correction to March Minutes- Saturday June 4th Richards Free Game Board Library Grand Opening is June 4th, 2022 (was listed as June 6th, 2022)
- Stacey motioned to approve, Jenny seconded, motioned carried

**President's Report-** Justine Fafara

- NHLA website is almost ready. Justine had training on how to update.
  - Justine and Ashlee will update and add content.
  - Good progress is being made.

**Vice President's Report-** Justine for Maryjo Siergiej

- Making progress on conference.
  - Any ideas, feel free to email her- panels, speakers, etc.
  - Working to get Liberty Harding from Podcast All the Books, Book Riot.
  - Kalynn Bayron, author of Cinderella is dead will be keynote

**Secretary's Report-** Nikki Rheume

- Nothing to report

#### **Treasurer's Report-** Stacey Desrosiers

- March and April collected:
  - \$115.00 dues
  - \$0.10 interest
- Balance \$5691.23

#### **Media Report-** Ashlee Lykansion reported by email

- Social media posts will be picking up as the book talk videos roll out!
  - There was some issue with the videos playing properly but I think I've resolved the issue.)
  - As always if anyone has interesting/exciting news to share, please reach out and I'd be happy to post about it or share others' content.
- Attended the training for the new NHLA website yesterday and I'm excited for the site to go live!
  - It looks great and I think everyone will be happy with the new setup.
- Joined a social media committee with members of other NHLA sections to review and update the NHLA Social Media Policy, since it hasn't been done since 2016.
  - We plan to meet at some point soon to discuss the policy. More details to come.

#### **State Library Report-** Justine Farfara for Deborah Dutcher

- Deborah attending School Readiness Workshop.

#### **Teen Reads Awards Committee Report-** Jenny Devost

- Teen Ambassadors have been chosen
  - 5 ambassadors for each committee
- Nominate all of the books for the award!
- Getting books from publishers from Justine's contacts.

#### **New Business:**

##### Teen librarian award

- Every section does an award, but no teen services librarian of the year award.
  - Should we start doing this?
  - Would this award be a new board member role that handles the award or a past president role.
  - Alex (current past president) thinks a new board member is not ideal, and rolling it to the past president makes sense.
    - Julie as a former past president agrees.
- Alex will look into how other sections do the award, make a plan and see if it is feasible to do an award this year and what it would look like.
- Julie believes that it needs to be voted on by membership at the September conference and added to the bylaws for next year.

##### Teen Reads Awards official names

- Consistency with Flume and Isinglass award names.

- Currently they have multiple names but we have been calling them NH Teen Reads Awards.
- Would be voted on by membership at the conference.
- Should they both be NH Teen Readers Choice Awards.
- Should they be Flume and Isinglass and then be lumped together as NHRCA.
- Alex brought up the issue that other awards dont have subtitles and he thinks they should just be known as the Flume and Isinglass Award.
- Jenny brought up having a clear line and separating it between Flume and Isinglass would help school libraries make a distinction between middle school and high school. Justine agreed.
- Name changes will be added to the conference vote. Sent electronically most likely.

#### Future meeting time

- A few librarians have reached out that 10am is inconvenient because of storytimes.
  - Reevaluate meeting times.
  - Send a poll to membership and see what times work for the most people.
    - Afterschool is potentially another time that would not work.
    - 1pm meeting time may work
  - Justine will handle sending out a poll.
- Can meetings be recorded for those that cannot attend in person.

#### Old Business

##### Exeter & YALS Game Collection Grant update

- Waiting on Mary Russell with the state library who is running a program of library of things and cataloging so she is holding off until she attends that meeting.
- Had 54 responses for video games and many she had already purchased.
- Drafting a July 6 or 8th national video game day program so send out a poster to the library so teens will know they can check out games.
- Julie has 3,000 more dollars to spend.
- If you have a request let Julie know.
  - Open to older functional game systems that they want to donate, send them to exeter.

##### Strategic Plan update

- Still collecting answers to the survey

##### Board Game and Video games at Richard.

- Justine spent a bunch of money at gamestop for video games for her library.
- Board games are being shared on ILL

#### Books/Programs to share

- Justine- Hired a teen assistant at Richards Free Library.
- Jenny- Murder mystery Dinner for Summer Reading for Teens Already almost filled up. Program in a bag going well.
- Stacey is ending summer reading with murder mystery, kicking off with lawn games. Teen Tiny Art Collection- kit with canvas and paints and displayed in teen room. 19 teens brought art back.
- Nikki- Sushi candles, candy sushi and hand rolled sushi
- Justine- The Rumor Game (two authors) and heard it described as a diverse Gossip Girl—agrees with the description. Was full of high school drama and lies and rumors.

Diversity of characters was great. Read it vs listening to it.

- Chandra- Summer reading prize, a cereal killer bowl for one of the raffle prizes.
- Chesterfield library has TikTok and an [article in the paper](#) about them
- Alex- nominations for fall for VP roll (3 year) to start for next year. Email Alex if you are interested or have recommendations [aplanchak@manchesternh.gov](mailto:aplanchak@manchesternh.gov)

### **Call to adjourn**

- Alex motion to end, Jenny seconded, motioned carries
- Meeting adjourned at 10:42