

Minutes – O/H SLS Council Meeting, January 10, 2018

Fred Berowski, HCCC Leeann Dooley, Little Falls Wendy Egresits, Whitesboro Vicky Greenman, Richfield Springs Jocelyn Ireland, MVCC	Steve Inzer, Central Valley Margaret McNamara, Holland Patent Zane Mahar, Sauquoit Valley Janice Murray, New Hartford	Carol Rahme, Utica Cindy Staley, Dolgeville Mary Sundberg, Poland Heather Urtz, MidYork Marc Wildman, CLRC
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Absent: Leeann Dooley, Wendy Egresits

Also Present: April Bliss, Coordinator of Dunham Public Library

- I. **Call to Order** - meeting called to order by Heather Urtz at 1:35 p.m.
- II. **Review of September 29, 2017 Minutes** – Mary Sundberg moved that the minutes be approved; Heather Urtz seconded the motion
- III. **Review of November 30, 2017 Minutes** – Cindy Staley moved that the minutes be approved; Carole Rahme seconded the motion.
- IV. **Coordinator’s Report** – [attached](#)
- V. **Highlights from Coordinator’s Report** –
 - A. In an effort to update and clarify the description of the SLS co-ser segments, the Database Co-ser has been renamed the E-Resources Co-ser. This is a better reflection of the scope of resources now available through this co-ser, and the changing nature of electronic resources.
 - B. Betsy noted that the SLS strives to serve special needs groups, but with limited effect. Cindy Staley and Carole Rahme both said that they use existing resources, like Tumble Books and Encyclopedia, with both special education and ENL populations.
 - C. During the winter break Betsy tasked one of the SLS staff members with creating links in Tek Data for the teaching guides for the most used multiple books in the Media Services library.
 - D. Carole Rahme has AV2 books in her library, which provide text in multiple languages. She will be happy to loan them on request.
 - E. The School Library System will be sponsoring a full day program on March 16, *Creating a Culture of Digital Citizenship*, with a speaker from Common Sense Media. People are encouraged to register for the program.
- VI. **Summer Reading Initiative** – Betsy has been asked to create and coordinate a summer reading program for elementary students, with the aim of fostering literacy and also preventing “summer slide.” To that end, Betsy contacted April Bliss, to brainstorm and share ideas. Collaboration between public libraries, which have an established summer reading initiative, and school libraries, will be beneficial for everyone involved. Council members were asked to give their thoughts and ideas about creating an effective summer program. It was suggested that a theme for the

program, rather than a specific book, would allow more flexibility, and better access to books for those participating. This would also provide a greater range of reading levels. April suggested a six book series called *The Land of Stories*, and a theme of fairy tales and fractured fairy tales. Marc Wildman had specific suggestions for a variety of games and rewards for participants. Council members also discussed ways to broaden exposure to books and reading for people of every age. It was agreed that further collaboration and work on this subject is needed and will be pursued.

VII. **Other** – Mattie Sagaas, former librarian at Ilion Central School, asked Betsy to canvass the Council about whether they would be willing to have the book *Women Belong in History* in their libraries. Council members agreed that the book would be welcome.

VIII. **Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

cc: Building Principal/Supervisor
Scott Morris Howard Mettelman
Mark Vivacqua Mary Beth Farr