

YASD Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2008, 10:00 am – 11:30am

Port Jefferson Free Library

Attendance = 33

1. Welcoming comments from Candy Reeder with announcement of the YASD Board candidates for 2009.
2. Teen Volunteer Presentations
 - a. Patchogue-Medford Public Library
 - i. Random Acts of Kindness: started by Martha Mikkleson. Features a group of teens doing projects to better the library and the community including gardening, collection blankets, etc.
 - ii. Teen Friends: Help with book sales and with Patchogue's summer weekly street fair event.
 - iii. Halloween Carnival: hosted each year with the Children's Dept.
 - iv. Dusting: teens dust for volunteer hours.
 - v. Book Buddies
 - vi. Teens help organize a neighborhood pre-school library.
 - vii. Teens helped seniors learn how to play Wii Bowling.
 - b. Sachem Public Library
 - i. Twilight Readers: Teens read to young children on Tuesday evenings for one hour from September to May. Takes place in the Children's Room.
 - c. Commack Public Library
 - i. TABs for middle school and high school levels: teens get credit for attending meetings.
 - ii. Help with Friends sponsored book and yard sales.
 - iii. Hoping to create some intergenerational programs in the near future.
 - d. West Babylon Public Library:
 - i. Book Buddies: promoted as a way to improve literacy. 45 sessions. Teens grades 6-12.
 - ii. Video Club: Teens write, direct, film a Public Service Announcement for the Library called "Around the Library in 80 Seconds."
 - iii. Share the Gift of Reading: Teens filmed reading a book, shown on monitors around the library.
 - iv. Teens & Tots: Teens plan stories and crafts to do with young children.
 - e. Huntington Public Library
 - i. Book Buddies
 - ii. Homework Help: Teens help younger students with their homework.
 - iii. Project Linus: Teens help crochet a blanket to be donated.
 - iv. Teen newsletter: Teens give reviews, etc. – not too successful.
 - f. Middle Country Public Library
 - i. Art Buddies
 - ii. Book Buddies
 - iii. Techno Buddies
 - iv. Teen Advisory Council
 - v. Venues for Volunteering Event

1. Similar to a job fair or college fair, local volunteer sites came to the library or sent written material for hand-outs. 100+ in attendance.
 - vi. Sit and Knit: Project Linus
 - vii. Have a brochure hand-out for volunteer ideas.
- g. Northport-East Northport Public Library
 - i. Helping Hands pamphlet created by an intern; lists all volunteer opportunities in the community.
- h. Farmingdale Public Library
 - i. Teens can read a book or watch a movie, write a review to be posted on the Library blog for volunteer credit.
3. Barbara Moon reminds us of the upcoming December 2, 2008 meeting at SCLS dealing with Teen Depression
4. Next YASD meeting will be held at Emma Clark Library on December 11, 2008.

Submitted by Jennifer Fowler, YASD Secretary, November 13, 2008.