August 4, 2020 CAYAS Meeting Minutes

• Welcome
In attendance:
Beth Bermani, Whitney Winn, Kat Wyly, Brandi Gates, Michelle Massero, Amanda Grace Hua, Nic Figley, Jodeana Kruse, Charlotte McGrew

• Upcoming
  • Visionary Award
Whitney explained that they are currently recruiting for the annual award. Encouraging librarians across the state to make nominations. She asks that everyone spread the word and/or nominate someone. It requires a 500 word write up and is submitted directly to WLA. We don’t know how WLA will do the award presentation. Hannah is working on the details.

  o Upcoming Elections
    ▪ Incoming Chair & Communications Officer
      These two positions are voted on
    ▪ Other positions are now appointed

  • Upcoming Workshop
Everything for Nic’s workshop, Best Practices for Serving Trans Youth, should be up in the next week. It’s on FB and in the WLA newsletter now. The speaker for the workshop will address both public library and school library concerns and how to address them with respect. They are gathering questions from participants so that they can address them. The price for the workshop has been changed to match the cost of other workshops that are happening around the same time. The presenter is Aiden Key from Gender Diversity and he has a lot of experience delivering well received workshops. The workshop is scheduled for August 12, 2020 from 10:00am to noon.

  • WLA Booktalking the Best
Charlotte, Nic and Kat are working on this. They have registered and are recruiting other participants. The description is written, and they will choose the books soon. They will reach out for help when they need it. Jodeana suggests that the Evergreen Teen book award is suggested as one of the books as well as ALA selected titles. If anyone else has suggestions, please share with Charlotte.

  • Author Breakfast Event update
Beth shared that we have teamed up with School Library Division for a virtual breakfast event. We are paying half of the fee. We will need to promote it. Not a lot of work to do on it right now.

• Other
  • future iSchool collaboration/mentorship opportunities
Nic is working with other members to find out what the goals are. We might team up with them for their spring conference. Working on generating some more ideas. Also considering some mentorship (iStamp) opportunities. Also looking for other ways to connect students and professionals, maybe more Books and Brews events. Charlotte and Kat are also working on this.

Next meeting: October around WLA time