

SMLC Youth/Teen March 2024

Attendance:

Elissa Zimmer, VBDL
Laura Puckett, VBDL
Jen LaRowe, South Haven Memorial
Sara Porter, Coloma PL
Susan Kallewaard, Vicksburg
Kayla Koning, Paw Paw
Nathan Case, Paw Paw
Kaitlin McLaughlin, Allegan
Robin Burgamy, Augusta
Abbie LaFountaine, JC Wheeler (Martin)
Melanie Lassin, VBDL

Spring Institute Share-Out

- Kaitlin M - Pokemon session - pairing card game with mobile app and saw the transferability of the old with the new. Program evaluation "Should it Stay or Should it Go?" was helpful
 - Slides here:
https://www.canva.com/design/DAF48zy6iyQ/KMk ymp9bPIRH_pbG6rvPJw/view?utm_content=DAF48zy6iyQ&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor
 - Worksheet:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IYIMY2X0nmayJytV7wXvBJMOXQCO3XJgktg-Qp-Z-Y4/edit>
- Nathan went to Popcorn Session where people shared out about elementary programming: book club where they actually read the book in the book club
- Intellectual Freedom Popcorn Session - Kaitlin is in a last semester course addressing IF, still very relevant and was able to share experiences, also attended Tirzah Price's breakout session where Tirzah experienced public backlash against the library in rural Iowa, felt a sense of solidarity.
- Princess Castleberry - who is helping the helpers? Take care of yourself before you take care of others. Use Chat GPT to help yourself rather than thinking of it as the enemy. Kayla says it helps her with program descriptions. Melanie L also uses Chat GPT, Kaitlin uses it to recycle ideas from previous jobs.
- Laura said one the best things about SI is getting to meet other librarians from across the state and have conversations outside of breakout sessions. Time to connect, commiserate, and celebrate.

Performer's Showcase (Committee)

- Virtual, in person if possible
- Committee: Elissa, Jen, ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO JOIN
- Elissa will contact TLN, Mid-Michigan (MMLC), Lakeland
- Email Elissa with presenter ideas

- Roz Puppets
- Santa Joe - Kaitlin, Jen, etc.
- Date: Friday, October 4th? At Paw Paw? PP can hold up to 100 people

What do we want Laura Warren-Gross to present on at May meeting?

- How long do we want the presentation to be: 10-11 or **10-11:30**?
- **Hands-on** (takes longer, people would maybe have to bring their own computer)
 - VBDL can provide 7 laptops, otherwise bring your own
- Any particular subject areas or databases we want to learn more about?
 - Ebsco, teenagers doing research projects/direct them in a way that makes sense to them and librarian leading, how to find great full text articles vs. abstract

Grant-Writing

- Sara (Coloma) is the grant queen alongside her AD, Alicia. Sara “word vomits” and Alicia takes it and edits it. Sara does the first draft in Google doc and Alicia goes in and edits. Sara reads up on who she is writing the grant for. Example: Berrien Community Foundation to redo teen area.
- Where to find grants: get on listservs, look to local community,
- LSTA <https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/libraries/lsta>
- ALA grants
- Space Science Institute - PBS STEM Tales (Coloma) - research on videos
- Find balance between the person who is throwing everything against the wall and the person who will edit and “translate” the vision so that it makes sense to all.
 - If possible, schedule time with the grantor to ask questions or have them look over your application
 - Sometimes there are webinars that cover the information on the program
- Meijer, Walmart, Dollar General,
- Michigan Humanities Council - for traveling programs
<https://www.michiganhumanities.org/touring-grants/>
- Library of Michigan Niche Skills has grantwriting webinars:
<https://my.nicheacademy.com/staffskills?category=13823>
- Have someone who accounts for every dollar, and you have to submit all of your receipts, end of grant report - all of these vary according to the grant parameters

Summer Reading

- Where is everyone at in planning it?
 - Kaitlin (Allegan) started booking right after Christmas - Paleo Joe coming in June/July \$450
- Brag Tags - Susan (Vicksburg) got CSLP brag tags, a little flimsier than expected, but still cute. Put them on 24” chains.
- Prizes:
 - VBDL: Books (sticker, activity, plain journals, etc.) & snacks
 - JC Wheeler: Kindles, lego sets, headphones, gift cards; turn in reading for tickets and they can put them into jar

- Augusta: Prize Room that kids get to shop from 3x in the summer (Amazon return shop across the street from them that people donate from); if grownup is satisfied with the amount of reading the kid has done, they get to shop. SRP is 5 weeks long. Neighborhood kids without a grownup are accountable to library staff.
- App/Paper
 - Coloma will try Readsquared
 - PP does Beanstack; SRP calendar is still paper, icons around the calendar that they can color and track minutes and then put that into Beanstack
 - VBDL does paper

Teen Volunteers with Mandated Volunteer Time - Job Duties:

- Make them help with crafts
- Clean toys
- Shelf-reading, dusting, light vacuuming
- Front books on the shelves
- Displays
- Help with programs with younger kids
- Book Sales -
- Anything RANDOM that needs to be done

Topics/Programming/Training needs:

- **Outdoor Programming**

Reminder of where to find SMLC resources:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DQcgP1Wu3OHCRtx3xG9x16iM-gnYWY7s?usp=sharing>

Reminder of where to find SMLC Roundtable notes:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yJaw3sA8TsoP6sS9rgt_KVtuFjGwSe1?usp=sharing

Next Meeting:

5/10 - VBDL Webster Memorial - Laura Warren-Gross MeL training

9/13 - Coloma - NASA exhibit

10/4 - Performers Showcase at VBDL Webster Memorial?

11/8 - South Haven, weather pending