



SALCYS

Minutes of the Meeting
29 March 2012, 10am-3pm

Unley Library
Unley Civic Centre, 181 Unley Road,
Unley SA 5061

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1. Present

Michelle Glasson (City of Salisbury), Natalie Shallow (City of Salisbury), Veronica Matthews (PLS), Bronwyn Mount (Campbelltown), Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills Council), Steph Sampson (Tea Tree Gully), Kate Waldmann (Victor Harbor), Janine Langsford (City of Adelaide), Kathryn Bloem (City of Onkaparinga), Deb Hall (Mount Barker Community Library), Amber Hart (City of Playford), Erin Findlay (City of Playford), Joanne Edwards (City of Playford), Harriet Winchester (City of Prospect), Emma Jane Phillips (Wilderness School), Naomi LePoidevin-Racic (City of Salisbury), Karyn Stephens (City of Unley), Beth Howe (City of West Torrens), Andrew Goulding (President SALCYS, City of Burnside), Sascha Hutchinson (Secretary SALCYS, City of Unley), Sarah Micke (City of Holdfast), Natasha Turner (City of Prospect).

2. Apologies

Lyn Spurling (Kadina & PLSA Exec.), Josh Hammond (City of Marion), Rosemary Clarke (Walkerville)

3. Business Arising from previous minutes

Nil

YOUTH SERVICES

4.1 Meeting Locations (Jo Kaeding)

Jo suggested having 2 central metropolitan locations per year for our SALCYS meetings (ie 2 at PLS or Adelaide Library) and 2 held at library locations outside of the city centre. This is due to issues for members around travel to and from meetings which effects members not being able to attend meetings if meeting are held too frequently in non-central locations). Veronica Matthews is happy to assist the group with booking a meeting room at PLS. The group then agreed to meet twice a year at PLS and that it would also meet at 2 other libraries at other times in the year.

4.2 SALCYS Yearly Planner (Andrew Goulding)

Following the group discussion on meeting locations, the next SALCYS meeting date was scheduled for Thursday 21st June at PLS. Meetings for the remainder of the year were scheduled for the week 10-14th September (possibly the Monday of that week) at Woodcroft Library (Kathryn Bloem to confirm this). The final meeting of the year is to be held at PLS on Wed 14th November 2012.

There was also some discussion about the idea of arranging a possible 'SALYCS 'Big Day Out' bus tour' for the last meeting of the year. A council bus could be hired from one of the libraries, (West Torrens may be able to assist) or whichever council is able to provide this service. It was suggested the group could meet at this (or a central) point for a planned bus tour of YAC services in various libraries. This would include an end-of-year lunch at a central point as part of the day. This idea was received positively by the group but it was decided it would require further planning and discussion at our next meeting/s.

4.3 ***Read This!* (NYR) (Veronica Matthews)**

Veronica highlighted the *Read This!* competition for SALCYS members to promote to young people 12-18 in libraries. The aim of the competition is to encourage youth to create a book recommendation in creative form via either a picture or Youtube or physical item. Please find details of this attached to the minutes. Judges are also needed from SA for this competition, so please email Veronica if you would like to be a judge.

4.4 ***Read it Loved it!* (website) (Veronica Matthews/Andrew Goulding).**

Read it Loved it! is a website aimed at predominantly school-aged girls and is a comprehensive 'reader advisory style' site. The recommended book titles are presented in various age-groups, with a small review for each. The web-creator has read all the books, and so this can be quite a useful resource for staff assisting young readers.

4.5 ***Avcon* (Kathryn Bloem)**

The Avcon conference (anime and gaming conference) is coming up soon, between July 27-29th 2012. This will be the fourth year of Public Libraries SA having a stand at the conference promoting library collections. There will be stands requiring staffing on the Saturday and Sunday and library staff are being asked to express their interest in volunteering to assist on these dates. Please email Kathryn Bloem katblo@onkapinga.sa.gov.au if you are able to assist. The Avcon committee are also looking at setting up a raffle for which entries can be dropped off at public libraries, to link conference participants back into libraries and visiting their local library following the event. Also if there are any events happening after AVCON which libraries would like to promote at AVCON please come forward these to Kathryn also. Veronica Matthews will investigate possibility of funds to support creating promotional materials for Avcon (eg. Wristbands, small badges etc) Onkapinga are also trialing for the first time having a stand at *Comic-Con*, and will trial and compare this to the later Avcon event in terms of how successful it is from a library perspective.

4.6 **Premier's Reading Challenge stickers (Deb Hall)**

Discussion was had as to how libraries manage Premier's Reading Challenge titles in their collections. Suggestions were discussed of time-saving tips on managing the task of identifying and labeling books. Many libraries reserve books - or add a check-in note to identify PRC books so they they can be stickered as they come through returns. Some libraries suggest the stickering as a project for volunteers or trainees to save on staff time. Some libraries now are not stickering the books due to the time consuming nature of work. Other libraries such as Campbelltown discussed that parents and families do find the sticker identifying still valuable as a tool, and saves time identifying items. Although identifying PRC books in our collections was rated in varying degrees of value, there was also some discussion within the group around the value of promoting not only PRC books to parents and families, but to encourage students to read widely - as it's possible for children to read outside of the recommended title lists. Many parents however do find the PRC identified books a quick way to source and self-serve for age appropriate material if they are not confident of searching unassisted. Suggestions were made to modify catalogues too, to have PRC as a search term. Veronica to also discuss with Chris Kennedy Premiers Reading Challenge Selection list (provision of retrospective and new PRC titles at the start of each year).

4.7 **Collaboration with community development discussion (Deb Hall)**

General discussion on how YAC groups and community development work with libraries. There was a general consensus in the group that it varied greatly between councils – and was very dependent on the individuals working in both library and CCD roles as to how successful these partnerships were. It was also very dependent on the physical distance and location between the library and the office or space of the CCD officer. If not in close physical proximity the relationship was often much harder to build.. Some partnerships worked well, (eg partnership between Youth Devel and YAC Library team – in regards to Unley Young Writers Group Program – with a successful sharing of resources, and staffing, but some councils not so positive (ie in cases where CCD staff are working in fixed 9-5 roles- and library staff are often working outside of these hours. In these examples funds may be provided from CCD to run aspects of the project, but there is not the facility for equal sharing of staffing support from CCD to Library). Some councils also don't have Youth services officers within their libraries. Many councils run Youth Week programs, however not all libraries do.

4.8 General Discussion on what libraries have been doing recently for youth

- Deb Hall from Mt Barker shared that at Mt Barker they are bringing in youth components to their overall School Holiday programs which have a Family Holiday Program focus. For example they offered Laser Skirmish in the Library with *Locked and Loaded* (company name). Cost was 900.00 (5-9pm) when library was closed. This session doesn't require much room. Practicalities: Placed bunting around books. Inflatable walls were provided to create barriers. 5.50 per 20 minute session. Offered a late session for teens. Also have had a Rock Climbing wall in the library 1200.00 (5 hours) Rock about was company name. Was free for children to attend.
- Port Adelaide is holding a writing competition for youth. Onkaparinga was holding an event – with multiple partners, with a Marquee, an Amazing Race, links with Shine, Headspace, Community Centres, Live Music, Dance, SA Rugby League.
- Victor Harbor, also includes youth programs within School Holiday Programs. Offers a Mayor's Short Story challenge for school children in Victor Harbor with prizes for youth.
- Tea Tree Gully – has offered a number of activities – Manga drawing, Trails in Library, has HIVE centre – and is connected closely with youth centre programs. Work Skil etc. Has successfully run 3D papercraft sessions with 13-16 year olds in the library. Was very popular. (1.5-2 hour session – for a dozen young people at a time) Provides simple through to challenging levels of papercraft. Requires fine Stanley knife cutting board, rulers, fine double sided tape. Required risk assessment. Risk was low as only a very small part of blade exposed (2mm). The tools are fine plastic knives (like a pen) very small blade, lockable, (sold in packs of 4-6 knives) and parental permissions were signed prior to session. First Aid trained staff on site.
- Walkerville incorporate youth in School Holiday Program. Has used Sunny Smiles and done cooking, pasta-making and sauce. Also has run sessions where makes sushi, cold rolls, pumpkin soup. Very high standard session, and works really well with youth.
- General group discussion about the organization 'Opal' and that it partners with councils to fund healthy eating programs if councils would like to follow up. Victor Harbor has also made links with local dietician to run *Eat a Rainbow* program which explains healthy eating to children. (low cost).
- Ingle Farm – for their holiday program always has a cultural link to their program, and so covers a different country each holiday. Eg. Mexican. (incorporates cooking) talks about culture, music etc. Or Indian – has used sand and spices to create pictures, made Indian food, Invited Spice Kitchen to run cooking session (made food and spices) 10.00 per child.

- Salisbury has had a large fun day – library involved youth centre and council – Skate Park – Paralowie. West Torrens – use community centre for cooking programs etc.
- Burnside looking into having a horror night for young people. Special effects makeup – Printmaking (Tooth & Nail art gallery), Manga Art Workshop, LAN gaming internet lock-in (arranging signed parent permissions to play MA games). Looking at an appropriately rated horror movie to show (M rated) for this theme.
- Unley is holding a photo competition for Youth week – Random Reading – where young people are taking photos of themselves reading in random places. (Will be displayed in library on multiscreen and printed in large format also). Prizes Ipad Touch and Itunes vouchers.

4.9 ‘Playgroup at the Zoo’ (Veronica Matthews)

Veronica spoke to group about event at the Adelaide Zoo where Veronica and Jon Bentick attended to promote public libraries to participants (playgroups across Adelaide invited). Other groups relating to children’s services such as LBBC were also in attendance and there to promote early childhood literacy development. Veronica suggested in future years – due to the large numbers of children and families attending – the event could benefit from additional YAC staff attending, possibly running children’s sessions at the Zoo at the event to promote libraries further.

Group tour was then held of children’s non-fiction collection at Unley Library (to view new ‘cover facing-out’ collection)

Break for lunch (12.30-1.30pm)

5 CHILDREN’S SERVICES

5.3 Guest Speaker Robyn Cations (National Treasurer of Children’s Book Council of Australia).

Robyn spoke about the role of the CBCA in the judging of the Australian Children’s Book Week books, Children’s Book Week, and the CBCA 2012 Multi-Storied Conference which will be held in Adelaide in May with many national and international children’s authors and illustrators as key speakers/presenters. Some of these include Oliver Jeffers, Alison Lester, Mem Fox, Isobelle Carmody, David Cornish, and Sean Williams. The CBC website has details of the conference and also Book Week merchandise will be available for purchase from the website from May. www.cbca.org.au. The CBCA is also in the process of restructuring with a central board with representatives from each state. Please visit the CBCA website for the full Adelaide conference program details.

5.4 Read Mob/National Year of Reading Launch Review

City of Pt Adelaide-Enfield (100 students from Largs School participated. Other schools also participated).

City of Playford (Elizabeth Special School 10 x participated)

City of Adelaide (Had two very enthusiastic responses from schools. St Aloysius loved the idea. Four classes Victoria Square, Adelaide.)

City of Walkerville (Paradise Primary – whole school got involved – around the fence perimeter – all wore glasses made from template provided)

City of Salisbury (Para Hills JP participated).

Tea Tree Gully – 3 schools interested, 1 school 3x classes used the Y.O.R flower logo.

Civic Park (put on a play - 'It's a Book')

City of Victor Harbor (Primary School and High school participated)

City of Unley – (4 schools attended the Unley Town hall for Read Mob – 200 students)

City of Mitcham (Colonel Light Gardens School participated)

City of Marion (Read Mob event with Sheidow Park Primary at Hallet Cove Shopping Centre)

Veronica to send out an email to the network to source more information from other libraries on events held for *Read Mob* events.

5.5 Other Business/Information Sharing

Some general creative ideas – incorporating children, pets & reading!

Adelaide Hills Council – is looking into holding a Read to a Dog program (kids come to library and read to a therapy dog). Linking in with an author – city /dog- country dog theme. Playford Library's Facebook page – Playford is holding a competition My Pet Entries – where people submit photos of their pets reading.

Resource sharing/Author sharing/Cost sharing across network

Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills) raised idea of sharing resources across network eg. Meet the Author Days etc. Sascha Hutchinson (Unley) suggested that this could work well if libraries in close proximity could network together on this, ie. as Holdfast, Marion, Unley and Onkaparinga currently do. This assists setting up a shared author visit more practical – with travel involved etc for author, as well as organizing meetings between libraries for these kinds of discussions.

Discussion of copyright issues – Emma Jane Phillips (Wilderness School – previously at Tea Tree Gully) recently attended a comprehensive copyright training course and shared various issues around copyright to the group from a library perspective which opened up to general group discussion. For further information on areas discussed or about this training – please contact Emma Jane Phillips ephillips@wilderness.com.au

5.6 Next Meeting to be held at PLS Thursday 21st June 2012 (10am-4pm)

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