

WAPL READ Business Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2008

Attended: Maureen Welch (IFLS), Trish Iaccarino (SCLS/UW-Madison), Jennifer Einwalter (Slinger PL), Colleen Crowley (Chippewa Falls PL), Gary Warren Niebuhr (Greendale PL), Dick Nelson (North Shore PL), Katie Schulz (New Berlin PL), Laurie Freund (WCFLS), Kirstin Houtman (WILS)

News: Niki Meher is the new newsletter person. READ is no longer doing bibliographies. The bylaws are changing: READ will discontinue bibliographies position, there will be a "director at large" title change, etc. The bylaws are guidelines so no formal voting by section members is required. The Literacy Awards chair will also be an officer on READ to help with the coordination and communication.

Programming ideas:

WAPL 2009

- Regularly scheduled: business meeting, book discussion, Notable Books Marathon
- **How to do a book discussion** – Gary Niebuhr said he would do this program for READS. And then afterwards, he would lead a book discussion for conference attendees. If you decided to do this, request this program for Thursday in the afternoon. For 2008, the **WAPL book discussion** (Title was *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and Gary picked the title) was held on Friday morning and READS would like it moved to another time.
- **Jessica Moyer** was suggested as a possible presenter to talk about her book and research on readers advisory.

2009 WLA

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- Possible speakers on readers advisory: **Katie Stover**, Kansas City Public Library, to do a program on training staff to do reader's advisory, David Wright, Seattle Public Library, **Barry Trott**, Williamsburg (VA) Public Library, or **Neale Wyatt** on Reading Maps for readers advisory.
- Literary Awards group have a table talk on Wisconsin authors
- Graphic novels program (with YSS) and book discussion groups such as the Amery Public Library's Teen Manga discussion group.
- American Native authors with a tie-in to PBS American Indian History
- Audiobook discussions

- Video placement such as DVDs, DVDs with discussion guides, performance rights, etc.

Other ideas for future consideration:

- Genre retreat (separate from conference) and invite well-known authors or speakers, talk about readers advisory, book discussions, book talks, etc.
- Consider setting up a READ blog

Advertising READ: Another discussion was on advertising READ. The group suggested having a poster board at the WLA Conference near the registration table. There was a question whether READ brochures were still available and, if so, hand them out at READ programs. Another suggestion was to develop a READ bookmark.

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