

## HIGHLIGHTS - YOUTH SERVICES - 2015

*The RCLS Youth Services Department is committed to promoting the RCLS values, mission and goals by operating within the guidelines of the 2012-2016 Plan of Service (POS).*

*Each activity of the RCLS Youth Services Consultant (YSC) as it pertains to specific service outlined in the RCLS Plan of Service is as follows (percentages refer to time the YSC spent on this activity during the year):*

### **POS – Section 4.10 Element 2. SPECIAL CLIENT GROUPS - Youth services**

**Goal Statement:** Offer a clearly defined set of cost effective coordinated or centralized services designed to enhance local library service and maximize the return from local funds expended.

Provide opportunities to member libraries' staff and trustees for the training and skills development needed to support excellent library service.

**Objective:** Provide the opportunity for youth services librarians to preview materials for children and teens.

**Activities:**

*Organized 2 New Juvenile Book Preview Sessions*

*Staff from 29 member libraries participated in the two sessions as follows:*

*Spring – 34 staff members from 25 libraries*

*Fall – 31 staff members from 25 libraries*

*2,433 books were distributed*

**Goal Statement:** Offer a clearly defined set of cost effective coordinated or centralized services designed to enhance local library service and maximize the return from local funds expended.

Maintain and promote effective means of communication with and among member libraries to ensure accountability and cooperation.

**Objective:** Support projects and services to enhance youth services.

**Activities:**

*Participated in member library youth services association meetings (CLOUSC, LARC-YS, RCLS Teen)*

*Helped organize Mock Newbery/Caldecott Award Discussions (co-sponsored with CLOUSC and LARC-YS)*

*Organized Mock Printz Award Discussion with RCLS Teen Librarians*

*Submitted reports and attended RCLS Directors' Association meetings*

*Organized committees of member library staff to provide materials for the "Every Hero Has a Story" and "Unmasked" summer reading programs.*

*All 47 member libraries reported sponsoring a summer library program. A total of 11,410 children and teens were enrolled in the programs (an increase of 99 from 2014). There were 2,860 programs held and attended by 62,587 children, teens and their families (an increase of 2,227 over last summer). Reading totals for children and teens participating in the programs include: total books read - 74,709 (for 5,704 participants); total time (in minutes) spent reading – 399,121 (for 1,314 participants).*

*Coordinated Family Literacy Summer Reading Program grant from the Division of Library Development.*

### **POS – Section 4.12 Element 3. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION – Continuing Education and Training**

**Goal Statement:** Provide opportunities to member libraries' staff, directors and trustees for the training and skills development needed to support excellent library service.

**Objective:** Maintain the RCLS professional collection to provide the staff at RCLS and the member libraries with an up to date and comprehensive resource to support their work related activities.

**Activities:**

*Provided continuing education programs and presentations – 14. Total attendance – 512.*

*Including:*

*Performers' Showcase (attendance – 36)*

*3 Children's & Teen Librarian Summer Reading Program Planning Workshops (total attendance – 64)*

*2 programs on Early Literacy ("Early Literacy Community Asset Analysis" and "Using 'Every Child Read to Read 2'") (total attendance – 48)*

*Fall into Books Conference featuring Brian Floca (co-sponsored with MHLS and the five area BOCES) (attendance – 133)*

*Ordered and weeded items for the RCLS Professional Collection.*

**POS – Section 4.13 Element 5. CONSULTING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – Consulting and Development Services**

**Goal Statement:** Maintain an organizational environment that allows RCLS to be responsive and accountable to member libraries.

**Objective:** Provide consulting services to support member libraries in achieving excellence in such areas as management and personnel administration, youth services, adult services, technology, trustee development, library building design, and Education law, to assist member libraries achieve service excellence.

Encourage and fund the participation of RCLS staff in local, regional, state, and national forums that support the System's mandate and afford the opportunity to develop and enhance skills to help support the needs of member trustees and staff.

**Activities:**

*Attended the following local, state and national conferences:*

*ALA Midwinter Conference – Chicago*

*YSS Spring Conference – Long Island*

*ALA National Conference – San Francisco*

*NYLA Conference – Lake Placid*

*ALA/ALSC involvement: Finished term as Chair of the 2015 Newbery Award Committee*

*Statistics for the youth services department for 2015 include:*

*Contacts to member library staff:*

*Youth services issues - 2,574*

**POS – Section 4.14 Element 6. COORDINATED SERVICES – Coordinated Service**

**Goal Statement:** Offer a clearly defined set of cost effective coordinated or centralized services designed to enhance local library service and maximize the return from local funds expended.

**Objective:** Negotiate consortium discounts for goods and services to support automated services, summer reading and other programs as developed.

**Activities:**

*Coordinated SRP materials and promoted PlayAway orders.*

**POS – Section 4.15 Element 7. AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY – Awareness and advocacy**

**Goal Statement:** Encourage and support member libraries in their efforts to increase community awareness about public library programs, services and governance.

**Objective:** Maintain advocacy activities at the regional, state and federal levels.

Encourage and fund the participation of RCLS staff and trustees in local, regional, state and national forums that support the System's mandate and afford the opportunity to advocate on behalf of librarians, libraries and library service.

**Activities:**

*Consulted with member library staff, trustees and volunteers on Friends activities and issues.*

*Worked with OLA to organize "Friends' Gathering" featuring a presentation by Courtney Darts of Pro Bono Partnerships (attended by 30 Friends and member library staff)*

*Participated in NYLA Library Advocacy Day in Albany*

*In addition, the YSC served in the following capacity:*

*Immediate Past-President, Empire Friends of Libraries Roundtable of NYLA*

*Contacts to member library staff:*

*Advocacy, Marketing and PR for libraries - 94*

**POS – Section 4.17 Element 9. COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH OTHER LIBRARY SYSTEMS – Cooperative efforts with other library systems**

**Goal Statement:** Maintain an organizational environment that allows RCLS to be responsive and accountable to member libraries.

**Objective:** Initiate projects with other systems and organizations to expand access to resources and build partnerships that help sustain high quality services.

**Activities:**

*The YSC made presentations featuring the ALA Notable Children's Books at:*

*Ulster School / Public Librarians Joint Meeting*

*Dutchess School / Public Librarians Joint Meeting*

*SUNY Orange (in cooperation with Orange-Ulster BOCES & ABC Reading Council)*

*The YSC worked with the ABC Reading Council on their monthly programs.*

*The YSC served as:*

*Orange-Ulster BOCES School Library System Advisory Council member*