

**Minutes of  
Yonkers City School Library System Council Meeting  
December 3, 2020**

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom and was called to order by Jim Riley, Council President.

**Council Members Present:** Jim Riley (President), Z. Baird, Dr. Andrea Coddett, Don DeMatteo, Karen Loia, Steve Mazzola, Jesse Montero, Angelo Petrino, Peter Sieh, Don Solimene, Nicole Taylor-Wernham, Susan Thaler, Tracey Wong, *ex.officio*.

**Excused:** Carol Westphal

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the October 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Reports:**

**Membership:**

- Susan Thaler, Deputy Director of YPL will be retiring in January and has resigned from YCSLS Council. We thanked her for her service.

**Professional Development Completed:**

- All Librarians attended Benchmark Training.
- Jim Riley, Carol Westphal and Tracey Wong attended the Regents Advisory Council sponsored by BOCES. Each BOCES gave a presentation of what they are doing in their libraries (ex. book drop-off, book mobile and makerspaces).
- Carol Westphal attended two Follett webinars. Topics presented were: Customizing Destiny Discover and using Preconfigured Reports in Destiny.
- Jim Riley attended a webinar on Personal Finance.
- Karen Loia conducted a Microsoft Teams Training for the School Aides.
- Nicholas Dolce facilitated a workshop on Book Creator for all librarians.

**Professional Development Upcoming:**

- December 9, 2020 – 3D Printing with Tinkercad – Christine Betitti (YPL).
- December 16, 2020 – Nearpod – Nicholas Dolce.
- January 6, 2021 – How to create a Bitmoji Classroom/Library – Parts I & II – Karen Loia.
- January 13, 2021 – Laser Printing, Part I – Laughton Hughes.
- January 27, 2021 – Ozobots in the Library – Peter Sieh.

**Yonkers Public Library Report:** (Jesse Montero and Z Baird)

- YPL has returned to contact free pickup. A decision will be made on 12.4.2020 as to whether they will reopen. If YPL chooses to reopen there will be changes due to the need for unnecessary risk: no computer service and no chairs at reading tables.
- Virtual services remain available as well as holds, calls for assistance and over 1000 services via virtual access since March 2020.
- Jesse Montero thanked Tracey Wong for making the link live to the YPS Teachers for their new YPL card. The new card is more about digital access. This is a new policy and the partnership is appreciated.
- Susan Thaler expanded upon the collaboration between the Yonkers Public Schools and the Yonkers Public Libraries.

**Library Services Report:**

- Dr. Andrea Cordett spoke about the need for cultural development of the Yonkers Public Schools library collections.
- Tracey Wong encouraged the Librarians to create Donor's Choose accounts. Jim Riley has created an account to obtain 3D pens. Nicole Taylor-Wernham created an account to obtain a printer for Dodson and will create another to obtain a printer for Fermi. Carol Westphal has created an account for YMA to obtain 3D Pens.

**Website:** (Don DeMatteo)

- It was mentioned the free-typing resources are unavailable on the Library Services page. Don Dematteo stated Carol Westphal had taken care of the problem.
- Nicole Taylor-Wernham asked that Wonderopolis.org is reviewed for adding to resources.

**Old Business:**

- Dr. Cordett shared the list of social, emotional books with Z. Baird. Z then sent out a flyer stating which titles could be accessed on READsquared.

**New Business:**

- Librarians can apply for the Laura Bush Grant. Applications are available online.
- Book Orders are due by December 15, 2020.

**Announcements:** None

**Next Meeting:** February 4, 2021

**Motion to Adjourn:** Approved

**Minutes:** Respectfully submitted, Nicole Taylor-Wernham