

**Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) Adult Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 15, 2016
Finkelstein Library**

Present: Richard Morbeth (Finkelstein Library), Rosemary Farrell (Nyack), Anya Berg (Palisades), Sean Antonucci (Valley Cottage), Amy LaRocca (Suffern), Brian Jennings (New City), Ashley Maraffino (Valley Cottage)

Chair of the adult services committee, Brian Jennings calls the meeting to order at 10:08am.

Minutes of the November 6, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Brian moved to accept the minutes, Amy seconded.

Rockland Author Award Update

Veronica Reynolds is heading up the Rockland author award committee. She was unable to attend the meeting so Brian updated the adult services committee in her stead.

LARC executive board has approved funding for the author award (Book of the Year Award).

Mary Beth Keane, the author of "Fever," agreed to be a final reader of entries.

The establishment of the Rockland Author Award will be announced at the LARC annual meeting at New City, to be held on the 3rd or 10th of June. This year's speaker will be Brian Kinney who writes a column for Publisher's Weekly.

Oral History Programs and Training

Brian reported that the LARC executive board doesn't want to push the oral history program on libraries, instead would like libraries to volunteer to participate. Libraries who would like to participate need to purchase their own equipment. The most essential item being a digital audio recorder.

LARC is willing to provide training. The training will be conducted by Eileen McAdam and will be a half to almost full day training session. A max of 12 people can attend. Possible dates for training: April 18th or 20th, May 13th, 14th, or 17th. Equipment should be purchased by the date of training so it can be used at the session.

Brian reported that all oral history recordings will go on the HRVH (Hudson River Valley Heritage) and DPLA (Digital Public Library of America) web sites. The HRVH collection is being contributed to DPLA. Libraries should create metadata for their recordings. LARC previously contracted with Christy Blanchette to create the metadata for HRVH. Brian had a conversation with Christy about who would take on the responsibilities for metadata regarding the oral history project. It was decided, for now, that libraries that create metadata for their recordings will send the metadata spreadsheet to Brian who will pass it on to Christy. It was acknowledged that training for

metadata creation may be needed for participants in the oral history project. Brian sees it as logical to store sound files at HRVH. Libraries are also free to do what they want with the files.

Brian presented an audio clip of an interview of Bob Knight, the historian for the Town of Clarkstown.

Brian reported that the LARC executive board asked how this project could be brought to other libraries. Brian suggested creating a "Humans of New York" type of traveling photo exhibit that could go to each of the libraries. He knows a photographer who would be interested in shooting the photos. A grant would be needed for framing photos and for the possible purchase of mp3 players to play the recordings as the photos were viewed in the exhibit.

Around the Table

Meeting attendees discussed happenings at their libraries.

1. Anya Berg (Palisades) discussed the Palisades Library's plans for their upcoming 125th anniversary to be held on May 14th. There will be a plant sale, food, music, and exhibits.
2. Rosemary Farrell reported the Nyack Library will be holding a local author fair in April, organized by Elizabeth Hobson. Nyack Library is also starting a seed library, spearheaded by Lori Needle and volunteers in the community, which will be up and running by March.
3. Richard Morbeth (Finkelstein) is starting to plan for the library's 100th anniversary, just two years away.
4. Sean Antonucci discussed Valley Cottage Library's new graphic novel book club and reader's advisory form. Ashley Maraffino added that VCL has a new bakeware collection available for Nyack School District patrons to borrow.
5. Amy LaRocca (Suffern) expressed interest in participating in the oral history recording project. She also discussed how the library is working with the Foundation Center to provide resources and programs to patrons to identify grants and funding. Amy remarked that a librarian at the library is retiring and they will have an open position.

Next meeting to be held on February 19. Tentative meeting place: Suffern Library.

Sean moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25am, and Brian seconded.