

YSRT News to Use

Youth Services
Round Table

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Library Branch Spotlight: Tremonton City Library

In 1914, the Economic Club organized a reading room under the direction of Mrs. W.E. Hadly. In 1918, the Economic Club presented the library to city of Tremonton. 1914-1930 Book showers. bake sales. banquets and later the yearly May Festival. were the constant relentless fund-raising projects directed at providing library service to the community. The Commercial Club offered use of their rooms in 1920, rent free. The Economic Club purchased materials for shelving. In 1922 the Library Board and city council rented south annex of bank building. In 1923 the increased rental forced to library to move to the upstairs of the Waldron Building. The Economic Club



Tremonton City Library

contributed \$3,000.00 to assist in building the present building. The Library was dedicated in 1930. The city made many improvements including a gas furnace, new lighting, the replacement of windows, painting of interior and exterior, carpeting, and a ramp. Jay Dee and Alice C. Harris made it possible for the beautiful addition and remodeling of the existing building, which doubled the space.

Libraries Visited

These are the libraries that Heidi visited since our last newsletter:

*Salt Lake City Library: Main branch.

*Summit County Library: Kimball Junction branch

*Salt lake County Library: Millcreek branch, West Jordan branch

If you would like to have your library spotlighted or have a program idea to share, please send the information to the YSRT Chair. Thank you!

Coming to See You!

Let Heidi know when it's a good time for her to come visit your library!

Good News, Bad News

Our amazing YSRT Vice-Chair, Tegan Davis, was recently offered a job in Colorado. She will be fabulous in her new position, of course! We expect wonderful things from the librarian who has been part of ILEAD, an ALA Emerging Leader, and part of Creative Libraries Utah. The sad thing is that means our roundtable no longer has a Vice-Chair! We will miss her very much, but wish her the best of luck in her new position!

SAVE THE DATE:
YSRT Winter social! Come munch on goodies while having a chance to relax & network with fellow Youth Service librarians. Location: 521 E. Vine St. Murray, UT (aka Heidi's house!)
Date: Jan. 9th
Time: 7pm

YSRT 2014 Fall Workshop Report

Bobbie Pyron, author of *A Dog's Way Home* and *Dogs of Winter*, was the guest speaker at the YSRT Fall Workshop. Bobbie delighted workshop attendees with her frank and friendly presentation about what it is like to be a children's book author; from sometimes feeling like she never

leaves her home, to the derision with which sometimes children's book writers are viewed by authors of books for adult audiences. She told heartwarming tales of letters from child fans that indicate how fulfilling it is to be a children's book author. She also spoke of her

writing inspirations which included books she loved as a child, like the Dr. Dolittle books by Hugh Lofting and *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Every Burnford. Bobbie's presentation was the perfect beginning to a great Fall YSRT Workshop!
-Liesl Johnson

Guest Speaker—Bobbie Pyron



Bobbie Pyron with her award-winning novel *A Dog's Way Home*

Utah Kids Ready to Read in Storytime

By Sharon Deeds, Liesl Johnson, and Lisa Cohne

Sharon Deeds (Utah State Library), Liesl Johnson (Salt Lake City Library, Main branch), and Lisa Cohne (Utah Education Network) went over the five elements of literacy promoted in the Utah Kids Ready to Read program and how to use them in story times. Learning about the "literacy asides" was particularly useful in showing how we can incorporate these elements seamlessly into story times. The overview of *Preschool Pioneer* was also enlightening. I had no idea of all the applications available through this website. (I spent an hour at the desk last week playing preschool games). It would have been great if the session had been longer; the speakers had so much information to impart that they had to speed through their presentations. The handouts will be useful in exploring the topics more deeply. -Ellen Grove

Reinventing Summer Reading

by Marilyn Hurlow and Lindsay Royslance



If your Teen Summer Reading Program has been in a slump of late, maybe you should change your aims, rather than your activities. The Young Adult librarians from the Murray City Library presented their new goals that brought great success to their new program:

1. Change the perception of reading in the teen population.
2. Change the perception of libraries with teens.
3. Give them control in what they read.

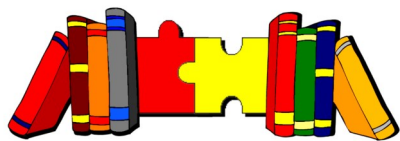
They also supplied wonderful suggestions for updating and bringing your program into social media; such as Instagram, Tumblr, and vlogs on YouTube. (The vlog brothers are great!) -Sarah Hall

Sensory Storytimes and Beyond

by Deborah Smith, Krista Dunham, and Carrie Rogers–Whitehead

This was another multi-presenter session. Deborah Smith (Weber County), Krista Dunham (Weber County), and Carrie Rogers-Whitehead (Salt Lake County Library, Kearns branch) presented on ways to reach out to autistic children in the library. Since they have programs that specifically work with this population, they definitely know what they're talking about! They talked about best practices in running the programs. And they talked about how this programming can be done for all ages. A few helpful websites were suggested, which can be found on their handout on the YSRT ULA page. *-Heidi Tice*

Libraries and Autism



We're connected.

Starting Your Own Minecraft Club by Jessie Manis

Jessie Manis (Salt Lake City Library, Day-Riverside branch) gave a great overview on what Minecraft is, how it's played, how it benefits the library, and how to create a Minecraft club in a library setting for a variety of budgets. I never understood Minecraft, but I now have an appreciation for the tweens that spend every afternoon at the library playing. *-Bekah Goodman*



Speaking for Storytelling by Scott Bahlmann

What do you get when you have a room full of librarians tripping on tongue twisters, busily buzzing their lips, and deeply drawing breath? No, it's not a joke - it's "Speaking for Storytelling!" This wonderful and informative presentation taught theater tricks to breathe properly, project your voice, and enunciate your words so that the toddlers and parents can understand you without hurting your throat. Fun was had and lots was learned! *-Sarah Hall*

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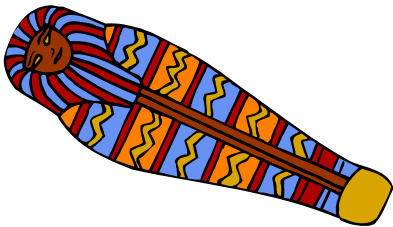
Hand's On! with the YSRT Board (or Substitute for Program Swap)



One of our sessions at the YSRT Fall Workshop was a Hand's On portion with the YSRT board. Each of the board members came with an activity or craft to share, complete with demonstration and materials for the attendees to try. Here is a report of those activities. If you would like further information about them, please feel free to contact the board member!

Heidi brought her box of activities and crafts that one could do for a Hobbit program. She has already done this program with teens as well as with school-age kids in the summer. This particular box was meant for rotation among the SLCounty's system for their Book Dudes program (boys ages 7-11). All of the games and activities are appropriate for any age. These included origami swords, Beorn the Bear relay race, I Spy treasure hunt, Hobbit Feet relay race, and Writing your name in Elvish and Dwarvish. Files for this can be found on the YSRT ULA website.

Tegan brought a Mystery Maze activity. This is a great last-minute activity that can be done with teens or school-age. She taped off a section of the carpet (~4 feet by 4 feet). The players stand in the various squares within the large square. (This works even better if there are floor tiles or carpeting with square tiles.) Players would stand on various squares and the Maze Master would tell them yes or no if it was part of the maze's path. Through deduction the player is able to make it through the maze.



Ellen provided materials to make a craft of an Egyptian mummy casket. She didn't bring any instructions, as she said it was easier to just show it than to explain it. So you'll need to ask her for more on that! Perhaps we can have her add a video of making one to our new YSRT Idea Sharing blog!

Bekah, a Whovian (there are at least THREE of us on the board!), decided to tell about some Doctor Who activities she has done at a Doctor Who party. She even took these activities and created a Teen Program box that the rest of her library system can use. Some of the games include Weeping Angel Tag and Daleks vs. Cybermen. She then provided some materials so attendees could create their own River Song journal.



Liesl provided materials for an adorable little puppet stage made out of a cereal box! Quite clever and very easy to create. She also included some paper puppets that the attendees could cut out and attach to popsicle sticks. Voila! A puppet stage *and* puppets all ready to use in storytime.

Announcing...

YSRT on social media! We're now on Facebook (Utah Ysrt). But Heidi has also created a blog (<http://utahysrt.blogspot.com/>) where detailed explanations + videos + pictures can be posted about particular crafts/games/activities that we've done in our programs. Those posts will be pinned onto Pinterest (<http://www.pinterest.com/utahysrt/>). If you have an account, please follow our board! There you can have a one-stop visual shop of ideas, including name & library info of Utah librarians who have actually *done* the activities. This way you can contact those librarians for more information if you need. Contact Heidi for information on how to add to the Programming blog (or you can just send it for her to post). We look forward to all of things you have to share!