In attendance: Chair: Amanda Weaver, Vice Chair: Amber Hargett, Treasurer: John Russell, Secretary: Varin Worthington, Director of Membership: Anna Monroe-Stover, Director at Large: Jen Dickenson, Scholarship and Grant Director: Katie Broughey, NC Book Award Rep: Janet West, State Youth Consultant: Jasmine Rockwell

**Introductions**

Amber Hargett was introduced as the new Vice Chair.

**Mission Statement and Goals**

The most popular verbs submitted to the planning document were: Empower, Connect, Inspire, and Engage

The new YSS Mission Statement:

_The mission of YSS is to empower our members with up-to-date library services, topics, and trends. To connect them with fellow library professionals, experts, and presenters that inspire them to engage and improve their services for youth and their families in NC._

**Potential Goals:**

- Host workshops and online symposiums to provide members with up-to-date information, services and programs pertaining to families with babies to teenagers to enrich their communities. Host Spring scholarship opportunity to try something new.
- Create opportunities for members to connect with peer professionals, experts and presenters to voice concerns and idea-share via online or in-person meet ups.
  - It was suggested to add a statement about mentoring and collaborating with MLS/MLIS students.
  - Amanda will be approaching the mentorship addition at the next NCLA Executive Board meeting.
- Encourage members to share online at least one to two successful programs they’ve offered to babies, children, tweens and teen population. Ask in person and online events what they learned and if they will implement any ideas for their community at their library.
It was suggested to invite MLS students and members from the NMRT to join the YSS Listserv.
- Listserv best practices would be sent out
- Katie and John will be creating a Listserv doc with helpful tips i.e. that if a member is signed up for the digest version links and attachments may not show; or to ask for replies directly to avoid large email chains.

Let’s Get Creative Grant Final Report
- Reports will be due to Katie on June 1, 2024
- Amanda will be sending Katie the scholarship information
- Katie will create a draft email for report reminders and will send them out in April.
- Should final reports include:
  - Promotional materials and event photos
  - Program descriptions and survey results
  - Advice on how to host similar events

YSS Symposium Planning
Symposium is scheduled for October 4th
- John and Amanda have been working on finalizing the graphic.
- Jasmine will host the online symposium
- Fees: It was determined that the symposium would be free for YSS members and $5 for non-members (which is the cost of joining the YSS).
- Jasmine has found a speaker for a presentation on inclusivity.

Performer Showcase:
- It was suggested that performers receive a nominal fee for participating in the showcase at our Regional Meet-Up/Workshop (up to $150).

Mental Health Training:
- Amanda will be reaching out to a new Mental Health First Aid presenter for a Youth Mental Health First Aid course
  - Scheduling information indicated that the training would be covered for participants that work with children.
- Janet suggested the Question, Persuade, and Refer training from the Department of Health and Human Services.
  - QPR training is 2 hours long.
- There was a discussion of addressing the Surgeon General’s Advisory Report on the Epidemic of Loneliness
Should breakout sessions be held during the symposium?
Conversations could be hosted on a YSS discussion forum as a follow up to information covered during the symposium.

Facebook Group vs. Facebook Page vs. Discussion Forum on Wild Apricot:

- There was discussion as to whether or not a YSS Facebook Group should be started to facilitate conversations for YSS members and Youth Services staff across the state.
  - There was some concern over privacy while utilizing Facebook, keeping professional and personal information separate.
- It was decided that Amanda will continue working on creating a discussion forum to be hosted on the YSS NCLA page.

Regional Workshop Planning:

Dates:

- Regional Workshops will be scheduled between October and December 2024 (whatever is available due to November elections).
- Workshops will be held at libraries that can hold between 50-100 attendees.

Workshop Pricing:

- Regional Workshop pricing will be used to fund the spring grants for 2025.
  - A cost analysis is needed to determine the cost effectiveness of the Fall Retreat and its profits compared to the rates from the smaller regional workshops.

Workshop Supplies:

- Jasmine will pick up snacks from Costco. She will also provide door prizes for attendees.

State Library Updates:

CE coming in 2024

Flow Circus

- Fail Better: Kinetic Play (Integration) for Tweens, Teens, and Adults with Flow Circus (in person)
  - 3/12 – Sneads Ferry
4/24 – Chapel Hill

Other

- Summer programming drop in sessions
  - 3/14 @ 10 AM – Programming, activities, & events
  - 3/15 @ 10 AM - Presenters & performers
- NC CAP?? April 19th @ 10 AM

CE coming in 2024/2025 (based off the 2023 SLNC CE Survey)

- STEM/STEAM
- Serving youth with Autism
- Serving other neurodivergent youth

CSLP Reminders:

- New Libraries Are Life merch!

Other Youth Services

- READsquared access continues
- Smokey Bear Reading Challenge – materials have been shipped to your main branches so check with your head of youth services or director

Grants:

Community Partnerships for Literacy

Purpose
To support the creation of literacy and learning centers in local community places. Libraries with community partners can establish an environment of familial and intergenerational learning in their communities. This opportunity will
allow for the purchase of literacy materials (books, literacy tip sheets, etc.), interactive learning manipulatives, needed furnishings, and safety supplies.

**Community partners may include:**
- Barbershops and beauty shops
- Laundromats
- Healthcare/social services
- Community centers
- Women’s/youth Shelters

**Eligible libraries**
North Carolina public libraries eligible for the Aid to Public Libraries Fund, community college libraries, UNC system libraries, and North Carolina Independent College and University (NCICU) libraries may submit one application.

**Grant funding**
Between $4,000-$10,000, with no match required.

**Timeline**
- Application Deadline: April 17
- Awards announced by: April 26
- Grant period ends August 15
- Final reimbursement due by August 31
- Final report due by September 30

**Other miscellaneous**
- LD Blog [https://slnclibrarydevelopment.substack.com/](https://slnclibrarydevelopment.substack.com/)
- Adult Services Consultant – finally advertised!
- Possible shift in funding for YS CE