

**North Country Public Library  
Youth Services Organization  
Draft Minutes  
August 18, 2009  
Pulaski Public Library**

**Attending:** Ginger Tebo, Nicole Spencer, Sarah Sachs, Karen Swartz, Amanda Tehonica, Margaret Weigel, Dorothy Dineen, and Justin Patrick.

**Call to Order:** Ginger Tebo called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**Welcome and introductions:** Ginger Tebo welcomed the attendees and made introductions

**Old Business:**

**Battle of the Books Committee:** The Battle of the Books Committee, Charlie Garofalo, Linda McCullough, Valerie White and Jan Keller will meet Monday, August 24, 2009 at 9 a.m. in Canton. All are welcome. During the meeting, the committee will choose the official booklist and is looking for title suggestions. Several attendees noted that, in some Oswego County communities, school districts have their own tournaments.

**New Business:**

**Revision of the Bylaws:** Ginger Tebo introduced a needed change to the YSO Bylaws to add Fort Drum's McEwan Library and public library branches. New wording should clarify the term "public library," which does not technically apply to the McEwan Library, but is used to distinguish YSO library members from employees working at a school or other type of library. There is also a need to provide the branches with opportunity to vote in the organization. Changes will be presented for preview and a vote will occur at the next YSO meeting.

**Teen Read Committee:** Nicole Spencer reported that the Teen Read Committee, Amanda Tehonica, Krista Briggs, Jessie, and Dawn Myers, met in July to talk about Teen Read Week. Two types of tournaments were discussed. Canton and Lowville Free Libraries are working together on an online tournament. The program's teen participants are currently in the process of voting on a series to be used in the tournament.

Additionally, Nicci is spearheading a traditional Teen Reads Battle of the Books program that will take place November 11, 2009 at Flower Memorial Library in Watertown. Nicci will soon circulate an email containing the tool kit, book list and publicity information.

The committee has begun a blog for teen books @ <http://teenreads2.wordpress.com/>. Book reviews and comments on them will be sought from library staff and teens.

A motion will be presented at the fall YSO meeting to make this committee and official YSO committee.

**The Number of YSO Meetings:** After brief discussion, a consensus was reached that YSO meetings will occur in May and November after the YSS Spring Conference and NYLA Annual Conferences respectively.

**YSS Conference:** Sarah Sachs announced that the 2010 YSS Spring Conference is April 9 in the Albany area, the same weekend as the new [Empire Book Festival](#).

**NCLS Grant:** Emily Owen announced the library system's receipt of a \$15k grant, *Reading is Recreational*, to establish walking tours through various local parks. (See attached handout) Mini grants will also be available for programming. This will be a great kick-off for the 2010 summer reading theme *Make a Splash at Your Library*.

**YSO Storytime Wiki:** Ginger Tebo introduced YSO's first collaborative resource, found at <http://ysostorytime.pbworks.com/>. Members are encouraged to begin using the wiki and to send their own additions to Ginger @ [gtebo@ncls.org](mailto:gtebo@ncls.org) for inclusion. The attendees thanked Ginger for her generous sharing of this resource.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

**Next meeting is at 10:00 a.m., November 12, 2009, at Canton Free Library and will feature a local author forum.**