



Say, have you heard about the...

WVLS Youth Services Information Exchange (YSIE - "Why? See?!")

What is YSIE? The annual WVLS youth services Grassroots Gathering discussion on March 9, 2016 following Children's Book Fest in Rhinelander lasted two hours. Time flew; it was so enjoyable and productive that those around the circle concluded there needed to be more face-to-face informal opportunities for Northcentral Wisconsin youth librarians to share ideas...and just...well TALK to each other about shared success stories and concerns.

The action plan that evolved from that brainstorming session is the very definition of "grassroots." A three-hour block from 11 AM to 2 PM, including a working lunch, was agreed upon to recognize staffing needed for morning story times and after school programs as well as to provide more flexibility for volunteer hosts to scheduling dates at each rotating location. Four meetings have been held since then; April 29, 2016 (Three Lakes) with a focus on teen programming, September 16, 2016 (Rhinelander) to share pre-school and K-2 ideas, January 13, 2017 to talk about 2017 CSLP program planning for "Build a Better World", and March 8, 2017 (Grassroots Gathering). It's fun to visit different youth departments and learn about activities in each library!

YSIE get-togethers in August/September, January, and March (to coincide with Children's Book Fest in Rhinelander), together with the annual WVLS youth services workshop in December now provide 4 annual opportunities for idea sharing! *Participants from nearby system member libraries are welcome!*

Future YSIE meetings

Friday, August 25, 2017 - Antigo Public Library, 11 AM to 2 PM including a (dutch treat) working lunch. Focus on post-CLSP wrap up and school year programming.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 - MCPL Wausau Room, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Annual WVLS Youth Services Workshop

January 2018 date and location to be determined.

Interested in learning more? Contact Kris Adams Wendt kawendt@wvls.org