PRESENT
Robin Amer (Marlboro); Edna Auerfeld (Greenwood Lake); Christine Banuls (Goshen); Vanessa Baron (Florida); Karen Cissel (Middletown); Amy Cordisco (O-U BOCES); Lynn Daniels (Cornwall); Carolyn DiLorio (Chester); Joanna Doyle (Washingtonville); Randall Enos (RCLS); Linda Frazer (Tuxedo); Linda Gale (O-U BOCES); Catherine Gilligan (Newburgh); Barbara Introcaso (Valley Central); Dolores Lombardo (Minisink); Lisa Perkowski (Port Jervis); Lisa Ruyack (Pine Bush); Kathleen Turner (Warwick). Also in attendance was Janet Vaitas (OUBOCES) and Joe Sciortino (Board of Trustees/Museum Village).

ABSENT
Tiffany Davis (Mount St. Mary College); Diane Lang (O-U BOCES); Laura Lerner (Monroe-Woodbury); Sheri McNair (Highland Falls); Lauren Milholland (O-U BOCES); Zachary Spalding (SENYLRC); Maggie Spicehandler (Minisink); Deborah Tamulis (NYMA).

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was held at Museum Village, a historic replica of a colonial village located in Monroe, NY. Linda Frazer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Welcome and introductions all around.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2016 MINUTES
Copies of the previous meeting’s minutes were distributed to members for review and/or corrections if needed. Linda Frazer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Council meeting. A motion was made by Joanna Doyle and seconded by Robin Amer to accept the minutes as written. All members moved to accept and the February 11, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes were approved as written with no corrections.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2016-17
Possible meeting dates were discussed and voted upon and the following are the approved Council meeting dates for 2016-17:

Friday, September 30, 2016

Friday, December 16, 2016 (Snow Date – Tuesday, December 20, 2016)

Friday, February 24, 2017 (Snow Date – Tuesday, February 28, 2017)

Friday, May 12, 2017
RE-ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH EXPIRING TERMS

Council members whose terms were expiring June 2016 were voted upon and their terms extended to June 2019 as follows:

Christine Banuls (Goshen CSD): Motion by Kathie Turner, second by Robin Amer.

Vanessa Baron (Florida UFSD): Motion by Kathie Turner, second by Amy Cordisco.

Karen Cissel (Middletown ECSD): Motion by Kathie Turner, second by Lisa Ruyack.

Lynn Daniels (Cornwall CSD): Motion by Carolyn DiLorio, second by Lisa Ruyack.

Tiffany Davis (Mount Saint Mary College): not present, not voted upon.

Joanna Doyle (Washingtonville CSD): retiring. Replacement for District Coordinator to be named at next meeting.

Linda Frazer (Tuxedo UFSD): Motion by Katherine Gilligan, second by Robin Amer.

Catherine Gilligan (Newburgh ECSD): Motion by Carolyn DiLorio, second by Kathie Turner.

Barbara Introcaso (Valley Central SD): Motion by Linda Frazer, second by Carolyn DiLorio.

Dolores Lombardo (Parent Representative): Motion by Robin Amer, second by Vanessa Baron.

Sheri McNair (Highland Falls – Fort Montgomery CSD): not present, not voted upon.


Maggie Spicehandler (Minisink Valley CSD): not present, not voted upon.

Kathie Turner (Warwick Valley CSD): Motion by Carolyn DiLorio, second by Lisa Ruyack.

RAMAPO-CATSKILL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT- Randall Enos

Randall Enos stated that the attendance at this year’s Book Banquet was great.

Mr. Enos continued with a description of this year’s theme for the Summer Reading Program, Ready, Set, Read. Sports and Wellness will be emphasized. He advised that librarians can get current copies of the Summer Reading Program flyers from their public libraries or may call him to arrange for deliveries to schools any time after Friday, May 27, 2016. Also, Lisa Perkowski stated that teens 13+ can get 2 free audiobooks per week for the summer reading program through a program called SYNC, http://www.audiobooksync.com/. The program runs May 5th thru August 17th, so hurry, it has already started.

The location for Fall Into Books, which will be held on October 28, 2016, has been changed. The new location is at the Crestview Conference Center in West Nyack, NY. A flyer was provided for all interested. Randy stated that the conference has been downsized a bit and that the guest author will be Thanhha Lai’.
The Battle of the Books will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at SUNY Orange. It is open to students in grades 6-12. Free books will be distributed. They are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Randy Enos.

Randy Enos was happy to announce that Warwick Public Library was named Best Little Library in America.

SENYLRC Report-Zachary Spalding
No report. Zachary Spalding was not present.

A general discussion followed on the Caldecott and Newbery Award winners and the Mock Book Awards. One of the award books, Last Stop on Market Street, was a surprise winner and a brief discussion followed. Everyone thought this was an interesting choice. Linda Gale said she would like to make a few changes for next year’s Mock Book Awards. She said she would get books sooner so that there is more time to read them and will make a plan for a more equitable distribution of books. It was also noted that Echo won an audio award and that it is a great book to listen to, as opposed to reading.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Professional Development – Kathie Turner reported:

The committee has had discussions on ESL, homeless students, and how to serve other populations.

Great NY Read Aloud Committee--Christine Banuls reported:

The Great NY Read Aloud took place on April 13, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the BOCES Special Ed. multipurpose room at the Gibson Road Campus in Goshen. A total of 43 students participated from Goshen CSD, Greenwood Lake UFSD, and Minisink Valley CSD. Pamela Schembri, local author and storyteller, told a story and was fantastic! The Cat in the Hat was there and books were given away to all participants and siblings. All in all, a great evening.

Spelling Bee – Vanessa Baron reported:

The 2016 Spelling Bee on February 1st went very well. There were no problems or concerns. Gail Heaton handled all the preparations, including the dinner beforehand. Marlayne Sick of Florida did a great job as the Pronouncer this year. Due to health issues, we may need a new Pronouncer next year, as Ms. Sick is currently on a leave of absence.

UPCOMING EVENTS/SHARING

Handouts provided during this meeting were:

Fall Into Books: 18th Annual Children’s & Teen Literature Conference, which will take place at the Crestview Conference Center in West Nyack, NY on October 28, 2016.

Makerspace Boot Camp, to take place at the Honor’s Haven Resort and Spa in Ellenville, NY, July 6-8th, 2016.

SENYLRC Annual Meeting of the Council, to take place at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY on June 3, 2016.
SENYLRC is also hosting two classes to enhance and update your library space. *ReThinking Your Library Space and MakerSpace Introduction* will be held on July 19, 2016 at SENYLRC in Highland, NY.

*SLMSSENY Presentation of the Rip Van Winkle Award, Author Talk (Nick Bruel), and Tour of Library Museum*, at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park, NY on June 4, 2016.

*SSL (New York Library Association Section of School Librarians) 2016 Carol A. Kearney Educational Leadership Institute*, will take place July 28th and 29th at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. The topic of discussion this year will be, “School Librarians: Getting Back to the Book,” and will focus on evaluating and improving the reading culture of your school.

Provided by O-U BOCES SLS: 2016-2017 Student Calendar; SLS Council/Liaison Committee Membership List 2015-16 (to update); 2015-16 List of Council/Coordinators (with term expirations).

Handout provided by Museum Village in a folio: *Museum Village Elementary Lesson Plan; School Programs Travel Grant Information; Visitor Passport (child’s); Connecting With History: A Guide to Visiting Museum Village; Museum Village 2016 Season Events; Save the Date! (List of special events); Admit One Free 2016 Season Ticket for Museum Village.*

**OPEN DISCUSSIONS**

Joanna Doyle, who is retiring from Washingtonville M.S., was told to weed her library of old volumes before she goes. She has a historic collection of Orange County books which have been deemed to be quite significant to Orange County’s historic record. Joanna was happy to announce that through her efforts, arrangements have been made to donate these historic books and documents, one being a ledger of Orange County men that served in the Revolutionary War, to the new history room at the recently renovated Moffatt Library in Washingtonville. She also has a significant collection of newspaper articles of local events that she is having her Library Club sort and organize.

Kathie Turner, from Warwick Valley H.S., initiated a conversation asking for suggestions on library renovations and new spaces. Her district has received a grant and will be remodeling the high school library. This is a timely topic, as some of the upcoming workshops address this very issue.

Katherine Gilligan stated that her library at Vails Gate has also received grant funding and will be remodeled.

Suggestions were made by various librarians as to their experiences with remodeling. Lisa Perkowski, Port Jervis H.S., stated that although round tables are nice for some stuff, they cannot be pushed together or reconfigured for groups. Carolyn DiIorio, Chester Academy, stated that bean bag chairs were not ideal. Robin Amer, Marlboro H.S., asked if anyone had experience with the round plastic chairs. No one has.

A discussion followed about weeding and refreshing old books to extend their useful life. Linda Gale suggested students make book covers for old volumes with original artwork and reviews on the back.

Linda Frazer of Tuxedo UFSD stated that early copies of YA titles are available through Random House’s “First In Line” program.

A couple of librarians will be on maternity leaves. There will be some temporary positions posted.

Several schools are getting or already have Chrome Books for each student at their school.
MUSEUM VILLAGE DISCUSSION AND TOUR

Lisa Ruyack, from Pine Bush E.S. and on the Board of Trustees of Museum Village and Joe Sciortino, a member of the Board of Trustees of Museum Village, led a discussion about the Village. Informational packets were handed out. The benefits of a field trip to the Village for students of all ages were discussed. It was noted that secondary students would be most interested in the energy building and that visits to the Village can be customized to the students’ grade levels. Lisa and Joe said that there are some grants available to schools for transportation costs. After the discussion, everyone went on a tour of the grounds.

The meeting was reconvened after the tour of Museum Village. It was suggested that next year, preferably at the spring meeting, that the council visit another destination to determine its educational potential. Linda Frazer called for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 30, 2016, at the Arden Hill Regional Education Center, 4 Harriman Drive, Goshen, NY, ISS Library, Room 156.

Meeting minutes were submitted by:
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Orange-Ulster BOCES