RAIG Meeting
9/4/2020 1pm

In attendance:

Amy Jenkins (co-leader), Eric Laun, Krista Register, Lynn Harlan, Megan C, Monica McAbee, Noel Knepper, Suzanne Terry, Laura Bandoch, Isaiah West

- Introductions and welcome to new members of our “tribe”
  - Virtual meetings are a great way to try out an MLA group
- Booktalk
  - Amy
    - The Dark Angel by Elly Griffiths
    - Stumptown by Greg Rucka
  - Krista
    - Luster by Raven Leilani
    - Home Before Dark by Reily Sager
  - Monica
    - Piranesi by Susanna Clarke
    - Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam
- Lynn
  - Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey
    https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18635113-elizabeth-is-missing
  - Heartburn by Nora Ephron

- Laura
  - For Your Consideration: Keanu Reeves by Larissa Zageris
  - Caley Cross and the Hadeon Drop by Jeff Rosen

- Eric
  - The Heart Goes Last by Margaret Atwood
  - Nine Tales by Margaret Atwood
  - Dune by Frank Herbert
  - Forest Bathing: How Trees Can Help You Find Health and Happiness by Dr. Qing Li

- Megan
  - When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole
Good Talk by Mira Jacob

Suzanne

Wonderland by Zoje Stage

Burn Our Bodies Down by Rory Power

Noel

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Isaiah

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Social event: Black Author’s Matters: Juvenile and Teen Edition

Tuesday September 8th from 6-7pm

This social event has no fee, but RAIG members still need to sign up

Amy will share the link to register via the listserve

Conference 2020

Virtual, sessions will be recorded, so registered attendees do not need to watch live

Book Buzz – RAIG sponsored program will take place 12/1 from 1-3pm

HarperCollins

Rosarium Publishing (local)

http://rosariumpublishing.com/
- We do not yet know if there will be ARC give-a-ways
  - Fandom
    - 12/3 from 1-2pm
    - Suzanne’s Harry Potter portion will address the “elephant in the room” while encouraging participants to highlight read-a-likes by LGBT authors

- Silent Auction Basket due September 7th
  - Delivery of winning items will be shipped by the donor
  - Lynn has started work on several book page literary Jane Austen crafted items (necklace/earring set, bangle bracelet, pencil holder, mug, and framed quote)
  - Monica has a Star Trek patch
  - Lynn can do a Harry Potter book page craft similar to the Jane Austen ones
  - Laura has a Lord of the Rings necklace that she made and could donate (it looks like a little book)
  - Amy has purchased a Jane Austen mug and pretty copy of Sense and Sensibility
  - An email will be sent to figure out logistics of donating postage for shipping basket to winner bidder
  - Lynn will give items to Meg, who will give to Amy
  - Amy will write up a listing to be posted on the website
  - Amy will mail the basket to the winning bidder

- Conference 2021: Theme is Library Without Limits
  - Potentially occurring virtually
  - Another Book Buzz program with ARC give-a-ways would be popular
    - Monica will ask her contacts for the December Book Buzz about a May event as well
After scheduling fiasco at the 2020 conference, we will get priority scheduling at the 2021 conference

Possible partnership with TIG for Black Authors Matter: Teens

- Kelsy Hughes sent Amy an email about partnering on this program
- We’ve had practice from our virtual programs, so this would be a straightforward program to plan
  - We should present the program as a tool that librarians can take back to their customers, not a social event
  - Diverse authors should not be read-a-likes for white authors, but primary choices
  - Framing is important
  - Becky Stratford does diverse Reader’s Advisory. Could we get her or find someone like her to present?
    - [http://raforall.blogspot.com/](http://raforall.blogspot.com/)
    - Stratford’s website says comes to conferences
    - $300 for an hour long webinar

- Independent Program Ideas
  - Why Read JF/Read-a-likes program
    - We started planning a program for 2020, but it was cancelled due to COVID
  - How to Booktalk
    - There is more need for a Booktalking program than the previously mentioned JF program
    - It would appeal to school librarians (who come to the conference, but don’t always have as much access to professional development as public librarians)
    - Book slam idea, in which tween/teens vote on which best was best (like March Madness)
• Social Media: Instagram and possible Good Reads posting?
  ○ Comment on an Instagram post that we gave them a great review (at #BAM) and suggested we start a GoodReads page
  ○ Our Instagram has gotten a bit behind on posting.
    ■ Should post at least once a week, but ideally 2 or 3 times
    ■ Krista, Meg, Suzanne have easy access, but the rest of us have to go through Krista
    ■ Krista gets notifications almost every day that we have interaction, even when we’re not posting.
      ● September/October – Krista will do it.
      ● Send Krista any hi-resolution photos:kregester@bcpl.net
      ● Tag authors and publishers too! They interact and thank when we do
        ● Include cats, anything hygge (hoo-ga), corgi
    ■ Send an email to Amy or Meg if you’d like to take a turn
    ■ Since we’re still working out how to manage Instagram, now is not the time to start a GoodReads page

• Year plan
  ○ Two 2021 conference program
  ○ At least 1 social program
  ○ Increase membership
    ■ Suzanne will be presenting a Readers Advisory 3-part program for her county
      ● She will plug RAIG and hopefully increase membership
      ● She will share a link to the recording afterwards for us to watch
  ○ Next meeting November 6, 1-3pm
Will occur virtually on Blackboard

Send questions or agenda items to Mfaller@calvertlibrary.info or Amy.jenkins@pgcmls.info

Reminders are super helpful; let's send one out the day before the next meeting in order to increase attendance

Meeting ended at approximately 2:30pm

A copy of these minutes will be sent to Bob Kuntz at rkuntz@carr.org to post on the MLA website