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Children's/Young Adult Report

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Wyoming joined the Collaborative Summer Library Program. The program is a grassroots consortium of states (27) working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.

By combining resources and working with a commercial vendor to produce materials designed exclusively for CSLP members, public libraries in participating states can purchase posters, reading logs, bookmarks, certificates, and a variety of reading incentives at significant savings. The collaborative also supplies member states with a manual that includes graphics, ready made programs, finger plays, flannel boards, book lists, activities, etc.

Kyan Rios and I attended the annual meeting this year in Madison, WI. The meeting was a fun packed three days of learning how the collaborative really works. The chosen vendor (Highsmith) was available for questions and made available 2005 incentives and asked what else they could do for us. Several important issues are address at this three day meeting. Upcoming years are discussed and voted on. The manual writer and illustrator asked for suggestions from the group. Established themes are:
2005–Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds / Teen: Joust Read
2006-Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales / Teen: Creature Feature

Tentative Annual Meeting destinations:

2005: Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

2006: Bismarck, ND

2007: New Jersey

2008: Little Rock, AR

2009: Michigan

The Spring Section Meeting was held in Dubois on April 30 and May 1. The School section also met at this time. Friday's entertainment was provided by Cody Landstrom. Saturday was a busy day with both sections sharing information. Great Northern Books had their Spring titles available. Sections split after lunch. The Children's Section had a business meeting, touched on financial situation and had sharing time discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Bruse