

Book 28 Library

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 21/09/20 17:00

Present: Rebecca Franklin, Isadore Auerbach George, Justin South

Next meeting: **5/10/2020, 5pm**

1. Announcements

N/A

2. Agenda

- Talk about outside in
- Talk about community center writing projects
- In-person work at the center
- Grants
- NaNoWriMo
- Getting to know Justin, his thoughts on the materials listened to/read in preparation
- Time for Metrobank
- New acquisitions

3. Discussions and Actions Taken

Isadore introduced Justin to his MA research work, and how it relates to collections development and the library.

Justin asked about our physical library space, online libraries.

Isadore detailed the difficulties of running an online library, funding, and how expensive online libraries are.

Isadore explained the Book 28 timeline to Justin and outlined our process for Metrobank.

Isadore explained how we have got some new acquisitions and where we are looking to get them. Isadore outlined how our collections development policy is to produce a less scattershot, more balanced collection. Through donations Book 28 gets skewed new acquisitions.

Isadore spoke about his drop-off to The Outside Project last week. It was his first time since lockdown started. He reminded Jesse of the layout, selected books for the guests at the Outside project, and prepared some books alongside the delivery he made.

Justin suggested tiers for donation goals, so we could respond to people who are donating.

Isadore and Rebecca booked the trip to Metrobank on 1st of October.

Isadore talked about the Discord for organization and one for NaNoWriMo.

Isadore outlined the Local Perspectives writing opportunity.

Isadore outlined the group Hopeful Traders that promote marginalized people through art and stationery. They are partnering with The Outside Project to create some paper goods.

Rebecca and Isadore talked about NaNoWriMo group and its progress.

Justin and Isadore discussed guest sessions for NaNoWriMo and talked about a session about poetry and performing.

Isadore discussed publishing-as-library.

Isadore described the state of the physical collection, what needs to be done. We need more books. We need to cover every book and put a spine-sticker on them. We need to categorize the books into one of our eight colors. We need to add something for colour blind people. We need to add stickers to the 'own voices' literature, which is about and by trans people and/or people of colour. In future we want to paint the bookshelves.

Isadore, Rebecca, and Justin discussed the category system, wrapping the books, and meeting to do that.

Isadore talked about Outside In. £100 a week for a facilitator, and £20 p/w for materials. Book 28 is doing a session with Hidayah on 12/10/2020. Prim is interested, poc a dot London and Honey Zine was interested in running a workshop. Sistah Dictionary, a YouTube channel trying to demystify critical theory, has offered to do one. Rainbow Friends has started discussion about a workshop led by one of their users.

Isadore talked about our political leanings, and how Book 28 is trying to invite people in and keep quite neutral.

Isadore outlined how TinyCat might function to Justin.

Isadore said Jesse thinks that we could do select and collect style, even under quite a strict lockdown.

Isadore talked about how we should focus on other best practices; good collections which exist outside of Book 28 library which should be promoted. Justin mentioned teaching guests to use the local library. Isadore proposed doing a trip to the local Islington library.

Rebecca clarified the timeline to lending books - prepare books and sort them, acquire tiny amount of funds, depending on circumstances. We will get the ball rolling within the next two weeks.

4. Actions to do

Rebecca, Justin, Isadore and Fidel to spread the Local Perspectives area guide writing opportunity – which really needs filling in. Repost the Local Perspectives on Instagram, NaNoWriMo and Twitter.

Get Hopeful Traders “what I want to tell the owner of this notebook” quotes from members of our community, the Book 28 team, The Outside Project, and the NaNoWriMo group. Exclusively people with experiences of The Outside Project incl. Book 28/NaNoWriMo Group.

Rebecca to talk to Nick and Ellis about distinguishing the rainbow flag.

Rebecca to make Discord. Feedback from Justin and Isadore.

Rebecca to field emails a few times a week.

Rebecca, Justin, and Dore to think about splitting up the emails.

Isadore to remove two factor authentications.

Isadore to investigate booking a trip to the local library.

All to get the ball rolling on lending, by booking a slot in real life at The Outside Project.

Signed and Distributed 08/11/2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Franklin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rebecca Franklin