

NJLA Professional Development Committee

October 28, 2020 ~ 2 p.m.

Attendance: Jen Fitzgerald (Manville Branch, SCLSNJ), James Keebler (Hunterdon County Library), Selwa Shamy (Montclair Public Library), Eric Schwarz (Clarence Dillon & Union City Public Libraries), Theresa Agostinelli (Middlesex County College & Brookdale Community College Libraries)

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** (please write your name and library in the chat)

- 2. Keynotes** - Need to check with the Conference Committee before offering keynotes in 2021
 - i. Keisha, Joy Robinson and Librarians of Color Roundtable may do a keynote. They are putting together a statement on Black Lives Matter with the Diversity & Outreach Section. Theresa said she is not sure if they are interested.
 - ii. Bookstore owner in Lenox, MA (Theresa) - he is a great storyteller and talks about books on different radio programs. He could talk about readers advisory and how the pandemic has impacted businesses, Readers Advisory section could co-sponsor (Consider for th
 - iii. Managing from the Middle (Selwa Shamy & Jessica Trujillo)

- 3. Professional Development Newsletter**
 - a. Next newsletter will go out in January (3 per year) then again in May. Next deadline is the first week of December.
 - b. Theresa has been sending emails to people that would be good contributors. She is also planning the following newsletter
 - i. Bob Belvin, Director of New Brunswick Public Library
 - ii. Suzanne Sacchetti
 - iii. Virtual children's programming - Danielle
 - iv. History & Preservation section will contribute
 - v. Lena Gluck will write a feature article
 - vi. Inspiration Corner
 - vii. Mind, Body, & Soul, Enola Romano was recommended, Selwa can be a backup or spring
 - viii. Community Partners, maybe Small Business Association; Resources Toolkit could feature libs2b.com

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4. Upcoming Webinars from other committees/organizations

- a. Theresa Agostinelli created a Google Form for anyone in NJLA to fill out if they are offering professional development -- this was when she co-chaired this committee in 2016-17
- b. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDLobQjEBInpHBz1fiOFiGAs9_1P_2PJQmpTVJgH05ISMJGA/viewform
 - i. This will be tabled until next year.

5. NJLA Conference Proposals

- a. Proposals must be submitted for all events, including pre-conference programs, regular sessions, luncheons, meetings, and special/social events. The deadline is **November 30**, 2020. Please visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkno8o7nN0d2qV5U2q1MwX-2w7QP4A3PQzeDrMiKoXx8TQXw/viewform> for more information.
 - i. Schedule from what would have been the 2020 conference: <http://njlaconference.info/schedule>
 - ii. we had the preconference plus these programs Happy Librarians Talk Management and Morale, Thursday, May 28th, 3:10-4pm, Wildwood 24 & 25
 - iii. Information Literacy Skills: Essential in Today's Information Environment, Friday, May 29, 2020 - 3:40pm to 4:30pm
 - iv. Podcasts at Your Library, Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 11:00am-11:50am (Eric)
 - v. Fixing Stuff and Creating Community, Friday, May 29th, 9am-9:50am
 - vi. Trans Unfiltered: A Conversation with Hannah Simpson, Thursday, May 28th, 9-9:50am (Tara Franzetti from Hackensack organized this) (Selwa)
 - vii. Know Your Shy: Networking for Introverts Friday, May 29, 2020 - 9:00am to 9:50am With a different title (Selwa)
 - viii. Community Engagement and Library Advocacy: A Match Made in Library Heaven Friday, May 29, 2020 - 9:00am to 9:50am
 - ix. What Kind of Librarian Are You: Know Your Why, Friday, May 29, 2020 - 2:30pm to 3:20pm
 - x. Recruiting the Future of Librarianship: PLA III at NJLA, Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 4:10pm to 5:00pm
 - xi. Pre-con: NJLA Crash Course in Library Leadership (Erica Westergard Branch in Piscataway, Pam Condello, Theresa Agostinelli, and other speakers). (Theresa)

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- 6. Adult Services Forum** - Possible virtual forum co-sponsored by Reference section, Professional Development, and Reader's Advisory
 - a. 6 topics, half hour each, 3 sessions. over three weeks, once per week. No charge

- 7. Future Meeting Dates**
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., November 18