

# NJLA Professional Development Committee Agenda

## Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, at 2 p.m.

### In-Person Meeting at Piscataway Public Library- Kennedy Branch.

**Start:** 2:30 pm

**Attendance:** Adriana, Bonnie, Eric, Matheson, Katie Kotacska, Katy White, Susan

**Absences:** Brandy, Christina, Jane, Jennifer, Kate, Neil, Nicole

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Special thanks to Susan for putting together our first in person meeting!
2. **Acceptance of [December 20th Minutes](#)**
3. **New Librarian Series:**
  - a. Katie & Susan are working on a New Librarian panel series for NJLA's Youtube Channel.
  - b. Below is a table of a potential dates for the series recordings:

Adult Services Librarians- Public Libraries	February 2024
Cataloging/Metadata	Date TBD
Youth Services- Public Library	Date TBD
School Librarians	Date TBD
Archives/Special Collections	Date TBD
Special Libraries	Date TBD
University Librarians - Reference/User Services	Date TBD
Teen Librarian - Public Library	Date TBD

- c. Katie has reached out to teen and adult services librarians. She has scheduled interview times with some of them. Waiting on some responses. Here is a list of those Katie has contacted (still need to reach out to a few):  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iTxoYuYjpAOhfkeDIG6rYi3d04nS6XJqOHXXkjD4mRQ/edit?usp=sharing>
- d. Discussion of other potential speakers for New Librarian Series. Need another adult reference services librarian and archives/special collection. Matheson recommended Andrea Caporale of Somerset High School Library, and reached out to her. She is willing to participate!
- e. Interview backups - Susan & Christina. Susan will schedule an interview with Sarah Mason in the upcoming weeks.


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### **4. Future Speakers/Programs:**

- a. Susanne Markgren and Linda Miles- How to Thrive as a Library Professional. Matheson attended this webinar in 2020 and recommended them to us for a potential program. Susan reached out to them in December and they were interested in discussing this further. Susan sent them another email on January 12th to discuss a potential program for April. Received a response from them, as well as some feedback from Matheson, who originally attended the program. Susan will email Linda to schedule a zoom meeting to discuss format/topics.
- b. Bonnie is wondering how their program will change since the pandemic
- c. Here is a link to their website:  
<https://thriveasalibraryprofessional.com/workshops-presentations/>

### **5. NJLA 2024 Conference Updates- Bonnie & Susan**

- a. Bonnie & Susan submitted the conference proposal in early December. Still waiting on a response.
- b.  2024 NJLA Prof Dev. Committee Proposal

### **6. Surveys & Future Programming: Katie & Susan**

- a. Marketing Program updates
  - i. Social Media 101 Program was advertised in the Librarylinknj & NJLA newsletter. Total registration (so far) is 26 people.
  - ii. Alicia canceled. Katy White helped us secure a replacement presenteer. Details to be discussed via zoom soon.
  - iii. Should we create a survey to see what programs NJLA members would like outside the conference, and we can potentially look into speakers? Katie did one a couple years ago geared towards finding out which areas librarians would like to learn more about to provide programming to their library community. This survey would be geared more towards which aspects of Professional Development NJLA members would like outside of the annual conference. Maybe we should schedule this for after the conference?
  - iv. If you wanted to see one program from the Professional Development committee, what would it be?
  - v. Tiktok Program: How to Deal with it in the Library- Legally, etc.

### **7. Newsletter future/update- Eric/Susan/Darby - partnership with LibraryLinkNJ (LLNJ)**

[See separate document here.](#)

- a. Violeta Aybar-Maki will submit a piece for the February newsletter. Megan Girona did not respond to Susan's request to participate.

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- b. From Eric - Suggestions for "Well, How Did I Get Here?" (You might want to ask the person at the outset if they are NJLA members, or check with the NJLA office - [njla\\_office@njla.org](mailto:njla_office@njla.org). I am reasonably sure that the following people are all members, either individually or through their libraries being enhanced institutional members.)
  - i. Violeta Aybar-Maki, Children's Librarian at Union City Public Library ([vaybarmaki@uclibrary.org](mailto:vaybarmaki@uclibrary.org))
  - ii. Megan Gironde, Librarian at Picatinny Arsenal and part-time librarian at Clarence Dillon Public Library ([mgironde@dillonlibrary.org](mailto:mgironde@dillonlibrary.org) or [megan.gironde0419@gmail.com](mailto:megan.gironde0419@gmail.com))
  - iii. Yolanda Keahey, Outreach Librarian at Jersey City Public Library - check title with her ([keahey@jclibrary.org](mailto:keahey@jclibrary.org) or [ykeahey@yahoo.com](mailto:ykeahey@yahoo.com))
  - iv. Maria Deptula, Health Sciences Collections Librarian at Rutgers University ([maria.deptula@rutgers.edu](mailto:maria.deptula@rutgers.edu); <https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/directory/maria-deptula>)
  - v. Andrew Dauphinee, Instruction and Outreach Librarian at the New Jersey State Library ([adauphinee@njstatelib.org](mailto:adauphinee@njstatelib.org))
  - vi. Luisa Martucci, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator, Talking Book and Braille Center at the New Jersey State Library ([lmartucci@njstatelib.org](mailto:lmartucci@njstatelib.org))
- c. Susan will reach out to Darby (eventually) about the possibility of publishing a journaling piece about a librarian's interaction about the marketing campaign from *The New Jersey State Library, LibraryLinkNJ, the New Jersey Library Association*, and *Libraries Are Essential*. To view this campaign, click [here](#).
- d. Katy will reach out to Erica Deb about a collaboration with the main NJLA newsletter.

### 8. LLNJ & other events (other than newsletter)

- a. Bonnie and Adrianna do a program called Wellness Wednesdays, which will be starting up again October 4th.
- b. MentorNJ Mega Meet-up 2024- Tuesday, March 5th. Click [here](#) for more information.
- c. Other upcoming programs are listed on the [LLNJ calendar](#).

### 9. Newsletter & Website updates: Katie & Susan

- a. Katie will amend the programming page so it appears updated (She hasn't yet but will she do this!)

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### **Updates from NJLA Executive Board**

- a. NJLA will be hiring a lobbyist. Targeted goals include a Right to Read Bill that includes anti-harrassment language, the restoration of state aid and library construction funding.
- b. A new Member Survey will be sent out shortly
- c. Ralph Bingham announced in their last meeting that LibraryLinkNJ will be joining the Professional Development Alliance.
  - o According to Eric, they are a group that shares Professional Development events (mostly academic?) and are related to the International Coalition of Library Consortia (<https://icolc.net/>).
  - o From Eric's e-mail: Basically, LLNJ will share its own PD programs and post PD programs from the other partners in the Professional Development Alliance.
  - o Eric added to [this page](#), this link: [Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium \(SCELC\) Professional Development Events Archive: A historical list of all SCELC professional development events, including its own in-house events as well as content made available to SCELC institutions via the Professional Development Alliance.](#)

### **10. Open Comments-**

- a. (Eric) The Personnel Administration Subcommittee will propose a conference session on labor unions in libraries (something like "unions 101"), with speakers from libraries with labor unions. We are inviting representatives of several library worker unions to speak about the benefits -- and costs -- of organizing, joining, participating in, understanding, and taking full advantage of a union. Every library is different, and some libraries have a union, some libraries are Civil Service, and some are neither unionized nor Civil Service. They may also be libraries that are both unionized and involved in Civil Service.

### **11. Adjournment: 3:40**

### **2023-2024 PD Meeting Dates:**

December 20th

January 24<sup>th</sup> - In person meeting at JFK Library in Piscataway

February 28<sup>th</sup>

March 27<sup>th</sup>

April 24<sup>th</sup>

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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June 26<sup>th</sup> - In person again??

July 24<sup>th</sup>

August 28<sup>th</sup>

#### 2023-2024 committee members:

1	Kotacska	Katherine	Middletown Township Public Library	kkotacska@mplmain.mtpl.org	Chair
2	Vignuolo	Susan	Piscataway Public Library	svignuolo@piscatawaylibrary.org	Vice Chair
3	Mamay	Adriana	Middlesex College Library	amamay@middlesexcc.edu	Conference Future Chair
4	Sulligan	Jennifer	Somerset County Library System	jensulligan@live.com	Lead & Edu Chair
5	Bruckman	Lisa	Woodbridge Public Library	lbruckman28@gmail.com	Member
6	Getaz	Christina	Caldwell University	cegetaz@gmail.com	Member
7	Grimes	Neil	William Patterson University	grimesn@wpunj.edu	Member
8	Jiang	Yu "Jane"	Union College Library	yu.jiang@ucc.edu	Member
9	Lazafan	Bonnie	Springfield Public Library	blazafan@springfieldpubliclibrary.com	Member

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10	Mathe	Kate	Mendham Borough Library	kdonnell@scarletmail.rutgers.edu	Member
11	Marconi	Nicole	Hoboken Public Library	nicole.marconi@hoboken.bccls.org	Member
12	Schwarz	Eric	Clarence Dillon Public Library	eschwarz@dillonlibrary.org	Member
13	Walthall	Brandy	Atlantic City Free Public Library	brandydwalthall@gmail.com	Member
14	Westlake	Matheson	Mercer County Library	mathesonwestlake@gmail.com	Member