1. Welcome
   a. first meeting of a new NJLA “year” (July 1-June 30)
   b. we are a subcommittee of the Public Policy section
   c. send Judith your availability/preferences for meetings so can get as many people as possible to attend each meeting: jpissano@gcls.org

2. In Attendance:
   a. Judith Pissano (chair), Chip McAuley, Leah Kloc, Kiana Kirby, Katherine McGivern, Richard Kearney, Jen Fitzgerald

3. Old Business
   a. NJLA conference
      i. 2 sponsored programs: a pre-conference (3 hours) and a conference (1 hour) session. Good speakers, very knowledgeable about IF issues. Presented NHV high school students with IF award at conference.
      ii. NJLA Executive Board meeting this week: already asking people to think about conference proposals. So we should start bouncing around ideas. Judith will make a shared document in the IF Google Drive that we can use for brainstorming.
   b. Rapid Response Team
      i. The idea of the team is to disseminate information very quickly when there’s a book challenge, protest at school board meeting, etc. Need to be ahead instead of behind.
ii. 13 book challenges in NJ public libraries already this year, which is higher than usual. One using the claim of obscenity law: Section 2C:34-3 - Obscenity for persons under 18 :: 2013 New Jersey Revised Statutes :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia

1. Question: do we also want to have a presence around curriculum objections (e.g., ‘controversial’ NJ DOE standards around health and sexuality)? Answer: probably not as much a focus as book challenges (more our purview) but we should do our best to fight any misinformation that is circulating.

iii. Working with NJASL and others. More volunteers always needed for RRT.

iv. Judith presented a proposal at NJLA Executive Board meeting to work with EveryLibrary (based out of Illinois) and have an NJ Right to Read portal (a “one-stop shop” landing page with lots of information, providing updates to all librarians to keep them informed).

1. Access would be through NJLA main website, a few of us would have back-end access to update.

2. Would have thousands of folks ready to sign on right away. Monetary cost to this though. Need to have approval from NJLA. (Fyi, NJLA currently operating with an interim director.)

3. Similar example from Michigan: MI Right to Read
4. New Business
   
a. NJLA President asked for all NJLA committees/section to have some Priorities / Goals and identify Partnerships
   i. Judith will also create a shared document for us to develop some ideas around this. Maybe writing a newsletter item for NJLA? Or writing newspaper articles for a wider audience?

b. Teen Toolbox
   i. Subcommittee members invited to speak at Young Adult Services Section training on Friday, December 16 at 10am. (Held at Monroe Library or could possibly be virtual if needed.)
      1. Volunteers needed: reach out if interested in being a speaker

c. Request for book chapter
   i. short turnaround time with deadline of August 1. Clarification received that it could be just an abstract by then.
   ii. contact them directly if have any questions.