New Jersey Library Association

**Children’s Services Section**

***Joint Meeting with NJLA Young Adult Services Section***

***Friday, October 28, 2022 Virtual Meeting Agenda***

***9:45 a.m.***

**NJLA Newsletter**

If you have a change in job title or position, let the NJLA newsletter know at [newsletter\_editor@njmembers.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@njmembers.org)

**NJ TBBC**

TBBC celebrated its 55th anniversary this September. The accompanying webinar recording is available on the NJ State Library’s YouTube page. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPdSEDjMsAE>

TBBC will be hosting two presentations at NJASL conference.

**NJASL**

The NJASL conference will take place December 5-7 at the Hard Rock Hotel in AC.

**NJ Makers Day**

Registration is open for March 2023 grant applications and will remain open through December. Money from fundraising will be designated for mini grants and professional development.

<https://njmakersday.org/>

**Youth Services Forum**

Many thanks to those who participated in the planning committee and the presenters. The feedback form will close soon, but attendees indicated more variety in the presentations would be an improvement. If an idea is not accepted for conference, it might be a good fit for next year’s YSF. If there’s something you want to see at next year’s YSF, or if you want to be part of the planning committee, contact Jenna at

[jennaingham@gmail.com](mailto:jennaingham@gmail.com)

**Conference Proposals**

CSS and YASS are collecting conference proposals. Cosponsoring is encouraged. Proposal form will be sent out at the beginning of November and are due by 11/30/22. If you have an idea you can reach out to Emily at [emazzoni@monroetwplibrary.org](mailto:emazzoni@monroetwplibrary.org)

Conference results from last year can be found at

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1L2lO9bSw4kDf20kUZ5EUyIRESkz_LEtDLj4OwtPoj3w/edit#gid=0>

**Library Consortiums and Systems Updates (LMXac, BCCLS, etc.)**

EBPL now has Baby Yodaa library cards available. If this is something your library is interested in doing, more information can be found at ALA.

Clarence Dillon Library in Bedminster now has reciprocal borrowing with al SCLS branches.

BCCLS Youth Services bootcamp was well attended. Tui Sutherland provided an author visit and discussion focused on GN and book challenges.

**Garden States Children’s Book Awards**

The GSCBA always has Book Talks available for books on the current ballot. Book talks can be found here. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gWyFsGzP4emZly9n9-rsKa9UFvZb4hv96QQAFEKLx5o/edit> There are still a few reading spots open.

**CSS Section Bylaws**

Updating the Section Bylaws to include a position of social media manager will be revisited at the next meeting.

<http://njlamembers.org/sites/njlamembers.org/files/CSSConstbylaws2015final.pdf>

**CSS Book Talk Titles**

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| Genre/Type of Books | Title | Author | Age Group | Brief Summary |
| Middle Grade | Journey Beyond the Burrow | Rita Heisel | 4-6 Grade | After a band of spiders steal his baby brother, Tobin and his fellow mouse friends must journey beyond their burrow to save him. |
| Middle Grade | Scary Stories for Young Foxes | Christian McKay Heidicker | 4-6 Grade | It's a scary world for young foxes! |
| Middle Grade | Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster | Rachelle Delaney | 4-6 Grade | A mystery about a culinary competition whose contestants are being sabotaged. |
| Middle Grade | Nowhere Better Than Here | Sarah Guillory | 4-6 Grade | After a flood, Jillian and her classmates are forced to attend a different school. |
| Middle Grade | Fireborn | Aisling Fowler | 4-6 Grade | MG FTSY with nonstop action, well developed characters, and in depth worldbuilding. |
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| First Chapter Books | Mindy Kim (series) | Lyla Lee {Korean-American author] and Dung Ho [Vietnamese illustrator] | 6-10 | 8 books in series so far, published between 01/20 & 07/22. Plucky Mindy is 7.5 years old in book 1 and has just moved from CA to FL with her newly single dad. After her favorite snack - dried seaweed – doesn’t go over well in the lunchroom of her new school, she teams up with a classmate to sell it to her classmates. Naturally, chaos ensues. In future books, Mindy celebrates Lunar New Year, runs for class president, visits relatives in South Korea, learns how to swim, and more. |
| First Chapter Books | Jo Jo Makoons (series) | Dawn Quigley [Ojibwe author] and Tara Audibert [Wolastoqiyik illustrator] | 6-10 | 2 books in series, published in 05/21 and 05/22. Spunky JoJo is 7 and lives a bit differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Her “#1 best friend” is her cat, Mimi, but she decides she needs how to figure out how ot make more friends when she her human friend suddenly doesn’t seem to want to be friends anymore. |
| First Chapter Books | Magnificent Makers series | Theanne Griffith [Black author] and Reggie Brown [Black illustrator] | 7-11 | 6 books in series so far, published between 05/20 and 11/22. Described at a diverse, modern-day take on the Magic School Bus series. Third graders Violet, Pablo and Deepak discover a magical Maker Maze with each door leading to an adventure. With the help of a hilarious and odd scientist, they embark on out-of-this-world adventures that help them master the science concepts they are learning in school. Each book includes quick and easy science activities kids can do at home. |
| First Chapter Books | Frank and the Bad Surprise | Martha Brockenbrough and Jon Lau | 6-8 | 2 books in series so far, the 1st published in 04/22 and 2nd due out 04/23. Frank is a cat who has a pretty good deal – great food, lots of toys, and plenty of space. Then his humans (bonus points for the pair being a mixed-raced gay couple, and there is no big deal made about it). But one day his humans bring home a box, and in the box is a dog… Hilarity ensues. This is a very early chapter book, and is suited for for those readers just ready to move on from Easy Readers. |
| First Chapter Books | Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy series | Kallie George and Lorena Gómez | 6-10 | 3 books in series so far. 1st and 2nd came out 10/22, 3rd to be released 04/23. I read this as an ARC in black and white, and the full color published version is absolutely gorgeous! In a nutshell: Fairy godmother's school. Follows Rory Spellington as a new student that has always struggled with spelling―magic spelling. During her first week at the academy, Rory discovers there is more to being a good fairy godmother than magic, and she will learn she has her own set of talents that set her apart. |
| First Chapter Books | The Aristokittens series | Jennifer Castle and Sydney Hanson | 6-10 | 3 books in series so far. 1st and 2nd came out 4/22, 3rd released 10/22. Focuses on the kittens in the Aristocats. Marie, Berlioz, and Toulouse re-open an abandoned cafe for animals in Paris in the opener to an adorable, adventure-filled series. |
| First Chapter Books | Horsetail Hollow series | Kiki Thorpe and Laura Catrinella | 6-10 | 4 books in series so far, 3 published between 06/22 and 09/22, with a 4th due out in 05/23. Maddie and sister Evie move from the big city and move to a horse farm, where they discover a magic wishing well. Horses from classic Disney movies come to life in this imaginative, fun series. Maxmius, Angus, Phillipe, and Samson have been featured so far |

**Reader’s Advisory**

Feel free to add to this list of resources to help with reader’s advisory. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ptGFCjemppHOdDhKe0vy5Xvxn2LQsvnu1TOvyC3zWao/edit#gid=0>

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**NJSL Report for Joint YASS/CSS Meeting, October 28, 2022**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)

**LSTA 22 Grant Award Recipients**

The New Jersey State Library is pleased to announce the award recipients of the Library Services and Technology Act 2022 (LSTA 2022) Grants for New Jersey Public Libraries and Library Consortia. [Click to see winners.](https://www.njstatelib.org/news/lsta-22-grant-award-winners/)

**Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach (T3) - Soliciting for New Trainers**

If any teen services frontline staff are interested submitting their name to be selected to be trained to offer connected learning and computational thinking training that Sharon Rawlins, NJ State Library and other frontline trainers offered in the past several years please let Sharon know by **November 3, 2022**. There are additional topics included in the training such as youth development and equity. It’s a great way for someone from a county library system to be trained to then train the rest of your library system’s staff. ALA’s YALSA is covering the cost of the in-person training in Indianapolis, IN from Feb. 5-7, 2023. The training is limited to 30 people from around the country. For more information, please contact Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

**SAVE THE DATE: Leap into Science Training - Light & Shadow Training**

A free virtual online early literacy training will be offered on Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. This training, developed by the Franklin Institute, integrates open-ended science activities with children’s books, designed for children ages 3 -10 and their families. Participants will receive resources to assist them in offering the workshops at their libraries. Attendees will receive Amazon gift card stipends to purchase additional kit resources/materials.

Registration information is forthcoming.

**Statistics for 2022 Summer Reading Program – Were Due Sept. 9th**

This was the 4th year that CSLP member states have joined together to send out the same survey with customized questions for each state. If anyone wasn’t able to submit their responses before the national CSLP survey closed September 9th, Statewide Summer Reading Coordinator Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, copied the survey. Here’s the link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17jLCxd3nZGS6ZrACEM5BCQmH5PPGFfOSTcKk1gwFXU8/edit>

Please submit your statistics ASAP! Thank you.

2022 totals so far:

Totals for all ages:

# of children, teens and adults who participated = 96,770 (compared to 80,328 in 2021)

# of children, teens and adults who achieved their goal = 57,233 (compared to 45,883 in 2021)

# of themed events offered (for J/YA/A) = 22,987 (compared to 18,016 in 2021)

# of attendees (J/YA/A) at events = 464,602 compared to 342,461 in 2021)

Books Read Totals (optional to answer, since some libraries counted minutes instead)

Children = 985,988

Teens = 67,859

Adults = 86,635

Total = 1,140,482 (compared to 606,290 in 2021)

**2023 CSLP Manual Available Now & Here is the Code to Access It**

Here’s the code for NJ public library staff to access the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading manuals: <https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/New-Jersey-2023-CSLP-Manual-Access-Code.pdf>

Please don’t share this code with the public. School libraries don’t have access to the code but are encouraged to reach out and partner with their local public libraries on the summer library program. The theme is kindness and the slogan is “All Together Now.”

**SAVE THE DATE:** Second Annual CSLP Virtual Summer Symposium – Dec. 8, 2022

More information to come!



**State Library Information Center (SLIC) Updates**

**Employment Opportunities at the NJ State Library – Reference Librarian Positions**

NJSL's State Library Information Center (SLIC) is currently seeking to fill two Librarian 1 position openings. This role will provide professional reference services to all three branches of state government; students, staff and mentors of Thomas Edison State University; New Jersey public libraries; and the general public. [**Click for position description.**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001QqMDpe-NFl0gtTSXV84F7ZuBrstBSLaPbiMi_A0h9NPlxfHPl6homzoU3jKED910s_kAepEE6wacBe6Nr_leRxjrgpmFg3trK2ba263YYl7S8pKH-INjfk3OUN8q47gkCm-fA0Ix8AsqNqKJ2msNmhGf-2CB2IQGnXy9gYcrhBSv-qLF-fLaSHY_p6qj_Hd1VwHAurlHiQlaa087kE0Dt0A_HtYv15i_CvymCvI8HepNiCmQFf-IZgiUKHBgJrOmO3TxXuk0YNHBR0TKPVGj51I39pVQU60-6McqzemQ0RkAalH_aqQzGD6SupxpYghQmesN9ODQ9-lQG_JeC281yAuTUiJ11ReFXNGVC5oLIFKXgwNzA_CoePtRUG2GUQt_&c=mVQ0iklgno8KlqzluGa9IXMJP30M__koOjLL_pL2byQ0Xi1lKoId5g==&ch=LSg7i_0vzLvt1c6PB5rbYMNl7ZYA7sEPu9_dJJdD1AlLInIlkcsS2g==)

Civil Service test exam books purchased by the State Library are now available to public library borrowers through eLibraryNJ.

**Campaigns from Other Organizations**

**Protect Me With 3+ Campaign**

Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey and the State Department of Health's [**Protect Me With 3+**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001QqMDpe-NFl0gtTSXV84F7ZuBrstBSLaPbiMi_A0h9NPlxfHPl6homzoU3jKED910EEkm16GttzQAOBdnkr_AKXEOzQyO8ZIdZ4M5iEof8BVr0wqeUcwtLiqPRVzGt5fqDJVTrpqHVB_uq7eKFk8EFQ==&c=mVQ0iklgno8KlqzluGa9IXMJP30M__koOjLL_pL2byQ0Xi1lKoId5g==&ch=LSg7i_0vzLvt1c6PB5rbYMNl7ZYA7sEPu9_dJJdD1AlLInIlkcsS2g==) campaign is aimed at encouraging middle and high school students to design a poster or create a video to raise vaccine awareness. Please feel free to raise awareness for this campaign by sharing their flyer with your communities. [**Click for flyer.**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001QqMDpe-NFl0gtTSXV84F7ZuBrstBSLaPbiMi_A0h9NPlxfHPl6homzoU3jKED910lGf05MnGSPLPWzqZ1ps7XIWhWCrqjN3phRcQBUSCz9xk4yQ98E0XWS6Z-vRxWmaGC2kwPqzxIsDDcYc5LlG5dpYnEDCAm0CGWGjabw9zmxiAitR-jtNXGyoK4oXNU3GheRMSV-6fCHOweS3RH2jGKdwPskVDd86K&c=mVQ0iklgno8KlqzluGa9IXMJP30M__koOjLL_pL2byQ0Xi1lKoId5g==&ch=LSg7i_0vzLvt1c6PB5rbYMNl7ZYA7sEPu9_dJJdD1AlLInIlkcsS2g==)

**Webinars/Workshops from NJSL & Other Organizations**

Leigh Clark, NJSL’s Funding Information Librarian, presents “[Finding Grant Funding with Foundation Directory](https://www.njstatelib.org/event/webinar-finding-grant-funding-with-foundation-directory-2/)” on Tues., November 15th from noon – 1 pm. Training attendees will be issued temporary credentials to sign in to Foundation Directory remotely in order to follow along with the webinar. Those credentials will be good for 48 hours following the training.

College age students and their parents are encouraged to attend the “[Financial Aid Information Session](https://www.njstatelib.org/event/webinar-financial-aid-information-session-3/)” with Samantha Benson, a representative from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority on Friday, Nov. 18th from noon – 1 pm.

**Publisher/Vendor Events**

**LJ/SLJ LibraryCon Live! November 17th**

The [November 17 LJ/SLJ LibraryCon Live!](https://d2p-vM04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/RJ+113/d2p-vM04/VVPjZ98NJSYvW44qyzf7J-LJLW6G5rDL4RmRVWN8cZm4D3q90pV1-WJV7CgW0_W2kQLlb8MpFMHW1W15L74kLvN_W6FZc5p17B_g8W8YjRPn4YZMqXW4WSCCQ5NylQDW2-7fqd1GmP8WW4Zrb2b4QDyp_N4hcv4MwKZhpW1673Rh2spYr0W5Rr6g47my9hMN5CzPp3ZXFjsW5km61B3BvY5fW5y3MXf6ythmcW6F0krB7KJs-ZW18knfX68PzpqN1qZF-JpxmrZW6spqP75DtvTWN3JLY3tXgwDPW4qMnqd7Dh0ydW2yMQkZ4W7W_LW97HShj12_F8NW1vPbL47YFkN_W6wcqjz8mPBktW7P3DWf3jJ074W5CR8Nr3Vw9LhW7wykb95tx-pg3mFT1) virtual event is right around the corner! We’ll have **authors and illustrators** spanning genres and reading levels, plus a ton of exhibitors’ booths where you can **download freebies and resources**. Reserve your spot today!

**Penguin Random House Winter 2022 Virtual Book and Author Festival- Registration Now Open!**

On December 8th, [join](https://read.libraryjournal.com/e3t/Ctc/RJ+113/d2p-vM04/DVT4pJnFQkW4tQdMs53HdjwW9fbdmV4P_4pJN7Mjfyc3q3n_V1-WJV7CgVsKW2d9njp9bP_FKW1w5MYL7xbPNDW11mg5Y5CfczbW15Hz862zjYHtW8xSfVd5kqKcyN4YTTrwdDLxcW3L-mbR9ftg_zW45SbxT4qbK4lW4dZTLf2pWK81W8-2MML92Qt2nW7Dl0JC54VDBWF84NznwHrF3W3qRMTP8Z5vc2VtkCjC3xMZfVW51dQPH1rmszBW10Y6rJ5Y8vj8N6L0TCx8JyRdW4ktL7-1Pgk1rW8MLFSF5glpPmW4FQjgq5knBKxW4DH2nm2vbVhpW4C_l-x8tbd2XW4tdYtY5lVgdwW2YyzHb4_rZr9W4d-7mb6BP_dhW7wknYh3vjVcZ3j1t1) **Penguin Random House, Library Journal, and School Library Journal** for our Winter 2022 virtual book and author festival, a free day-long event celebrating reading, authors, and librarians everywhere! Enjoy a day packed with author panels and interviews, book buzzes, virtual shelf browsing, and adding to your TBR pile.

**Booklists**

### Winning Titles of Teens Top Teen Announced

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has officially announced the 2022 Teen’s Top Ten winners.

The Teens’ Top Ten is a “teen choice” list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups from sixteen school and public libraries around the country selected by YALSA to participate.

This year’s list of winners features 10 titles that were published between January 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2021.

They are as follows:

• **10 Truths and a Dare** by Ashley Elston. Hyperion. – 978-1368062381

• **Ace of Spades** by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé. Feiwel & Friends. – 978-1250800817

• **All of Us Villains** by Amanda Foody and Christine Herman. Tor Teen. – 978-1250789259

• **All These Bodies** by Kendare Blake. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. – 978-0062977168

• **Concrete Rose** by Angie Thomas. Balzer+Bray/Harperteen. – 978-0062846716

• **The Hawthorne Legacy** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. Little, Brown and Company. – 978-0759557635

• **Here's to Us** by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. –978-0063071636

• **The Ivies** by Alexa Donne. Crown Publishing/Penguin Random House. – 978-0593303702

• **Rule of Wolves** by Leigh Bardugo. Imprint. – 978-1250142306

• **We Can't Keep Meeting Like This** by Rachel Lynn Solomon. Simon & Schuster BFYR. – 978-1534440272

Thank you to all that voted! Please feel free to share it on your social media accounts and add the hashtag **#yalsaTTT**.

**Poetry Programs**

**NJ Poetry Out Loud**

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest. New Jersey has been a leader in this program, with large numbers of schools participating each year. The State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts funds the programming in NJ, with administrative and programmatic support from Count Basie Center for the Arts and regional partners. Through this program, high school students across the country to learn about great works of classic and contemporary poetry through memorization and recitation of poetry.

They have expanded their reach to libraries and community centers who might be interested in promoting this program to high school-aged youth.

This [postcard flyer](https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/POETRY-OUT-LOUD-POSTCARD.pdf) has more information and how to register. The deadline to register is Dec. 3, 2022. For additional information **contact** Cynthia Renta, Director of Community Projects, [cynthia@storytellingartsinc.org](mailto:cynthia@storytellingartsinc.org)

**Book Awards**

2022 National Book Award Finalists for Young People’s Literature: https://www.nationalbook.org/2022-national-book-award-finalists-announced/

**Grants from Other Organizations**

**2023 ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant**

The ALSC Program and Services Recognition Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant! This grant is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries by providing $3,000 in financial assistance, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development. Applications and supporting materials, including an itemized budget and the required signature form, are due by November 18, 2022. Please visit: [https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/bakertaylor](http://lists.njstatelib.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/njyac/634993456307/srawlins/njstatelib.org/)

**IF/THEN® Gender Equity Project**

## Funding Available for Gender Equity Projects in Public Libraries!

With support from [Lyda Hill Philanthropies](https://t.e2ma.net/click/ezlf8g/a8p58r/i6d59z)and the [IF/THEN® Initiative](https://t.e2ma.net/click/ezlf8g/a8p58r/yye59z), the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) is now accepting applications for Gender EquityEngagement Grants for public libraries in the United States to support projects that address gender equity in STEM, including efforts to **increase visual representation through the use of photos and videos featuring women and gender minorities in STEM careers**.

ASTC will award **grants of up to $4,000** to approximately 90 applicants in the United States.

Applications will be accepted and approved on a rolling basis through **October 28, 2022**.

Grantees will select a project from the [IF/THEN® Project Library](https://t.e2ma.net/click/ezlf8g/a8p58r/erf59z) to replicate at their own institution. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded.

The IF/THEN® project library features pop-up banner exhibits, downloadable videos, program outlines, and more. All content is designed to highlight women and gender minorities in real STEM careers and can be modified to fit your organization’s needs.

[Visit the ASTC website](https://t.e2ma.net/click/ezlf8g/a8p58r/ujg59z) for details about requirements, to preview the application, or to apply. If you have questions about the application process, please reach out to the ASTC team at [ifthen@astc.org](mailto:ifthen@astc.org). For more information visit: <https://www.astc.org/ifthen/>

**Carnegie-Whitney Awards up to $5,000 for Guides to Library Resources**

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to $5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from "A Resource Guide about Disabilities, Disability Theory, and Assistive Technologies" to "A Bibliography for Queer Teens" to "Graphic Novels & the Humanity of Mental Illness" to "Web Accessibility Resources for Libraries".

**Applications must be received by November 4, 2022. Recipients will be notified by February 2023.**

For more information and guidelines, visit [www.ala.org/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/...](http://www.ala.org/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/carnegiewhitney) or contact Mary Jo Bolduc, Grant Administrator at [mbolduc@ala.org](mailto:mbolduc@ala.org).

**Next Meeting is**

**Friday, December 9**

**9:45 a.m.**

In attendance:

Katie Salerno

Rebecca Osowski

Lynnette Fucci

Heather Kristian

Emily Mazzoni

Rachael Trotter

Darby Malvey

Vicki Wright

Carolyn Aversano

Ellen Ryan

Lisa Bruckman

Melaina Squicciarini

Alex Hughes

Jenna Ingham

Jen Apgar

Kate-Lynn Brown

Erica Deb

Vicki Wright

Sharon Rawlins

Maureen Herman

Ryan Oxlid

Melissa Nemitz

Allison Ryan

Kristen Churchill

Sloane Kazim

Jen Fitzgerald

Jane Sawyer

Moira Miller

Dana Vocht