New Jersey Library Association

**Children’s Services Section**

***March 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes***

**2022 NJLA Conference**

Registration is open for the 2022 NJLA conference. CSS will have a table and will send out a form to keep it staffed. If you have a poster or passive engagement activities (butcher paper with crayons and markers, activity/coloring sheets) please contact Lynnette.

**CSS Board Elections**

A slate of people to run for the CSS board is needed. A Vice President position and a Member at Large position will be opening. Candidates are required to be an NJLA member in good standing. Please refer to <https://njlamembers.org/content/css-leadership> for requirements, duties, and responsibilities. If you are thinking about running or know someone who would like to run please contact the current board. If a position remains unfilled after elections, someone can be nominated to the position afterwards.

**GSCBA Update**

The winners for this year will be announced at conference. There are plans to have another joint meeting next year, possibly in January.

**Talking Book & Braille Center Update**

The TBBC is open by apt only, Monday – Friday. A new position is opening in the Reader Services Department. Details are forthcoming.

**LibraryLinkNJ**

A survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLNJFocus-Groups> and feedback from school librarians and librarians from south Jersey is needed. The strategic plan will be announced in June. Upcoming programming can be found on this calendar: <https://librarylinknj.org/programs>

**State Library**

**NJSL Report for CSS Meeting, March 25, 2022**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

**March 2022 Summer Reading Workshops & Incentives**

If you missed attending one of the in-person or virtual workshops, here is the link to view the virtual one: <https://youtu.be/qYgmbr4OhXk>

The handouts will be posted on the NJ Summer Reading website in April.

The incentives (banner, bookmarks, posters) have been shipped, or are on the way to your library directly from CSLP. If items are damaged, please reach out to Sharon so they can be replaced.

**The 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival – With Entries by NJ Youth Will Be Held Virtually on April 30th at 3 PM**

The 90-Second Newbery Film Festival is an annual video contest in which kid filmmakers create short movies that tell the entire stories of Newbery-winning books in about 90 seconds (adults can help). These movies often have a creative twist—think *Charlotte’s Web* in the style of a horror movie, or *Ramona and Her Father* reimagined as a musical, or *Bridge to Terabithia* done in stop-motion animation!

Since 2011, the 90-Second Newbery has shown the best kid-made movies in annual events across the country, at screenings attended by hundreds in New York City, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, and a dozen other cities—and now including New Jersey! These free events are full-scale stage shows with skits and commentary and music that honors the kids’ movies, hosted by film festival founder James Kennedy (author of *The Order of Odd-Fish)* and other award-winning and bestselling authors.

This year, because of Covid, most screenings will be online. New Jersey's first 90-Second Newbery screening, featuring the best movies made by kids from New Jersey and around the country, will be April 30, 2022 at 3 pm EST, and you can find it here:[**https://jameskennedy.com/the-new-jersey-2022-90-second-newbery-online-screening/**](https://jameskennedy.com/the-new-jersey-2022-90-second-newbery-online-screening/)

Learn more about the 90-Second Newbery at[**http://www.90secondnewbery.com**](http://www.90secondnewbery.com/)**.**

**NJ State Library Job Opportunities**

The New Jersey State Library is currently seeking to fill two open positions: **Grants Manager** and **Communications Technology Specialist**. Please feel free to view each job description and share with qualified and interested candidates.

[**Grants Manager Job Description**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001T6V-V8_eOzPSRycN1cUxFd6Qw9WZfS8FeQeLnUTeo5go-ogrZXoI_iG0gd6y9Q9kLOuhYSZ2QUegJJtBJpEtXP2xregftPwu3M9-mMP_JXuyM3-9jd_cjfRlTQnPiUGKWPiAwSZjHeF4z2rs-ptydEtPWcC6ogY_qFkPaOPPT51fHLb8Whw7D1EbWrC-YUVh_INNz1K8A2UrfYILODha-dl-2GYmnMNCqa2FML_wtsg=&c=1iHQ9ilNJSsJ8LQHiQKvtzzGx57QawD_u_ojVbrFhOY2mWgPx_NI_g==&ch=wDKcVK1UlGHjBjRwHv6YAHu3qLsHaquf-ofA6Nb9-DyZpVwePGpDgw==)

[**Communications Technology Specialist**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001T6V-V8_eOzPSRycN1cUxFd6Qw9WZfS8FeQeLnUTeo5go-ogrZXoI_iG0gd6y9Q9kam8MSVejGhwWcJGm06hx4n_RhcX1kJJIAE-bRYr9DlfS__bfgLUdLqCQooP25vU3VgZCaDK1qxoglQ60ZlNHxxdVemzlrUzv4UFuDVHlvKcRf9rsnglAjwynzS16wzpWNsCeFYCiZEBlv3zlnhZXoLiiWjCKwerOu20vu5cfsfBExHEJyv5Xc4i0EMpnpFtr-uzk95WjCTA=&c=1iHQ9ilNJSsJ8LQHiQKvtzzGx57QawD_u_ojVbrFhOY2mWgPx_NI_g==&ch=wDKcVK1UlGHjBjRwHv6YAHu3qLsHaquf-ofA6Nb9-DyZpVwePGpDgw==)

**SAVE THE DATE: NJ State Library’s Free Virtual Digital Literacy Forum**

The NJ State Library is planning a statewide Virtual **Digital Literacy Forum, May 10-13, 2022, 10 am – 12 pm** to foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ public libraries to expand capacity in response to digital literacy needs in their communities.

Each day’s focus will be on digital literacy as it pertains to a particular service population in public libraries – i.e. ABE/ESL/ELL, workforce development, youth, health. The discussion will focus on digital literacy and youth services on Day 3, Thursday, May 12, 2022. Registration will open in early April.

**NJSL, NJLA and LLNJ Partner – Post Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Town Hall**

The New Jersey State Library is proud to collaborate with the New Jersey Library Association and LibraryLinkNJ, The New Jersey Library Cooperative on a framework for addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in New Jersey’s libraries. Here is information on next steps after the Town Hall that was held on Feb. 24th. [**Read here.**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001T6V-V8_eOzPSRycN1cUxFd6Qw9WZfS8FeQeLnUTeo5go-ogrZXoI_oMYemQexyx0leH-M5BCr1BRAiRXy9lcpIQ6VtxFKCgKb5LRhkPa83jqi6iOwmbpqjBbxEs58wvMmRSd57Vnf_lOsC_N-9elIT3W-Ue9p9GzoTR1FOLxgpsA3PDW2jutVDDgLMrqemLZhmcHL6nZRTA=&c=1iHQ9ilNJSsJ8LQHiQKvtzzGx57QawD_u_ojVbrFhOY2mWgPx_NI_g==&ch=wDKcVK1UlGHjBjRwHv6YAHu3qLsHaquf-ofA6Nb9-DyZpVwePGpDgw==)﻿

**Participate in Survey on Spending Federal Library Funds**

The New Jersey State Library uses Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to help support library service across the state and we need your help! Every five years, we review our portfolio of programs and chart the course for the future. Please dedicate 10-15 minutes to completing [**this survey**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001T6V-V8_eOzPSRycN1cUxFd6Qw9WZfS8FeQeLnUTeo5go-ogrZXoI_iG0gd6y9Q9kAWuiEY9Zssim7i7-NgDykYhjCwf29NwvguDCLD7WT7P1A-SE-tvorr2LZKLgN9YvSyxqO-6I0Mz0IK_OQAcNYbh5wyOQKiMKXfwMDgl8TVs=&c=1iHQ9ilNJSsJ8LQHiQKvtzzGx57QawD_u_ojVbrFhOY2mWgPx_NI_g==&ch=wDKcVK1UlGHjBjRwHv6YAHu3qLsHaquf-ofA6Nb9-DyZpVwePGpDgw==). We are eager to hear from staff across the state who work in all types of positions and all types of libraries.

**NJLA Equity Scholarships**

Please share with all BIPOC library students in your network.  Additional details are provided in the attachment.

The New Jersey Library Association, in partnership with Rutgers University School of Communication and Information (SC&I) Department of Library and Information Science (LIS), New Jersey State Library, and LibraryLinkNJ, will be offering new Equity Scholarships of $8,500 each beginning in the Fall semester (September 2022) through the Winter/Spring semester (January 2023).  To be eligible for our NJLA Equity Scholarships, you must:

•    Identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Middle Eastern, North African, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander.

•    Be enrolled in an accredited program beginning no later than September 1 or Fall Semester with full or part-time status

•    Plan to maintain a minimum course load of two classes per semester while receiving NJLA Equity Scholarship funding

•    Live or work in New Jersey

New Deadline: April 15, 2022

To apply: <https://forms.gle/2U8BwfG4ST71UEYx6>

For more information, go to: <https://www.njla.org/scholarship>

**Other Organization Resources/Grants/Events/Webinars**

**Penguin Random House Spring Book & Author Festival – All Day Free Virtual Event, Thursday, April 7, 2022**

[Register for the free day-long virtual event](https://vshow.on24.com/vshow/LIbraryJournal/registration/19123?ref=PRH66F006869ACF&linkid=PRH66F006869ACF&cdi=23CF0F9E3D1A2BF3E0534FD66B0A902E&template_id=24760&aid=randohouseinc18765-20) here sponsored by Penguin Random House and LJ/SLJ to enjoy author panels and interviews, book buzzes, virtual shelf browsing, and hear about books to add to your TBR pile. The event will cover the gamut from Picture Books, to Young Adult titles to Fiction and Nonfiction for Adults.

**Survey Invite**

A colleague from the University of Michigan’s School of Information is doing a survey on U.S. public librarianship during the Covid-19 pandemic. The goal of this 15-minute, anonymous survey is to gain insight about moral decision-making and behaviors in public libraries as they have adapted since March 2020. We hope you will participate if you are over the age of 18 and working in a U.S. public library.

You can take the survey until April 19, 2022, at [https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_eaFpwrZZEVSNPts](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fumich.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_eaFpwrZZEVSNPts&data=04%7C01%7CLancasterC5%40michigan.gov%7Cc4497853b2794b79b20108da0120bb24%7Cd5fb7087377742ad966a892ef47225d1%7C0%7C0%7C637823537335339697%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=dIku9l0KW8aIaYpc7gTHHvH0CSmHbQ%2F4aYPqD6qPp2A%3D&reserved=0) .

**Other**

Hybrid options for future meetings next year were discussed, as both in-person and virtual meetings have positives and negatives.

Katie Scherer no longer doing Stories, Songs, and Stretches due to long term illness.

Possible incentives for summer reading may be found at Harbor Freight (<https://www.harborfreight.com/sea-animal-wood-puzzle-57449.html>) or Dollar Tree, which has sea creatures ornaments to paint or color and Easter eggs in the shape of seashells and sea creatures.

In attendance:

Jen Fitzgerald

Heather Kristian

Carolyn Cullum

Sharon Rawlins

Maureen Herman

Kristen Caldwell Library

Darby Malvey

Jen Apgar

Ryan Oxlid

Enola Romano

Maria Provini

**The next meeting will be on**

**Friday, April 29**

**9:45 a.m.**