New Jersey Library Association

**Children’s Services Section**

***Friday, April 28, 2023 Virtual Meeting Agenda***

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

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

The board is still in the process of updating the section bylaws. If anyone is interested in helping Heather with this, please email her at [heather.kristian@gmail.com](mailto:heather.kristian@gmail.com). Ideally, there will be member feedback on the proposed changes.

**Social Media Channels**

Check out CSS’s facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/njlacss/>

**NJ Talking Book and Braille Center**

TBBC will be participating in the Tri-State Disability Art Show on April 28.  This is an inclusive event celebrating the talents and experiences of young artists with disabilities throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. TBBC will have an exhibit table and will provide the brailled pamphlet for the event.

Tee Up for Talking Books!  Come out on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 and join the 12th Annual NJSL Talking Book & Braille Center Golf Classic.  More information can be found here: <https://www.njstatelib.org/spotlight_items/12th-annual-njsl-talking-book-braille-center-golf-classic/>

TBBC will have a program and a poster session at the NJLA Conference this year!  TBBC’s poster session, TBBC at the Local Library: BARD Library Pilot Program, will be available on Thursday, June 1, 3:10 – 4:00.  Our program, Fabulous Fun Facts about the NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, will be on Friday, June 2, 3:30 – 4:20.  We hope to see you there!

TBBC will also be presenting at the upcoming NJALA conference on Tuesday, June 6.  You can catch our program, Not Just Your Grandparent’s Library: Services from the NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, during the afternoon sessions from 2:45 – 3:45.

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**NJSL Report for CSS Meeting, April 28, 2023**

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

**90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival**

The inaugural 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival, sponsored by the NJ State Library, drew an enthusiastic crowd of about 85 young filmmakers and their families and friends on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 3 pm at the NJ State Museum’s Auditorium. The festival was hosted by James Kennedy, founder of the 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival and author of the children’s book *The Order of Odd-Fish*. The festival’s co-host was Chris Grabenstein, author of such popular books for kids as *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library*, *The Smartest Kid in the Universe*, *Dog Squad*, *Shine* and many others. Sixty-three students from five NJ schools, including the Community Middle School (Plainsboro), Bernardsville Middle School (Bernardsville), Deerfield School (Mountainside), North Bergen STEAM Academy Middle School (North Bergen), and West Windsor Plainsboro School District (Plainsboro) created and submitted 13 short films, six of which were shown at the festival. The students based their films on such popular Newbery Award or Honor titles as *Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White, *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo*, Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga, *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle, *Doctor De Soto* by William Steig, *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly, *Holes* by Louis Sachar, *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech, and *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan. Barbara de Wilde, owner of the Frenchtown Bookshop provided books for sale that the authors’ then signed for attendees. The festival gives students the chance to be creative in bringing classic Newbery Award-winning books to life by putting their own spin on the book’s plot and that’s exactly what many of the students did! To see Mr. Kennedy’s reviews of the films from this year’s and previous years’ Festivals, visit the 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival [website](https://90secondnewbery.com/).

**NJSL Digital Literacy Forum**

The second annual NJSL Digital Literacy Forum will focus on the theme of Literacy Before Digital Literacy. This event on **May 11, 2023,** at the Monroe Township Library from **9:30am – 3:30pm,** will foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ libraries to expand capacity in response to literacy needs in their communities. [**Click here to learn more and register**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001fvlPeg-6TTFSRYKQSq8cYf-2c3gTR6AgycOEb1wG5gNPcMSbXKx1of5uFWwTrraYiIu6R6N5yX9JmR35hzSAOaf7m7Vx0cjdj3COfUdykroiL6Y4j8bbDLS7HhOJfuQ2IpuMG28C4Hzwkc55DT6527UVBSPYNTzhP8iJxV8WjfPEgzpk0Gw-xOLJAo4LDj5DhFvUpB8biD5mHhooWM67A8uY-RJTDrmWlhaFRD5Y9Oyk7nk-OubRaw==&c=6arwhbmWMrnEMser53LYQUjaM_gugxtqM2XdK2oS3BIzsE7fCkX5_g==&ch=OQnJ0yLFtD23tToICKB1gTGRRL-Q_vRs5ZdlDB7dGaSOBXuYtmx_lQ==)

**CSLP Incentives Shipping Directly from CSLP to Your Public Libraries by end of week of April 21st**

The CSLP incentives that all NJ public libraries receive each year for the CSLP Summer Reading Program (children’s, teen, adult bookmarks, children’s, teen, adult posters, and one banner per library system or individual library) will be shipped out by CSLP by the end of the week of April 21st. They should arrive at your library within a week. Please share this information with colleagues who aren’t on NJYAC or NJLA discussion lists.

**CSLP 2026 Slogan Wordsmithing Sessions April 27 or May 4, 2023**

Any public library staff member participating in the CSLP Summer Reading Program is invited to join the conversation to refine the 2026 slogan suggestions for the theme of Dinosaurs!

We encourage all members that have an interest in wordsmithing to join the call to discuss your favorites slogan suggestions (see attached).  During and after the sessions we will have resources available for you to share your input through discussion, chat or using a Google doc. This Wordsmithing session will inform the final list to be submitted for copyright vetting.

Thursday, April 27 ((10am PST, 11am MDT, 12pm CDT, 1pm EDT)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88925942544?pwd=ckJkT0F2bFdtSldlTkpwRUR0dXdVQT09>

Thursday, May 4 (8am PST, 9am MDT, 10am CDT, 11:00am EDT):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88931003848?pwd=WGgxYTY5OEJ2bmVyWHVsT1BycWlWZz09>

Need a reminder?  [Register here](http://lists.njstatelib.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/njyac/609079070240/srawlins/njstatelib.org/) and we will send you reminder a few days before.

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**What’s next – August Listening Session**

We will have another listening session in August to champion our favorite 2027 Themes and the vetted/translated 2026 Slogans before the final vote.

*Brought to you by the CSLP Theme and Slogan Committee.*

**CSLP Summer Reading PSA in English and Spanish Available**

The [CSLP 2023 PSAs are now available](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLe3krHkVt7MayX7TCyEeopmhEPBPqQO53). The official announcement/launch is posted in the CSLP April newsletter that came out this week (if you’re not signed-up to receive it, you can [do so here](https://cslpreads.us13.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=043a7515ceb3ad45bdd2dd405&id=3e7c3a0097)). There will also be a PSA Tab added to the CSLP Online Manual that includes directions and a link to the downloadable folder for public libraries – there are shorter snippets of the PSAs, as well as audio files, etc.

**SAVE THE DATE: Apply for Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Workshops**

* June 8, 2023 – Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library, 10 am – 4 pm
* June 9, 2023 – Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, 10 am – 4 pm.

Lunch will be provided. **Registration application information will be sent out soon**. Space is limited to 35 people due to the hands-on nature of the workshop.

The Science Institute in Colorado is working with all State Libraries to offer free solar eclipse activity trainings in advance of the partial and full solar eclipses happening in Oct. 2023 and in 2024. They have also provided State Libraries with solar eclipse kits that can be circulated to public libraries to use when doing solar eclipse workshops in your communities.

Potential participants are requested to provide a short description on the registration form indicating how they will use the workshop training to further STEM engagement activities in their community. Selection of attendees will be based on the strength of each individual application. This workshop is designed to prepare and empower public library staff to facilitate meaningful solar and space science programs for their patrons that build curiosity, knowledge and inspiration. Attendees will receive hands-on training on operating solar telescopes and other methods for direct and indirect solar viewing, best practices for developing and facilitating STEM programs, and how to engage with community partners and library-specific digital resource networks.

**CSLP’s Resources on Social & Emotional Health Programs in Public Libraries**

The CSLP's Child & Community Well-Being Committee has been collecting examples of library programming that promotes social and emotional health. A compilation of programs submitted by public libraries around the US is now available. It includes an array of library programs for various age groups, from early childhood through seniors, plus multigenerational programs. If you’re looking for program ideas to enhance your “All Together Now” summer programming, or for any time of year, take a look! Find the downloadable **Social & Emotional Health Programs at Public Libraries** document here:

1. In the Additional Content section of the [online All Together Now manual](https://www.cslpreads.org/2023-all-together-now/), or
2. On the [Resource List page](https://www.cslpreads.org/libraries-and-summer-food/#resource) of the CSLP’s [Libraries and Summer Food](https://www.cslpreads.org/libraries-and-summer-food) how-to guide (scroll down to Programming for the link), or
3. At [this direct link](https://www.cslpreads.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Social-Emotional-Health-Programs-at-Public-Libraries_-Brought-to-you-by-the-CCWB.pdf)!

Thank you to all the librarians and library workers who contributed their programs. If you’d like to add your program to this listing, [use this form to share programs with the CCWB](https://forms.gle/HAnoECXLJ1BhTgfH9) and they will be included in the next edition of Social & Emotional Health Programs at Public Libraries.

**Events/Campaigns from Other Organizations**

**Input Requested for Study on How Sensory Storytimes Information Shared on Public Library’s Websites**

You're invited to participate in a research study about how public libraries share information through their websites about Sensory Storytimes. The study is being conducted by Dr. Amelia Anderson, assistant professor of Library Studies at Old Dominion University.   
  
If your public library offers a Sensory Storytime, please share a link to the public event description here: [odu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_aa8kcfIu6Q8hNv8](https://odu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aa8kcfIu6Q8hNv8)

No additional information, including personal information, is requested. If you would like additional information about the study, Dr. Anderson can be reached at [amanders@odu.edu](mailto:amanders@odu.edu). Thank you for your consideration!

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Amelia Anderson  
Assistant Professor  
Old Dominion University  
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**StarNet Offering Free Eclipse Glasses to Public Libraries**

With an Annual Solar Eclipse in 2023 and a Total Solar Eclipse in 2023, the STAR Library Education Networks SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) initiative (with major funding support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation) is distributing solar eclipse viewing glasses to libraries in all 50 states and protectorates.

To register you must:

* Be a public library in the U.S., D.C., or in a territory or protectorate
* Agree to distribute glasses for free at eclipse events
* Provide a signed letter from your library director agreeing to the above

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BT58RYV> (You must complete the registration in one sitting – you can’t save it and go back to it later)

Visit the [#Libcomic Online Archive](http://americanlibraryassociation.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMDk5MDcyMiZwPTEmdT0xMTE3NDA2NjE3JmxpPTEwMDcwMTAzMQ/index.html) for previous sessions and the [Past Programming page](http://americanlibraryassociation.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMDk5MDcyMiZwPTEmdT0xMTE3NDA2NjE3JmxpPTEwMDcwMTAzMg/index.html) for even more content.

**Free CE Opportunities**

[**Click here for a monthly national list**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001JWMDSRmVms3Q-9LUn8u9HCAVGLsR34Bwf2nAGV6gZ_C9y1ZV0sF7L928yI28YQKTWQoCTsl98uyIlLnWnjem9T_M4v4kc4U-WJDvgOeYCQ4ykcG3MTIRcqlXOc3t8o_sg67RgGQ-Je-5sZd_ExDd8dBIk0g1PjHHnAKeahW8ZCmXXo164WEtWSRxr8-tfNtP&c=aIu2Qw_KhzJPTBqhGLT9IjosqDtKqKzd1QL8m2vJcp_SagxQJJh2Mg==&ch=00vvf-1303kXFDiZMbmR5nAUO-WjHs6DfoNPMNGd7SppiaNkVSmACQ==) of **FREE** NJSL and National CE and Professional Development opportunities for librarians, trustees, and library staff.

[](http://links.em.penguinrandomhouse.com/rts/go2.aspx?h=114192918&tp=i-1NGB-Q5A-keY-31cgwt-1o-2WWpr-1c-31cgpQ-l8k4BJpdHS-jt1NF&x=23CF0F9E3D1A2BF3E0534FD66B0A902E)

May 6th is Free Comic Book Day! Will your library be participating? [**Click here**](http://links.em.penguinrandomhouse.com/rts/go2.aspx?h=114192918&tp=i-1NGB-Q5A-keY-31cgwt-1o-2WWpr-1c-31cgpQ-l8k4BJpdHS-jt1NF&x=23CF0F9E3D1A2BF3E0534FD66B0A902E) to let us know

**Grants from Other Organizations**

**Apply for the Maureen Hayes Award by April 28th**

The ALSC's Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award, established with funding from Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing, brings together children and a nationally recognized children's book creator by funding up to $4,000 for an author/illustrator visit to a library. Take advantage of this opportunity to create an engaging and memorable event for your young patrons. **Hurry, the Hayes Award application closes Friday, April 28.** For more information visit: <https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/hayesaward>

**YASS/GSTBA- Winners:**

○ Fiction 6-8 - "Twins" by Varian Johnson/Shannon Wright   
○ Nonfiction 6-12 - "Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the  
Middle East" by Sandy Tolan   
○ Fiction 9-12 - tie between "Inheritance Games" by Jennifer Lynn Barnes and "The Cousins" by Karen McManus

**NJASL**

NJASL has been very involved in book banning and challenges. They have been going to various libraries to help on this. They are collaborating with a lot of other state partners. Their conference will be in December.

**NJALA**

Annual Conference 6/6/23 at Mercer County Community College. Theme is “Be the Change.” This is Tuesday after NJLA. This has been in the works since 2019. Please contact [njalaconference@gmail.com](mailto:njalaconference@gmai.com) with any questions. NJALA is also looking for presenters for monthly virtual presentations. Contact [njalaconference@gmail.com](mailto:njalaconference@gmail.com) if interested

**NJLA Conference 2023**

The 2023 NJLA Conference will be held 5/31-6/2 at Harrah’s in Atlantic City. The theme is Sustainably Forward. There is a link to staff the CSS table. Please participate and pick a time spot to help! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd--3hF_5WDKu4UIVX8S-EQYa_GELgHKI2KRWsWkJhiHC25qg/viewform?usp=sharing>

At the GSCBA Luncheon there will be a clothing collection for the Covenant House.

**Elections for 2023-2024 Cycle**

A big thank you to all candidates for volunteering their time to run for the CSS board.

**Performer’s Showcase**

There is interest in bringing back the Performer’s Showcase. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Teresa.

**Next meeting is**

**Friday, May 26**

**9:45 a.m.**

In attendance:

Brett Bonfield

Lynnette FUcci

Teresa Carlton

Jenise Sileo

Sharon Rawlins

Heather Kristian

Jen Apgar

Lynnette Fucci

Rachael Trotter

Jenna Ingham

Mary Ecklund

Maureen Herman

Ryan Oxild

Jen Fitzgerald

Vicki Wright