**NJLA Young Adult Section Meeting Minutes**

**January 27, 2012**

**Piscataway Public Library**

**Members in attendance:** Rebecca Klein, Lanora Melillo, Liz Burns, Jen Servello, Laura Bultman, Katie Bojanek, Sharon Rawlins, Rosy Henderson, Saleena Davidson, Christina Roest, Rose Schulman, Sandy Hall, Kathleen Breitenbaun, Amanda Schiavulli, Beth Cackowski, Fran Housten, Karen deWilde, Michelle Petrasek, Emily Chornomaz, Laura Leonard, Erica Solomon, Pat Vasilik, Liz Hoens, Sandi Cronce, Ann-Marie Aymer, Sue Grotyohann, Katie Nellen, Pham Condello, Lynn Mazur, Linda Tripp, Natalie Cheetham, Tyler Rosseau, Karen Klapperstuck, Kate Vasilik, Julie Tozer, Sophie Brookover, Karen Mitchell, Kristin Nelson, Katie Llera, Carolyn Aversano, Colleen Affrime, Christi Aldellizzi, Danielle Larca, Jen Schureman, Darby DeCicco, Terri Coss, Kathleen Gruver, Samantha Marker

**Updates from Around the State**

**NJ State Library Report**  
Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library  
  
**On behalf of Norma E. Blake, State Librarian:**  
Dear Colleagues and Friends,  
   
It is with very mixed feelings that I share with you the news of my approaching retirement, effective July 1, 2012.  I want you all to know the pride and pleasure that I have taken in working for Dr. Pruitt at Thomas Edison State College as the New Jersey State Librarian for the past decade, and in New Jersey libraries for over 35 years.  I can’t imagine a better career, or a group of more talented and dedicated people to work with.  
   
Together we have implemented many new programs and laid the groundwork for fulfilling our mission to foster a literate, productive and competitive New Jersey.  Over the course of this journey, we have empowered people, organizations and government with needed information, and played a vital role in assisting New Jersey residents and businesses through some of the toughest economic times our country has seen in recent history.  
   
However difficult this moment is for me, come July I will depart with the certain knowledge that together we have created the momentum that will keep New Jersey libraries and the New Jersey State Library moving forward as innovative leaders in our field.  
   
I look forward to connecting with many of you over the next several months.  Please save the date for a fun, casual good-bye party (no speeches!) to be held on June 15th.  Details to follow. Thank you all so much for your continued support.  
   
Sincerely,  
   
Norma Blake, NJ State Librarian  
  
**2011 Summer Reading Program Statistics**  
In 2011, 141,016 children and teens participated in the summer reading program – a 27% increase from 2010. They read 2,139, 810 books, a 21% increase from 2010. There were 28,377 programs offered for children and teens this past summer, an 8% increase from the year before. Program attendance (444,735) was a little down (2%) from the year before (453,763) but that could be attributed to a slight improvement in the economy.   
  
For the second year, many libraries offered adult summer reading programs. 7,923 adults participated in the program and read 36,579 books. There were 2,885 programs offered for the adults and 47,747 attended programs (these numbers might duplicate children’s programs if the library counted them as a family program). Eighty-four libraries used the online registration software Evanced Summer Reader, compared to 81 in 2010.   
  
Totals (all ages) – 148,939 participants, read 2,176, 389 books, 492,482 people attended 31,262 programs.

Summer Reading Workshops are planned for March 5 (Monmouth County Library), March 19 (Camden County Library, Atco Branch), and March 26 (Morris County Library). The Workshops will include programs and ideas for children, teens, and adults. They will be half-day sessions.  
**SAVE THE DATE – NJ Statewide Children’s & Teen Author Conference**  
The NJ Statewide Children’s and Teen Author Conference will be held on Friday, May 4, 2012 at the Woodbridge Public Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, N.J. from  9:30 AM (coffee), 10 :00 AM start until 4:00 PM.  We will have an exciting array of authors scheduled. More information will be forthcoming.   
  
\*\*Sharon Rawlins is looking for volunteers to help plan this author conference. Susan Fichtelberg, the children’s librarian from Woodbridge PL, and Sharon have done it in the past but they would really like to organize a small committee to do it. If interested, please contact Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116 or Susan Fichtelberg, sfichtelberg@woodbridgelibrary.org

**Interested in serving on the Youth Services Forum Organizing Committee?**  
Tamara Richman, Youth Services Librarian, Mary Jacobs Library, Somerset County Library System is looking for volunteers to help plan the 2012 Youth Services Forum. It won’t be held at the Monmouth County Library this year so she’s looking for suggestions on places to hold it. If interested, contact Tamara Richman at [trichman@sclibnj.org](mailto:trichman@sclibnj.org), 609-924-7073 ext. 102. Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library, will continue to serve as consultant for this event.  
  
**“Food for Thought”**  
**Food as Science, Food as Culture, Food as Career**  
**What's on Your Plate?**  
This statewide New Jersey Center for the Book/Library of Congress partnership program with the Monmouth County Library System will take place on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan from 11:30 am – 4:30 pm featuring renowned Chef David Burke as the keynote speaker.  A roster of the day’s events will be forthcoming.  
  
**NJSL Awards a Latino Heritage Festival Grant to Elizabeth Public Library**  
The New Jersey State Library, with funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), has awarded a $10,000 grant to the Elizabeth Public Library for a Latino Heritage Festival.

Elizabeth Public Library, located in a community with a 59.5% Latino population, according to the 2010 census, will use the grant funds to conduct *Connect-Explore-Discover/Conéctate-Explora-Descubre,* a library campaign designed to reach English and Spanish speakers of diverse backgrounds, socioeconomic and cultural, and individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills with services and opportunities which Elizabeth Public Library can provide.

As part of the outreach effort *Connect-Explore-Discover/Conéctate-Explora-Descubre*, the Elizabeth Public Library will work with Literacy Volunteers of America to increase the number of volunteers who are residents in Elizabeth, or who have connections to Elizabeth, and who will train as literacy volunteers, to meet with students at the Elizabeth Public Library. This program will also improve cultural awareness in library staff by making *Connect-Explore-Discover/Conéctate-Explora-Descubre* the topic of the library’s 2012 Staff Development Day training.  It will increase the library presence on the web in the Spanish language with pages that focus on library offerings, a survey for patrons who use the Spanish pages, and a blog for Spanish speakers that would be monitored by the project coordinator.

The Latino Heritage Festival grant will also allow the Elizabeth Public Library the opportunity to plan and execute informational, educational and cultural programs in celebration of National Library Week in April, 2012.  
  
**We Are the People…who petition the Obama administration to:**  
**Ensure that every child in America has access to an effective school library program**  
25,000 signatures are needed by February 4, 2012 in order for this petition to reach the President’s desk.  
To add your name to the petition, follow these steps:  
1. Visit wwws.whitehouse.gov/petitions  
2. Create an Account  
3. Verify account (via e-mail)  
4. Sign the petition  
5. Share with friends  
  
New Initiatives:  
**National Teen Lock-In** - details to come. Scheduled to occur in August 2012  
**Statewide collection for charitable organization** - to replace Pennies for Peace - need to run idea with all youth services librarians for their comments or pick alternative charity

**CSS Executive Board**

The Children’s Librarian Toolbox program went well. Next year, they may start a shadowing/mentoring program. They are also considering a Mock Caldecott or Mock Newbery program.

**NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**   
Liz Burns will be presenting a webinar through LibraryLinkNJ on February 16 about the TBBC and what it offers.

**NJLA Executive Board**

* NJLA Executive Board passed a resolution against the practice of publishers and production companies discriminating against libraries with regard to DVDs and ebooks (ex. delayed release of DVDs to libraries; library DVD copies without special features; limited check-outs on ebooks). The resolution was passed along to ALA, and ALA will be meeting with publishers to talk about the issues.
* NJLA Executive Board signed off on legislation to establish district libraries, in which funding would not come from the 1/3 mil formula. They are looking for sponsorship for the legislation.

**LibraryLinkNJ**

* New Jersey Libraries-on-the-Go: A new program to establish mobile websites and apps for phones and portable devices. Libraries are encouraged to apply for available subsidies. Apply by Feb 29 at 4 pm. Learn more at <http://librarylinknj.org/content/librarylinknj-mobile-pilot-project-fy2012>.
* Upcoming webinars: http://librarylinknj.org/event-list  
  Jan 31: Building a Personal Learning Solution  
  Feb 8 and Feb 15: Creating a Thriving 21st Century Library  
  Feb 16: Audiobooks, Braille, and More!
* Super Library Supervisor Workshops: 5 workshops over 10 week period, from March 21 to May 15 at Monroe Township Public Library. Designed for supervisors with less than 5 years experience. http://librarylinknj.org/content/super-library-supervisor-workshop-series-stepping-supervisor
* All communication is now through the LibraryLinkNJ online forums.

**Member Updates**

(please also see wiki: <http://njla.pbworks.com/Member-updates>)

* Sophie Brookover is on the Printz Committee and Liz Burns is on the YALSA Nonfiction Committee. They encourage us to read and promote the recently announced winner and honor books.

**On-Going Business**

**GSTBA 2012 Winners**  
The number of votes was double what we had two years ago! 30 percent of the votes were online this year, including the Facebook page, with 59 votes.

6-8: *The Maze Runner*   
2nd Place: *My Life in Pink and Green*   
3rd Place: *The Summer I Turned Pretty*

9-12: *Fire*

2nd Place: *The Hate List*

3rd Place: *Wintergirls*

Nonfiction: *Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures*

2nd Place: *The Skateboarding Field Manual*

3rd Place: *I Can’t Keep My Own Secrets*

**NJLA Conference   
June 4-6, 2012 in Atlantic City**

* Virtual Author Visit w/ Cecil Castelllucci - (can we come up with a snappier title?)
* What Everyone can Learn from Urban Libraries
* Public & School Libraries: Powerful Partnerships for Youth (We will limit this topic to middle and high school library partnerships.)
* The ABCs of TABs
* Best of Best Fiction for Young Adults
* NJ Libraries + Gen X & Y: Perfect Together - with IT and Ref
* PRECONFERENCE: Three Cheers for Teen Volunteers

CSS may ask us to partner with them on a conference session about readers’ advisory.

At the conference, we will have a YA Section table with a slideshow of videos and pictures, either on a laptop or on a digital picture frame. We will discuss logistics at our next meeting. Michelle Petrasek offered to update the trifold poster with pictures and information.

**TAB Forum**

Saleena sent an email to the listserv with details of the dates and locations. It includes attachments with a press release, ideas for encouraging students and parents to attend, and graphics. Registration has started.

The State Library will make certificates for participants after the event, and will send them to participating librarians to distribute to their teens.

**GSTBA Fiction 6-8 Ballot Deliberations**

The following books were selected as our top 20 and 2 alternates. Names of volunteers to write annotations are in parentheses. Please keep annotations short (one to two sentences) and write them as if you are encouraging a teen to read the book. Send annotations to Kathleen Gruver at [kgruver@bcls.lib.nj.us](mailto:kgruver@bcls.lib.nj.us) before our next meeting on February 24.

* *The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda*, Tom Angleberger (Karen D.)
* *Heist Society*, Ally Carter (Emily C.)
* *Cosmic*, Frank Cottrell Boyce (Kathleen G.)
* *Out of My Mind*, Sharon M. Draper (Ann-Marie A.)
* *Mockingbird*, Kathryn Erskine (Saleena D.)
* *90 Miles to Havana*, Enrique Flores-Galbis (Colleen A.)
* *The Sons of Liberty*, Alexander and Joseph Lagos (Sandy H.)
* *A Small Free Kiss in the Dark*, Glenda Millard (Jen S.)
* *Trash*, Andy Mulligan (Saleena D.)
* *Crazy*, Han Nolan (Colleen A.)
* *Half Brother*, Kenneth Oppel (Karen M.)
* *A Long Walk to Water*, Linda Sue Park (Michelle P.)
* *Fever Crumb*, Philip Reeve (Julie T.)
* *The Lost Hero*, Rick Riordan (Pat V.)
* *Mindblind*, Jennifer Roy (Laura L.)
* *Shooting Kabul*, N.H. Senzai (Sue G.)
* *After Ever After*, Jordan Sonnenblick (Sandy H.)
* *Moon Over Manifest*, Clare Vanderpool (Sharon R.)
* *Countdown*, Deborah Wiles (Linda T.)
* Alternate: *Riding Invisible*, Sandra Alonzo (Saleena D.)
* Alternate: *Scrawl*, Mark Shulman (Lanora M.)

We will vote for Fiction 9-12 at our February 24 meeting. Don’t forget, if you can’t attend, be sure to send in an email of your review of the assigned books to any board member. If you offer to read and don’t send in your reviews or attend in person for two years, you will be blacklisted from the GSTBA voting.

**Snack Sign-Up**

Fran Housten: fruit

Karen deWilde: something not sweet

Emily Chornomaz: something salty

Sophie Brookover: delicious homemade baked good

Rebecca Klein: cheese

**Next meeting: February 24 at South Brunswick Public Library. Coffee and snacks at 9:00, meeting at 9:30. GSTBA Fiction 9-12 ballot deliberations following business meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Klein, Young Adult Services Section Secretary