**NJLA Young Adult Section Meeting Minutes**

**March 30, 2012**

**Piscataway Public Library**

**Members in attendance:** Sharon Rawlins, Sophie Brookover, Erica Solomon, Megan Pehanick, Samantha Marker, Emily Crowell, Amanda Schiavulli, Emily Chornomaz, Katie Nellen, Liz Hoens, Kate Vasilik, Karen Mitchell, Sandy Hall, Kristin Nelson, Michelle Petrasek, Lynn Mazur, Pat Vasilik, Julie Tozer, Saleena Davidson, Karen deWilde, Kathleen Gruver, Carolyn Aversano, Rebecca Klein, Sue Grotyohann, Linda Tripp, Jen Schureman, Kathleen Breitenbach, Lanora Melillo, Lonnie Johnson, Frank Castro, Rosy Henderson, Natalie Cheetham, Jen Servello, Christi Adellizzi, Sandi Cronce, Laura Leonard, Liz Burns, Ann-Marie Aymer

**Updates from Around the State**

**NJLA Announcement**If you have not renewed your membership to NJLA, please do so. Some people with lapsed memberships have been attending our section meetings. If you are not sure if your membership has expired, contact NJLA at 609-394-8032 or srice@njla.org.

**NJ State Library Report**  
Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library

**Shake Up Your Library: Using Hip Hop and Rap to Attract Teens and New Adults: A Symposium for Youth Services Librarians  (AKA Bad Rap @ Your Library)**This all-day event for youth services librarians and other library staff who work with teens and new adults, or millennials, will provide an overview of hip hop and rap music culture and its appeal to young people by experts in the field and will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012, at Rutgers-Newark, in the Paul Robeson Campus Center. There will be a minimal fee of $20 to attend.

This symposium will feature Keynote Speaker Chuck D, leader and co-founder of the legendary rap group Public Enemy; Dr. James Petersen, Director of Africana Studies and Associate Professor of English at Lehigh University; Martha Diaz,  Founding Director, Hip-Hop Education Center, Dr. Akil Khalfani, Director of the Africana Institute, Acting Director of the Urban Studies Institute and Associate Professor of Sociology at Essex County College, Bernard Kaplan, Associate Professor at the University of Delaware in Fiction Writing, Contemporary Literature, Novel, Short Story, Literature and Opera who also teaches Hip-Hop Culture, and Marvin DeBose, Adult/Young Adult Librarian at the Overbrook Park Branch of the Philadelphia Free Library.

Program descriptions, registration and parking information will be available soon. Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116 with any questions.

**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 have an exciting array of authors scheduled, including Sheela Chari author of the middle grade book *Vanished*, the 2012 Asian/Pacific American Honor Book for Children’s Literature; Audrey Vernick, author of many fiction and nonfiction picture books including *She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story* and the middle grade book *Water Balloon*; Annette and Gina Cascone, authors of the middle grade novel *Grave Secrets*; Sudipta Bardham Quallen, author of the picture book *Hampire* and many others; and Fiona Robinson, picture book author of *What Animals Really Like*. The registration information will be posted on the NJLA and NJSL websites and on NJSL Direct very soon.

**Evanced Summer Reading Webinar Trainings to Be Offered in March and April**Evanced Solutions ([www.evancedsolutions.com](http://www.evancedsolutions.com)) is offering 3 free Webinar training sessions for NJ library staff throughout the state.

The basic one was 201 - Summer Reader Day-to-Day Staff Management on Thursday, March 29, from 10 – 11:30 am. To access the archive of it go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/568253426> and enter an email address to access it.

The more advanced program for staff who will be administering the program is 301 - Summer Reader Software Set Up and Administration and will be held on Wednesday, April 4 from 1 – 2:30 pm. To register go to   
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/401033018>

A webinar just for Q&A about Evanced Summer Reader will be held on Friday, April 13 from 1 – 2:30 pm. To register go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/189108458>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

For anyone unable to attend these Webinars just for NJ librarians, Evanced Solutions also offers free, weekly, webinars for anyone across the US. If you want to try out the product on your own, a schedule is available at <http://host.evanced.info/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

To set-up Evanced Solution Summer Reader for your library, you must first have Evanced install the program on their server. To sign up to have them install the program go to <http://www.evancedsolutions.com/njsrform.asp> to fill out the online registration form.

After you have signed up with Evanced, you will receive a link and password from Evanced to access the website so you can set up your library’s program.

If your library has previously set up a Summer Reading site already, the site still works and you can use your old password. You don’t have to re-register for the program.  If you do not remember your link, passwords, etc. e-mail Evanced Support at [Support@evancedsolutions.com](mailto:Support@evancedsolutions.com)

For more information, contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

**Summer Reading**  
Information from the workshops in March will be posted on the website soon.

**National Teen Lock-In**   
Friday, August 3, 2012. If your library is interested in participating contact [pgarone@cla-net.org](mailto:pgarone@cla-net.org) or [jennifer.lawson1@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.lawson1@sdcounty.ca.gov) and cc me, Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)

**CSS Executive Board**

No updates at this time. The next meeting will be on April 13 at Long Hill Public Library.

**NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**   
Liz Burns will be speaking about YA books for adults at the Readers Advisory Section program on April 16 at the Franklin Library, from 2 to 4:30. If you have suggestions for books to include, contact her at lizzy.burns@gmail.com.

**NJLA Executive Board**

No updates at this time.

**LibraryLinkNJ**

* The UnConference on Handheld Devices in School Libraries was held on March 24. It was very successful and 75 people attended.
* LibraryLinkNJ will be sending out a survey soon to help them develop a service plan for next year. Please fill it out and let them know what services would be useful for you and your library.
* April 4 and 18 (Webinars), 10:00 to 11:30: Helping Homeschoolers in the Library. Part one is about homeschooling laws and different types of homeschooling communities; part two is about policies that your library can enact, programming, and collection development. There is one registration, but it’s OK to attend just one session if you can’t do both.
* Storytime…And Beyond (Webinar): May 2 with Katie Salo
* iPads in the Children’s Room (Webinar): May 10 with Kiera Parrott
* All webinars are archived and available at librarylinknj.org.
* Membership meetings are coming up: April 25 at Morris County, July in Carteret, and September in Ocean City. Lenora Melillo will be presenting a program about Scratch (software for writing simple computer programs).

**Member Updates**

* Congrats to Gloucester County and Mount Laurel libraries, who recently received grants.
* Carolyn Aversano announced that she is now the chairperson of teen services in the Mercer County Library System. She will be working on getting the other libraries in her system to provide more teen services.

**Upcoming Events**

**LMxAC: Series of Workshops**

* Kimberly Paone and Karen Klapperstuck will be leading a workshop on Friday, April 13, 2012, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Public Library focused on how directors and supervisors can model and promote teen advocacy
* Pham Condello and Sophie Brookover will be leading another workshop on Thursday, April 19, 2012, 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at Old Bridge Public Library for YA Librarians and staff working in Teen Services.
* There will be a third workshop for all library staff, details to be announced.

These workshops are open to everyone, not just LMxAC members. Registration information can be found at <http://lmxworkshops.pbworks.com>

**On-Going Business**

**NJLA Conference**The program dates and times are set. Find more information at <http://njlaconference.info/programs?tid%5B%5D=43> and select “Young Adult Services Section.”

If you are on a panel, please communicate through your designated wiki spaces, so that everyone can be prepared well in advance of the conference.

We are going to have a digital photo frame and possibly a laptop with videos at the YA Section table. Send photos of your teens at events or colorful flyers to Saleena, or bring them on a flash drive to the May meeting, so she can organize them in one place.

**Executive Board Elections**

Please consider running for YA Executive Board! We need you to keep our group running and to continue being as amazing as possible! The duties are listed on the wiki at http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/21157860/About%20the%20YA%20Section%20Executive%20Board.

No previous experience or commitment is necessary to run for Member-at-Large or Secretary, which are one-year commitments. You need to have previously served on the Executive Board within the past three years to run for Vice President, which is a three-year commitment (Vice President, President, Past President for one year each).

If you are interested, email Saleena at [saleenadavidson@yahoo.com](mailto:saleenadavidson@yahoo.com) with a short blurb about yourself and why you would like to run for Executive Board by April 17.

Elections will be held electronically at the beginning of May. The new Executive Board will be determined before the NJLA Conference.

**Garden State Teen Book Awards**

A new logo was sent out to the listserv. Saleena will tweak it to make it more obvious that teens are voting for these books. Thanks to Sue for her suggestions. We are thinking about making bookmarks in addition to full ballots.

The Executive Board is going to meet in April to discuss ways to streamline the voting process. If you have suggestions, contact any member of the Board before April 27.

**TAB Summits**  
Four summits were held; one was cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

South Brunswick: 3 libraries; 32 people

Paramus: 5 libraries; 17 people

Mullica Hill: 6 libraries; 21 people

Ocean County: 75 people

Everyone enjoyed the experience. Several people will be writing an article for VOYA about the TAB Summits. More information will be posted to the NJLA YA Section wiki.

**GSTBA Nonfiction 6-12 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). If you have not sent in your Fiction 6-8 or 9-12 annotations, please do those as soon as possible.

* *Charles Darwin*, Kathleen Krull (Sophie B.)
* *Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Sided with the British During the American Revolution*, Margaret Whitman Blair (Sue G.)
* *The Smart Aleck’s Guide to American History*, Adam Selzer (Kate V.)
* *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery*, Steve Sheinkin (Saleena D.)
* *Get Real: What Kind of World Are You Buying?,* Mara Rockliff (Karen D.)
* *Sex: A Book for Teens: An Uncensored Guide to Your Body, Sex, and Safety*, Nikol Hasler (Kate V.)
* *The Good, the Bad and the Barbie: A Doll’s History and Her Impact on Us*, Tanya Lee Stone (Sharon R.)
* *I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced*, Nujood Ali with Delphine Minoui (Laura L.)
* *Candy Bomber: The Story of Berlin Airlift’s “Chocolate Pilot,”* Michael O. Tunnell (Katie N.)
* *I Am an Emotional Creature: The Secret Life of Girls Around the World*, Eve Ensler (Emily Crowell)
* *The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science: 50 Experiments for Daring Young Scientists*, Sean Connolly (Sophie B.)
* *They Called Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group*, Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Saleena D.)
* *Ideas That Changed the World: Incredible Inventions and the Stories Behind Them*, Julie Ferris (Kate V.)
* *The Secret Language of Birthdays: Teen Edition*, Alicia Thompson (Karen D.)
* *The Klutz Book of Inventions*, Joyhn Cassidy and Brendan Boyle (Pat V.)
* *Show-Off: How to Do Absolutely Everything One Step at a Time*, Sarah Hines-Stephens (Ann-Marie A.)
* *Smile*, Raina Telgemeier (Rebecca K.)
* *Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty*, G. Neri and Randy DuBurke (Julie T.)
* *Big Girls Don’t Cry: The Election That Changed Everything for American Women*, Rebecca Traister (Emily Chornomaz)
* *Skywalkers: Mohawk Ironworkers Build the City*, David Weitzman (Sophie B.)
* Alternate: *Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network That Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement,* Rick Bowers (Saleena D.)
* Alternate: *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard,* Liz Murray (Emily Crowell)

**Snack Sign-Up**

Saleena Davidson: fruit salad  
Kathleen Gruver: deviled eggs

Sophie Brookover: dessert

Emily Crowell: healthy salad

Emily Chornomaz: vegetarian chili

Rebecca Klein: hummus and veggies

Jen Schureman: cheesecake

**Next meeting: May 18 at South Brunswick Public Library. Coffee and snacks at 9:30, meeting at 10:00. Potluck lunch and open house to follow!**

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Klein, Young Adult Services Section Secretary