#### Attendance

- 1. Carina Gonzalez, Piscataway
- 2. Jeff Cupo, Montville
- 3. Stephen Felle, TBBC
- 4. Rebecca Berkowitz, Princeton University
- 5. Megan Kociolek
- 6. Enola Romano, Montclair
- 7. Selwa Shamy, Montclair
- 8. Danielle Pitter, Formerly of North Brunswick
- 9. Tanya Estrada, Pennsauken
- 10. Sharon Owens, Newark
- 11. Allan Kleiman, Edison
- 12. Jessica Trujillo, Montclair
- 13. Lorraine Ruiz, Kenilworth
- 14. Hilary W
- 15. Ashley Mitchell, Camden County
- 16. Elisabet Kennedy, Hackensack
- 17. Sharon Rawlins, State Library

# Minutes Approved

Tanya has duck eggs!

#### NJLA Leadership

- Allan
  - o New NJLA offices are now set up in Bordentown.
  - At the last meeting, Juliet announced she had joined a statewide broadband commission to represent us.

# Selwa

- NJLA tried to get library workers vaccinated earlier
- Has made 17 legislative visits focusing on funding and broadband issues.
- Statement from APALA.

### Jessica

- There's a new subgroup within the Executive Board focused on the reorganization of communication.
- There's a new task force on leadership opportunities as well.
- Accessibility is currently a high priority for NJLA

#### Selwa

- There's a Town Hall on April 12 to talk to Juliet
- LLNJ has a new programming committee and wants to show what all sections doing for PD, and Selwa has joined.

### State Library

Sharon

- The State Library newsletter goes out every Monday.
- Get in touch if you have suggestions for things to fund with money from Cares Act, the more the merrier.
  - jnelson@njstatelib.org is the State Librarian's email
  - Sharon's is srawlins@njstatelib.org
- She's working out how to use Wonderbooks/Launchpads in the most effective way.

#### Jessica

- Launchpads are popular, but break frequently.
- Wonderbooks would be a good investment and super popular and less fragile.
   She hasn't had one break yet (Megan concurs that they never break). Vox is good too.

## Tanya

 Asks Sharon about Readsquare, and Sharon said not a lot are using it. Tanya plans on beginning to circ her Launchpads to work towards bridging the digital divide, and will see how it goes.

### Jessica

Was looking at this database:
<a href="https://www.mackin.com/hg/digital/ebooks/comicsplus/">https://www.mackin.com/hg/digital/ebooks/comicsplus/</a>

# Allan

The State Library has grants left over from Cares.

### LLNJ

## Allan

- LLNJ is an autonomous organization that receives all of its funding from the State Library, and a majority of that funding goes to delivery.
- o The new Programming Committee has brought back Super Supervisor.
- The Interim Director of LLNJ is Keith McCoy
- A survey will be coming out soon, and a strategic plan is in the works.
- Will be meeting with the Governor and will see what the budget looks like.

#### Sharon

- Forum where people can post to
- More people go there to find stuff rather than state library

## D&O

### Selwa--Inclusion and GARE

- Attended the Turning Tinted Pages keynote and wants to keep the keynotes going. The survey suggested inclusive leadership styles. Does D&O want to cosponsor?
- If you are interested in collaborating or if you know a good speaker, email Selwa at selwashamy@gmail.com
- Race and Equity
  - Racial equity work on municipal level, do an audit and make real changes.

- Issue brief
  - https://www.racialequityalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/GARE LibrariesReport v8 DigitalScroll WithHyperlinks.pdf
- Wants to bring in people to talk about it.
- Carina
  - We're interested and how can we help?
- Selwa
  - Cosponsor the events and bring updates here, get feedback, and use our connections
- Candidates for our Election
  - President: Jeff
  - Vice President: Allan
  - Secretary: Danielle
  - Members-at-Large: Tanya, Elisabet, Jade
- Turning Tinted Pages Feedback
  - Wanted to see keynotes for Asian and Hispanic librarianship.
  - o Third Cosponsor?
  - Selwa
    - Jenny Hu from Hudson County.
    - We could do it along the lines of a panel.
    - PD would love to cosponsor.
- Ashley--Newsletter
  - No news on newsletter, but giving Kara some time to catch up on things
- Ashley--PD Calendar
  - She hope's people are looking at it and asks that we spread the word
  - Carina
    - Sings Ashley's praises!
  - Selwa
    - Asked to put in on the agenda for April, but it hasn't gone anywhere yet
- Spectrum Scholarship
  - Ashley
    - Update! At the internship meeting, John Wallace who coordinates with interns, is working with NJLA on a scholarship.
    - Ashley will join the focus group to see what they're going to do first before we reduplicate efforts, and get some ideas.
  - Jessica
    - NJLA Scholarship Committee
    - Instead of building new system, fundraise and work with ALA to expand spectrum scholarship for next year
  - Inclusive Internship Initiative
    - Jessica
      - Envisions a scholarship but aimed at high schoolers going into college, and wonders how to get funding. Is a paid internship the solution?

- Allan
  - Notes that the process is already there.
- Jeff
  - Could we collaborate with the YA Section?
  - Might we use TAB Summits to talk to our volunteers about getting into the profession?
- Sharon
  - Connected learning could be of value here. Teens can make programs that interest them.
- Allan
  - LLNJ Mentor NJ topics can be on anything.
- Jessica
  - Will write up a proposal.
- Carina
  - Agrees it would be good to work on this High School to Grad School pipeline.
- Allan
  - See what other groups are doing, if they're doing something already.
- Stephen--Facebook
  - o Moira is doing great.
- Stephen--TBBC
  - Used to need a doctor's signature to get into library, no more!
  - o sfelle@njstatelib.org