

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
 - 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:
<https://www.mackin.com/hq/digital/ebooks/comicsplus/>
- 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.
 - 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.

- 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
 - Moira is doing great.
- Stephen--TBBC
 - Used to need a doctor's signature to get into library, no more!
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