**NJLA Readers’ Advisory Roundtable**

Meeting Minutes 9/20/12 – Old Bridge Public Library

(submitted by Monica Teixeira)

Attendees: Amelia Rodriguez, Liz Burns, Jennifer Konopacki, Yvonne Selander,

Mary Piekarski, C.L. Quillen(Chair), Ilene Lefkowitz, Monica Teixeira(Vice-Chair)

**2012 Adult Services Forum** – 10/22/12 at Monmouth County Library

The consensus is that we will not be able to submit a program due to time constraints and obligations. We’ll try to establish better communication with the Reference section. We would need to have the event date and topics earlier on in order to come up with a program.

* **NJLA 2013 Program Ideas**

Possible Outside Speakers:

Sarah Wendell from *Smart Bitches, Trashy Books* – book talk on erotica

Nancy Milone Hill, author of “*Reading Women*” – tap for two programs:

“R.A. for Small Libraries” (no money, no staff, no problem!) and one other to be decided.

Book Buzz – have a few publisher reps come and book talk upcoming releases

Ebook product showcase – If we can get 4 reps they would each get 10 mins. To

pitch their ebook product.

Social Media for R.A. – panel(?) discussion on the use of social media, including Pinterest, for R.A.

Genre Jumpers – a panel on successful genre crossovers

Brown Bag Program – Book Group Hits & Misses panel

Graphic Novels - we will co-sponsor the Graphic Novel program

* **Stand Alone Program Spring 2013**

We would like to see if we can get Joyce Saricks to do a program for us in April. C.L. will contact her. As a back-up, should Joyce not be available we will reach out to Carol from readinggroups.com

**Also of interest….**

Genre Study – [www.genrestudynj.blogspot.com](http://www.genrestudynj.blogspot.com) which is an awesome resource for mysteries and police procedurals is now open to romance. If you look at any of the titles which have been submitted and copy the format you’ll find it very user friendly. Go there to find books and feel free to join in and add books.

Another site to check out is on Twitter – ReadAdv. This readers advisory tweet site chats on Thursdays at 8 p.m. and lists previous posts.

**Books to Share**

On the Island by Tracey Gravis Graves – received rave reviews

Keeper of Lost Causes (audio) by Jussi Adler-Olsen – first in a series, Nordic crime

Girl Next Door by Brad Parks – brash, witty, sarcastic, NJ locale

Paranoia (audio) by Joseph Finder – high stakes corporate espionage with a twist

Blue Monday by Nicci French – first in a series, psychological thriller, nasty surprise

All Roads Lead to Austen by Amy Elizabeth Smith – a year of book groups on Austen through South and Central America – non-fiction

White Devil by Justin Evans – gothic thriller involving a boy at an established London boarding school and a “fierce and jealous” ghost.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, November 14 @2pm – Warren Public Library

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