

**NJLA Young Adult Meeting**  
**Friday September 21st, 2018**  
**9:30am-10am Coffee and Networking**  
**10:00am Business Meeting**  
**Hosting Library: Willingboro Public Library**

**2017-2018 Executive Board:**

Keisha Miller, President/ Teen Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator at South Orange Public Library

Maureen Langley, Vice President/ Young Adult/ Reference Librarian at Franklin Township Public Library

Kate-Lynn Brown, Secretary/ Young Adult/ Programming Librarian at Cranford Public Library

Melissa Brinn, Member-at-Large/ Teen Librarian at Cherry Hill Public Library

Karen Jarzabski, Member-at-Large/ Young Adult Librarian at Highland Park Public Library

**Attendants:**

Keisha Miller

Mauren Langley

Kate-Lynn Brown

Melissa Brinn

Karen Jarzabski

Rosy Wagner

Stephanie Smith

Sophie Brookover

Jessica Schneider

Sandi Cronce

Jen Apgar

**Virtual Attendants:**

Paige Briglia - Madison Public Library

Jenna Ingham - Summit Free Public Library

**Total in attendance:** 13

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

**Welcome and Introduction:**

**YASS Mission and Vision:**

- The Young Adult Services Section encourages and supports library services and literature for teenagers throughout the state of New Jersey. Our three main goals are:
  - Promote library materials and events to teens

- Promote best practices in teen services
- Support teen librarians
- Must be an NJLA member to attend YASS meetings

### **Executive Board Duties:**

- Keisha Miller, President:
  - Keep everyone informed and up-to-date on what is happening
  - Increase awareness of NJLA and other systems/ consortiums
  - Keisha has reached out to PALS, LMXAC, BCCLS, SCLC
- Maureen Langley, Vice President:
  - Help Keisha with whatever she needs
  - Annual Conference!
  - Individuals can again submit proposals for conference this year; but if you want to submit through YASS, ML is the person you need to speak to
- Kate-Lynn Brown, Secretary:
  - Record and upload minutes
  - Attendance and snack sign-ups
  - Contact KB if there are updates you'd like shared at meetings but cannot attend
- Melissa Brinn and Karen Jarzabski, Members-At-Large:
  - Garden State Teen Book Awards
  - The GSTBA committee has been very popular this year; had to be closed!
  - They will send out the call for readers today after the meeting
  - Reader assignments will be sent out in October
  - Readers will be expected to sign up for at least two categories (fiction 6-8, fiction 9-12, nonfiction 6-12)
  - Any and all questions, as well as communications from MB and KJ should be directed to/ will come from: [gstbanjla@gmail.com](mailto:gstbanjla@gmail.com)
  - Using some 2018 and some 2017 lists to get the newest and hottest titles, but are diligently checking to avoid overlap from last year
  - MB and KJ report that GSTBA process is going very well!

### **Engaging Exercise: "Keep, Start, Stop"**

- Thanks to Chelsea Woods for this great idea!
- KEEP
  - In person and online meetings
  - Meetings around the state
  - GSTBA voting
  - Tours and library spotlight
  - Toolboxes (on the list multiple times!)
  - Keep but change member updates
  - Working with consortiums
  - Program shares
- START
  - Snack sign up commitment with meeting schedule
  - Written expectations for conference speakers

- Play music during snack breaks
- YASS book club
- Offer professional development after meetings
- Section merger with CSS
- Start book lists to be used statewide
- Incorporate our teens' voices into meetings
- YA professional booklists
- Hold more meetings up North
- NJLA scholarship to cover the cost of membership
- Focus on self-care
- STOP
  - NJLA website: not updated AND so many different places to go (conference website, NJLA website, and member website)
  - GSTBA (concern expressed; conversation in minutes under "New & Ongoing Business")
  - "Stop BS"
  - Bring more munchkins

### **Updates from around the State:**

#### **Children's Services Section (CSS)**

##### **NJ State Library**

- Sharon Rawlins sent updates on Library Link NJ, which are included at the end of these minutes
- Summer Reading statistics are due 10/12/18!! Remember to report.

##### **NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center**

- Jen Apgar reported another successful Summer Reading program
- Hired a new staff member, Stephen (last name?)

##### **NJLA Executive Board**

- Reminder that all members are welcome to attend the executive board meetings
- Just met this past week at Long Branch Public Library; watch for minutes available on the NJLA website
- Next meeting: 10/16/18 at the Plainsboro Public Library, 4:30-6:30 pm

##### **Library Link NJ**

- LLNJ Survey closed on 9/20/18
  - Main question was, "Would you support the library community prioritizing its funding request to the legislature to identify stable, ongoing funding for LibraryLinkNJ as the top priority for library funding in FY2019 and FY2020?"
    - Sophie Brookover provided statistics on the responses:
      - 94% said yes
      - 6% said no
      - Received written feedback as well
- If LibraryLinkNJ cannot find \$370,000 to fill its current budget deficit, and find additional funding for the future, it will have to begin laying off staff after New Year's Day, with full

closure scheduled for June 2019. The deficit is a result of years of flat funding while costs for all services have increased.

- As the library cooperative serving multi-type libraries statewide, LibraryLinkNJ provides a variety of shared delivery, continuing education and services that individual libraries do not have the capacity to offer or afford on their own.
- SB also discussed all the important work LLNJ does: professional development, funding makerspaces, funding charging stations, funding speakers for staff development, delivery service (all done for free)
- We can all still share stories of how LLNJ has helped our professional growth and careers, and fill out the advocacy form to show support
- LLNJ staff will be doing legislative visits and meeting with the governor's staff as a part of their advocacy efforts
- If you would like LLNJ updates:
  - Online meetings are hosted monthly on Adobe Connect, but there is a limit of 100 registrants. Meetings are recorded and uploaded on their website. (Also shared at the end of this document).
  - Next meeting is 10/17/18
- LLNJ Continuing Education Updates:
  - Mentor NJ Event 10/5/18 at Monroe Township Library
  - Save the Date: Reader's and Cultural Advisory Unconference: 2//6/19 at Monroe Township Library

### **Library Consortiums**

- LMXAC:
  - Met yesterday
  - Purchased lending kits as a group
  - Currently updating book lists from 2010
  - LMXAC Children's Unconference in December will have teen stuff too!

### **New and Ongoing Business:**

#### **Social Media Manager Position**

- Keep track of YASS social media accounts and login information
- Update the accounts
- Promote YASS conference programs
- Promote other YA initiatives
- Not enough members present to vote today
- Decided to do an online vote; will send a Google Form to all section members to decide if this is a position we will add to the executive board

#### **Youth Services Forum: Keepin' It Fresh**

- 10/29/2018 at Monmouth County Library- Headquarters, Manalapan
- Registration is open now!
- Reminder to park in the lower lot when you arrive
- Sharon Rawlins will send out a blast with the date registration will close
- Thanks to Sandi Cronic for the update

### **Diversity & Outreach: Do-It Conference**

- 11/8/18 at Raritan Valley Community College, Conference Center

### **2019 NJLA Conference: Engage & Inspire**

- Theme is "Engage & Inspire"
- May 29-31 2019
- Email [njlaconference@njla.org](mailto:njlaconference@njla.org) with any questions
- Programs can be submitted individually again this year
- Deadline to submit: 11/30/18
- Link to submit proposals is already live
- Maureen Langely will handle all the proposals being done through YASS
- Hotel fee will be \$79 per night
- No information is available on poster sessions yet

### **Garden State Teen Book Awards**

- Long discussion about how this can be changed and improved
  - Jes Schnieder expressed concern, as someone who has been a MAL and a reader, about how the awards are no longer serving a purpose for teens. Is there a way to use this more as just a professional booklist for us?
  - Karen Jarzabski pointed out that, if the legwork is already done to keep GSTBA as a resource for librarians, how much extra work is it to give it to the teens?
  - JS: How can we change to get the teens more involved?
  - Sophie Brookover: Do we need our own book lists when there are so many resources that put them out already, such as YALSA?
  - JS: Suggest we highlight NJ authors or something similar and relevant?
  - Maureen Langely: suggested we look into other states and how they do it. Her favorite is the Spruce Awards in Colorado
  - Keisha Miller: suggested pushing it to the teens through their school librarians
  - JS: Participation by the readers is low/ unreliable. Create a Google Form to gather more data on the books chosen?
  - Sandi Cronic: suggested a task-force to change/update GSTBA
  - Everyone likes the in-person book deliberations (to some extent), but there is not enough participation in recent years
  - SB: What are the concrete benefits of this process we take back to our teens?
    - Improved reader's advisory
  - JS: Better as a resource than a statewide award?
  - Discussion to be continued...

### **Teen Librarian Toolboxes**

- 10/10/18 at Rutgers University New Brunswick
  - LOCATION: 4 Huntington Street Room 222
  - Networking share!
  - Want to encourage students to attend by having this Toolbox at Rutgers; bring in future librarians
  - This is the first Toolbox evening session

- Still must be a member to attend; but Marc Aronson has invited one of his classes to attend
- Marc Aronson will be there to talk about his new book, then David Perez (Long Branch Public Library's Social Worker) will talk, then time for networking
- Toolbox will also be available online through Adobe Connect
- Parking: Marc Aronson will handle. Carpooling from Franklin Township Public Library is encouraged.
- 12/14/18 at Wyckoff Free Public Library
  - Collaboration with BCCLS
  - Sharon Rawlins will speak about best practices
  - Keisha will follow up with Maplewood Shop will do a demo
- RSVP for both Teen Librarian Toolboxes can be sent to any executive board member

### **Sound-Off!**

#### **YASS Member Updates**

- Willingboro Public Library was commended for their Summer Lunch Program. Congrats!!
  - Sandi Cronce will be talking more about this during a Spark Talk at the Youth Services Forum on 10/29/18
- Cherry Hill Public Library switched from Beanstack to Read Squared and is loving it! Contact Melissa Brinn if you are interested.

#### **YA Hot Topics**

- N/a

#### **Self-Care & You: "Becoming That Thing"**

- The YASS panel at last year's conference earned tons of positive feedback
- Keisha would like to leave time at the end of our section meetings this year to talk about tips and what we do for self-care
- Recommends the "Rants and Randomness" podcast (episode with Glennon Doyle) "Becoming That Thing"
  - Let's think about: what's something we want to do better to become *our* thing?

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Next meeting will be: 10/10/18 5-8 pm at Rutgers University (Teen Librarian Toolbox)



### **NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, Sept. 21, 2018**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library

### **Statistics for the 2018 Statewide Summer Reading Program Requested**

All public libraries as asked to submit their 2018 summer reading program statistics using this [link](#). If your library keeps track of reading using something different from the number of books read, such as hours or minutes, please convert the number using this formula: 1 book = 1 hour (or 60 minutes), 1 book = 100 pages, 1 day = 8 books. Please Note: Libraries will not receive summer reading materials for the 2019 program without submitting statistics for 2018's summer reading program. **The deadline to submit the statistics is October 12, 2018.** This is a FIRM deadline because the final report from the statewide program is due at the end of October. Questions should be directed to Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org).

### **Registration open for 2018 Youth Services Forum –Deadline to register Oct. 12, 2018**

[Register](#) for the *Annual Youth Services Forum: Keepin' it Fresh*, a day of hot topics and issues in library services to children and young adults, sponsored by NJLA, NJSL, and NJASL. It will be held Monday, Oct. 29, 2018 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan from 8:45 am – 3 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Project Manager Sandi Cronce, Willingboro Public Library, [scronce@willingboro.org](mailto:scronce@willingboro.org), 609-877-6668 or Project Coordinator Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

### **Leap into Science STEAM Trainings Filled**

The Leap into Science STEAM training workshops focused on the concept of balance are filled. Look for more information for additional trainings to be offered in Year 2 of this project for educators (libraries, museums, afterschool organizations, etc.), hosted and trained by staff from the New Jersey State Library, NJ Makers Day, and the Newark Museum. [Leap into Science](#) is a nationwide program developed by [The Franklin Institute](#) Science Museum and the National Girls Collaborative Project funded by the National Science Foundation. It integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families.

### **Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)**

I know the 2018 summer reading program just ended, but while you're still thinking about programming, you're welcome to provide suggestions for the 2020 summer reading manual (the 2019 manual on space is already completed). The theme for 2020 is Fairytales/Mythology/Fantasy and the slogan for all ages is "Imagine Your Story"

Submit any great ideas you have here: <https://www.cslpreads.org/2020-idea-submission/>

### **CSLP survey for public libraries on value of CSLP membership and materials**

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is also asking every state to participate in a short national survey regarding the value of CSLP membership and materials. This survey does not concern materials and promotions provided by CSLP partner organizations, such as Demco/Upstart. The survey is open through the end of October. Here's the link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cslp\\_value](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cslp_value)

## **Other Organizations & Events:**

### **Princeton Book Festival – Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, 11 am – 4 pm**

A few YA authors are appearing at the Festival in addition to many children's authors. More information here: <https://princetonlibrary.org/childrens-book-festival/>

## **I Love My Librarian Award nominations close October 1**

Library users have only two weeks left to nominate their favorite librarians for the 2018 I Love My Librarian Award. This year's nominations will close October 1 at midnight Central time. Library users across the US can [nominate librarians](#) who have transformed lives and communities through education and lifelong learning. The national award recognizes the public service accomplishments of exceptional librarians working in public, school, college, community college, or university libraries in the US.... *ALA Communications and Marketing Office, Sept. 17*

## **Encourage youth at your library to register for the 2018 Congressional App Challenge**

It's not too late to encourage your middle and high school patrons to create and submit an original app for the [2018 Congressional App Challenge](#)! As guest contributor Rachel Décoste explains in a post originally published in [The Scoop](#), the first step is to make sure your congressional district is [participating](#). The second step is to [register](#) to participate yourself and submit your app by the October 15 deadline. For details, visit [congressionalappchallenge.us](http://congressionalappchallenge.us).

## **LibraryLinkNJ Updates for NJLA Section & Round Table Meetings**

### **The Future of LibraryLinkNJ**

- A brief snapshot of results from our [Save LLNJ Survey](#), which closed on 9/20:  
Would you support the library community prioritizing its funding request to the legislature to identify stable, ongoing funding for LibraryLinkNJ as the top priority for library funding in FY2019 and FY2020?
  - Total responses: 689
  - YES: 94% (645)
  - NO: 6% (44)

Background information: LibraryLinkNJ has adopted a budget for July 2018 - June 2019 that requires libraries participating in delivery services to contribute to its cost for the period January 1, - June 30, 2019.

The current budget - even with library contributions for delivery – is still \$370,000 short of full funding for LibraryLinkNJ. This deficit is the result of several unfortunate circumstances, including an increase in the cost of services and continued flat funding from the state. In years past, we have made up for any deficits through reserve funding. That funding, however, has now run out.

**If additional funding is not secured and secured soon, LibraryLinkNJ will close for good. LibraryLinkNJ has already had to put a contingency plan in**



**place, with staff layoffs starting in January 2019 and with LibraryLinkNJ dissolving entirely in June 2019.** There is great uncertainty regarding the future of all of the services LibraryLinkNJ provides: delivery, continuing education, innovation projects, and a voice for advocacy for the entire library community as a whole.

LibraryLinkNJ is funded through the Network Aid line in the State Library's budget. That budget line funds a number of other services in addition to LibraryLinkNJ.

**We are doing this survey in hopes of demonstrating that there is a high level of consensus among the library community to sustain funding for LibraryLinkNJ and its services into the future.** We appreciate your time and hope you will join our efforts to save LibraryLinkNJ!

- [Advocacy Form](#): open until further notice. We're gathering stories from staff at member libraries about the difference LibraryLinkNJ has made in your careers and in your libraries' abilities to serve your communities. If you have a specific story to share about LibraryLinkNJ services -- continuing education, innovation project funding, and delivery -- we'd love to hear from you!
- [September Virtual Town Hall Meeting](#) Archived: we're holding these updates via Adobe Connect on as close to a monthly basis as we can. We can accommodate up to 100 individual participants in real time, but if someone at your library registers, you can participate with them as a group. We are also archiving recordings of and agendas from each meeting on our website.
- October Virtual Town Hall Meeting: scheduled for 10/17; we'll open registration the week of 10/8 (if that changes, I'll let you know -- all registration announcements will go out via mass email)

## **CE Updates**

- Recent webinar archive: Revisiting Changes, Trends, and Values: Futures Thinking for Libraries, with [Miguel Figueroa](#)
- Upcoming: [MentorNJ Networking Event](#) on 10/5 at Monroe Township Public Library
- Save the date for a Readers' & Cultural Advisory Unconference on February 6, 2019 at the Monroe Township Public Library (snow date: February 8)!

