

**NJLA Young Adult Meeting**  
**Friday, February 22nd, 2019**  
**9:30 am Networking**  
**10:00 am Business Meeting**  
**Grades 9-12 GSTBA Deliberation Meeting**  
**Hosting Library: East Brunswick Public Library**

**2018-2019 Executive Board:**

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

Maureen Langley, Vice President, Youth Services Supervisor, North Plainfield Memorial Branch of the Somerset County Library System

Kate-Lynn Brown, Secretary, Teen Services Librarian at the Piscataway 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

Maureen Langley

Kate-Lynn Brown

Karen Jarzabski

Katie Salerno

Jessica Schneider

Saleena Davidson

Andrew Gerber

Sharon Rawlins

Carolyn Athersans

Moira Whittington

Dana Vocht

Kristen Churchill

Sara Tomasheski

Allison Ryan

Sandi Cronce

**Total in Attendance: 16**

**Welcome and Introductions**

## **Updates from around the State**

### **Children's Services Section**

- Sharon gave an update from CSS: after hearing how we do our book award ballots, and talking about how complicated their method is, they are going to think about using a method similar to ours

### **State Library**

- See the end of minutes for important updates from Sharon

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

- Happy to report that the Talking Book and Braille Center has hired a new staff member in a reader's advisory position! Liz Kelly has taken the position.

### **Library Link NJ**

- See the end of minutes for important updates from Sophie Brookover

### **Library Consortiums**

- LMXAC
  - LMXAC is having a summer reading unconference on May 17th at the East Brunswick Public Library
- SCLS
  - There are a bunch of open positions at SCLS, from part time associates to supervisor! If you or someone you know is looking, please pass on the information.

## **News and Ongoing Business:**

### **Summer Reading Workshops (Statewide Summer Reading Committee)**

- Registration for these workshops opened on 2/4/19 and can be done on their website, <https://njsummerreading.org/>
- Monday, March 11th at Wayne Public Library (FULL; can be added to waitlist)
- Friday, March 15th at Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill
- Monday, March 18th at Franklin Township Public Library (Somerset County)
- Monday, March 25th at Monroe Township Public Library (Middlesex County)

### **NJLA Virtual Keynote: Mentorship Presented by Lynn Hoffman**

- February 26th, 2-3 pm
- Link to register is here:  
<https://njla.org/content/mentorship-how-make-most-mentormentee-experience>

### **Youth Services Planning Committee**

- Volunteers needed for the 2019 Youth Services Forum!
- To join the committee, please contact Sandi Cronce at [scronce@willingboro.org](mailto:scronce@willingboro.org) by MARCH 15TH.

### **5th Annual New Jersey Makers Day**

- Will take place on March 22nd and 23rd, 2019
- A lot of libraries are celebrating all week or even all month long!
- If your library has something really cool going on, tag us on social media! We'd love to feature them on our account
  - Instagram: @yassnjla

### **Teen Advisory Board Summit**

- There are multiple locations and meetings of the TAB Summit this year! This is a chance for our teens to meet and interact.
  - South Brunswick Public Library
    - 1-4 pm March 30, 2019
    - Contact: Saleena Davidson ( [sdavidson@sbpl.info](mailto:sdavidson@sbpl.info))
    - Registration is 2/19 – 3/22
  - Montville Township Public Library
    - 1-4 pm April 27, 2019
    - Contact: Jeff Cupo ( [jcupo@montvillelibrary.org](mailto:jcupo@montvillelibrary.org))
    - Registration is 3/25-4/18
  - Cherry Hill Public Library
    - 2-4 pm May 11, 2019
    - Contact: Melissa Brinn ( [MBrinn@chplnj.org](mailto:MBrinn@chplnj.org))
    - Registration is 4/8-5/3

### **Run for YASS office!**

- YASS will have two open positions next year: secretary and our BRAND NEW social media manager position!
- Running for YASS e-board is a great way to get involved and create connections.
- You can run and you can win!!
- Stay tuned for information about when the ballot will be sent out

### **2019 NJLA Conference, Engage and Inspire, May 29-31, 2019**

#### **Harrah's Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ**

- Registration will be announced soon! The rate is the same as last year, with rooms at Harrah's costing \$79 and being available through the weekend.
- The schedule for conference is available and can be found here: <http://njlaconference.info/schedule>
- Author and Maker Showcase:
  - NJLA is inviting local authors, makers, and crafters to join us at the conference this year for the first Author and Maker Showcase!
  - Full details can be found here: <http://njlaconference.info/content/author-maker-showcase>
- Poster Proposals:
  - Poster proposals for Conference are due next Friday, 3/1/19.

- Submit proposal here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHF6W99>
- Chris Bohjalian, our keynote speaker for Friday, May 31st, is asking NJLA attendees to help select one of his titles for us to discuss as a One Book Event. That survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XV5JD76>
- YASS Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Programs at Engage & Inspire
  - Garden State Book Awards
  - Wa[i]ve Goodbye to Fines!
  - Library Social Work: Engage the Fusion
  - Small Budget, Big Impact: Cost-Effective Programming
  - In Be(Tween): Program Planning for Tweens
  - How to Run a Successful Volunteer Program
  - After School with Middle School
  - Curriculum Standards 101 for Public Librarians: The Roadmap to Collaboration
  - SnapChat in Libraries
  - Supporting Teens Through Successful Community Partnerships
  - Libraries for All: Inclusive Library Services for Children with Disabilities and Their Families
- YASS will also have a table. We will assorted pamphlets/ fliers, information about how the TAB Summit was, and more!
  - Please email Keisha if you want to sign up to man the table
- Maureen will be sending out an email shortly asking for moderators. Stay tuned!
- GSBA Luncheon
  - As we announced last meeting, Lisa Lucas is our keynote! She is the Executive Director of the National Book Foundation, and we are thrilled she is joining us.
  - Make sure you sign up for the luncheon at registration and bring a friend!!
  - In the future, how can we get the teens more involved with the luncheon itself?

### **Sound-Off!**

- Some fun program ideas:
  - Anyone know where to rent a sloth to come to the library?
    - Jenkinsons? Eyes of the Wild?
  - Saleena highly recommend Laser Tag Source: [lasertagsource.com](http://lasertagsource.com)
  - The Turtle Singers
  - Camden Aquarium
- Save the Date: Ocean County Library is hosting a Homeschool Fair on 5/17/19 (Toms River branch)
- Caldwell Public Library's children's room is planning to reopen, after sustaining lots of damage from a flood. The reopening will be in June!
- Let's talk further about collaboration with CSS. This is a discussion presented to members of both sections.

## **Garden State Teen Book Awards Deliberations: Grades 9-12 Fiction**

- We added 19 books to the ballot for the 2020 GSTBA Ballot. Those titles are:
  - Warcross, Marie Lu
  - The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo
  - Landscape With Invisible Hand, M.T. Anderson
  - Ramona Blu, Julie Murphy
  - I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter, Erica L. Sanchez
  - Little & Lion, Brandy Colbert
  - Picture Us in the Light, Kelly Loy Gilbert
  - Dread Nation, Justina Ireland
  - You Bring the Distant Near, Mitali Perkins
  - La Belle Sauvage, Philip Pullman
  - Blood Water Paint, Joy McCullough
  - Speak: The Graphic Novel, Laurie Halse Anderson
  - One of Us Is Lying, Karen M. McManus
  - Children of Blood and Bone, Tomi Adeyemi
  - Solo, Kwame Alexander
  - Far From the Tree, Robin Benway
  - The Cruel Prince, Holly Black
  - They Both Die at the End, Adam Silvera
  - American Street, Ibi Zoboi

**Next Meeting: March 29th, 2019, 9:30 am at the Franklin Township Public Library (SCLS)**

## **NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, February 22, 2019**

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

**\*\*\* If any of you also do children's services (or share with your colleagues):**

### **Apply for the 2019 Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards**

The New Jersey State Library is accepting [application forms](#) for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast at the 2019 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. **The deadline to apply is March 8, 2019.** Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services

Specialist, NJ State Library, at [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116 if you have any questions.

## **Summer Reading Items:**

### **Apply for free Chipotle Reading Rewards – Deadline Feb. 28th**

Chipotle Reading Rewards are special bookmarks that include FREE Kid's Meal cards (for grades K-5) or Buy-One/Get-One FREE entrée cards (for grades 6+). Only online submissions are being accepted. Due to the large number of requests received, Chipotle may not be able to honor all of them. If Chipotle approves your request, they will contact you soon. Link to apply: <http://community.chipotle.com/reading>

### **March 2019 Summer Reading Workshops**

The Statewide Summer Reading Committee is hosting the 2019 Summer Reading Workshops:

- Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill
- Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Franklin Township Public Library (Somerset County)
- Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Monroe Township Public Library (Middlesex County)

Registration opened February 4<sup>th</sup> and Wayne PL is full, but the other locations have space.

### **A Few updates from January's 2019 CSLP Newsletter:**

Be sure to check out this year's tutorials on utilizing your CSLP resources:

<https://www.csllpreads.org/2019-a-universe-of-stories-tutorials/>

The CSLP website is undergoing some changes to make it easier to navigate. You will now find the online manuals under the toolbar tab that says MANUAL DOWNLOADS, instead of Propriety Downloads on the website's home page.

**CORRECTIONS:** Errors were discovered on the Adult Manual's "Book/Audio Review" handouts found on page 60 and 61. Updated pages can be found here, or on the "2019 Program Corrections" section of the CSLP website. [Page 60 Book/Audio Review \[pdf\]](#), [Page 61 Critica de libros/audio \[pdf\]](#)

**If you want to find out more and to subscribe to the CSLP Newsletter [register here](#)**

## **CSLP Teen Video Challenge 2019**

The Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSLP) will be sponsoring the Teen Video Challenge (TVC) for 2019 but this year it will be a little different.

First, what will remain the same:

- The TVC invites teens to create and submit a PSA-type video promoting reading and library use to other teens.
- **Each video needs to include the teen/teen team's interpretation of the 2019 CSLP slogan, "A Universe of Stories," to correspond to the 2019 space theme.**
- Videos need to adhere to copyright law and be appropriate for all ages.

- Each of the 5 winning teens/teen teams will receive a \$200 cash prize and the winners' local public libraries will each receive a \$50 gift certificate from Upstart.

Now, for the changes:

- Instead of state winners, there will be 5 national winners (this means that teens will submit videos directly to the national judging panel without having to go through me as the State Rep).

- The program will accept submissions June 1-Aug 2, 2019, so that the program can be incorporated into summer programs (it is still a great opportunity to partner with schools with video production classes or clubs; students can produce the videos as a class project and submit them in June!).

- Videos will be up to 60 seconds long.

- Permission and model release forms will not be required until the finalists are selected, who will then need to supply the forms, completed correctly, to be able to win. The only form required upfront will be a simple online submission form.

- The TVC Ad-Hoc Committee will convene a judging panel from CSLP partners and members.

- Video uploads will not be limited to YouTube and Vimeo; rather, teens can upload their creations to the social media outlet of their choice.

These changes were crafted to make the contest simpler for you as teen services staff in public librarians to promote and administer, and simpler too for teens to enter. We hope these changes will boost interest and participation in the contest and make it more accessible for all involved. An overview of the TVC is--for the first time!--in the CSLP Teen Manual (pages 33-35) as well. Look for more information on the CSLP website in early 2019.

## **Other Organizations & Events:**

### **If you work with middle grades:**

#### **SLJ's Middle Grade Magic! Virtual Summit on March 27th**

Join *School Library Journal* for our inaugural Middle Grade Magic Virtual Summit, a free, day-long virtual celebration and exploration of one of the burgeoning—and most important—areas of publishing for young readers: literature for children ages eight through 12—and beyond on March 27th! Author talks, panel discussions, and librarian-led sessions will take a deep dive into the books, authors, and themes that define excellence for upper elementary and middle school readers.

Register here: <http://vshow.on24.com/vshow/MiddleGradeMagic/registration/15799>

Network online with other librarians and explore our virtual exhibit hall where you'll hear directly from publishers about their newest books and engage in live chats with featured authors, hear about forthcoming titles, and receive prizes and giveaways.

**Middle Grade Magic** is a free, completely virtual summit—no traveling and no cost! We look forward to 'seeing' you on March 27, 2019. Can't make the live date? No problem! All the sessions will be archived, and the virtual environment will be accessible for up to three months.

## **YALSA E-Course**

## **ConnectedLib: Creating Learning Connections for Youth**

*March 17 - April 20; \$100*

In this five-week [e-course](#), participants will learn how to create engaging teen programs and services using the Connected Learning framework developed by the Connected Learning Alliance. Connected learning connects teens' personal interests, their relationships with peers and mentors, and real-life opportunities to help prepare youth for life after high school with 21st century skills and new literacies, creating highly motivating learning experiences for teens. [Learn](#) more and [register](#).

## **2019 Book Award Nomination Lists & Suggestion Forms**

Need additional recommended reading lists for your patrons? Check out the newly posted 2019 [Alex](#) and [Nonfiction](#) nomination lists! Read a good book lately? The suggestions forms for the [Alex](#), [Edwards](#), [Morris](#), [Nonfiction](#), [Odyssey](#), and [Printz](#) Award are open.

## **Aspen Forum on Children and Families**

The second [Aspen Forum on Children and Families](#), held next week on February 26-27, will bring together national leaders – policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and philanthropists – to surface proven strategies for investing in the full potential of children and families, two generations at a time.

While in-person registration for this convening is closed, we invite you to join the conversation via [livestream](#)!

Library Link NJ Update for the February 2019 YASS meeting:

Kathy's [slides from the town hall](#), which summarize where we are right now, and the [recording of the meeting](#) (about 30 minutes). We'll be publishing an [updated FAQ](#) today or Monday.

Our Executive Board meeting for yesterday had to be postponed and should take place next Thursday, February 28. [The agenda for this meeting](#) is publicly available. All LLNJ Board meetings are open to the public, and the Board is a representative body. Anyone who wishes to participate in a meeting, whether virtually via Adobe Connect or in person at the LLNJ offices in Piscataway, may do so and should [consult these guidelines](#). If



direct participation isn't possible, you can always [contact an Executive Board member](#) to share any questions or concerns you may wish them to bring to the table.

We have wrapped up all Continuing Education for this fiscal year. Dependent on staffing and budget for FY20, we will be offering a number of CE events next year. We're starting to plan what that will look like and value member feedback and suggestions as we do so.

I want to highlight our final two webinars for the year:

- [From Access to Advocacy: The Disability Community in the Library](#), with Bryce Kozla. This one was under-attended due to the snow day most of the state was experiencing that day. Fortunately, we have all of the materials archived for you -- slides, session recording, Bryce's digital handout (in the form of a Pinterest board), and her reflection blog post. I encourage everyone to explore this one; I think it could be game-changing for both front-line library staff and for administrators with regard to making libraries more accessible to and supportive of the needs of disabled people, or as Bryce points out: everyone.
- [Supporting Civic Engagement in the Library: The Skokie Civic Lab Model](#), with Amy Koester. Skokie Public Library has been doing some exemplary work in this area, focusing on developmentally appropriate events, collections, and learning opportunities for all ages in their community. Again, some spectacular resources are available, so even if you can't set aside 90 minutes to review the webinar archive, you'll want to check out Amy's slides, handout, FAQ and so on.
- Finally, the [Readers' Advisory PLUS Unconference was a smash](#). Huge thanks to Carina Gonzalez from the Somerset County Library System for compiling an excellent list of resources for all the cultural advisory work we do.