

NJLA Young Adult Meeting

Friday, April 26, 2019

9:30 am Networking

10:00 am Business Meeting

Hosting Library: Jackson Branch of the Ocean County Library System

2018-2019 Executive Board:

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

Maureen Langle, 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 Langle

Karen Jarzabski

Kate-Lynn Brown

Leah Wagner

Chelsea Woods-Turner

Pham Condello

Sharon Rawlins

Daniella

Dana Vocht

Jenna Ingham

Jen Apgar

Sandi Cronce

Saleena Davidson

Janis Werner

Colleen

Total in Attendance: 16

Welcome and Introductions

Updates from around the State

Children's Services Section

- Pham Condello is in attendance representing CSS as their current president
- Focus in their meetings has been about Conference!
- Next meeting will be in Mount Olive on 5/7 at 3 pm.

State Library

- YALSA/COSLA "Transforming Teen Services" Train the Trainer opportunity
 - See the end of the minutes for full description, but Sharon would like to highlight this opportunity
 - Highly recommended by Sharon, although please note there is a significant time commitment.
- Opioid Overdose Prevention Training: please note that if you are interested, register to be on the waitlist. If there is enough demand, they will add more sessions.
- See end of minutes for job descriptions for two openings at the State Library
- School Library Journal's Leadership Basecamp is taking place 5/3 and 5/4! Contact Sharon if you'd like to go and haven't registered- she has a few extra tickets.
- See end of minutes for complete update from Sharon Rawlins.

NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center

- No major updates. Thank you Jen Apgar for attending!

NJLA Executive Board

- A special thank you to Leah Wagner and Chelsea Woods-Turner for attending our meeting today!
- Leah shared with us news about an exciting Library Card campaign!
 - Wouldn't it be great if everyone had a library card? Of course!
 - Mary Chute, State Librarian, has started working with the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, and the Department of Education on this initiative, which will begin in September. We will get more information at Conference.
- The Core Values of NJLA have been determined. Please read them at the end of these minutes (or linked [here](#)). They will also be reviewed at the annual business meeting at Conference on Thursday, May 30 from 2:00pm to 2:50pm.

Library Link NJ

- There will be a Spring membership meeting on June 5th at Monroe Township Public Library.

Youth Services Forum

- The first meeting of the planning committee will be soon! Keep your eyes out for an email from Sandi.

- WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please send suggestions for a great, dynamic keynote speaker who will appeal to librarians who serve both children and teens to Sandi Cronce or Sharon Rawlins. Thank you!

News and Ongoing Business:

Teen Advisory Board Summit

- Registration is open for:
 - South Brunswick PL, 4/27/19
 - Montville PL, 5/11/19 - Cherry Hill PL

2019 NJLA Conference, *Engage & Inspire*

- May 29-31, 2019 Harrah's Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ
- **Registration is open!!** Early Bird Registration and online registration are open until **May 15**. After May 15, you may still register for conference on site May 29-31, but at a higher rate.
- This is our second year offering two preconference timeslots, an AM and PM session. This is a wonderful opportunity for libraries to be able to send more staff on different days to accommodate scheduling and interests. If you register for an AM and PM session, a free boxed lunch is included in your registration.
- **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 (features NJASL members, so please offer support!)
 - SnapChat in Libraries
 - Supporting Teens Through Successful Community Partnerships
 - Libraries for All: Inclusive Library Services for Children with Disabilities and Their Families
- Garden State Book Awards Luncheon
 - Keynote Speaker is Lisa Lucas, Executive Director for National Book Foundation
 - If you would like to help set up decor after Friday's keynote for the luncheon, please contact Keisha

2019-2020 Elections

- YASS Ballots will be available the week of May 6. All active members of NJLA will have a chance to vote
- 2019-2020 Meeting Location dates will be available by

the conference.

Sound-Off!

- Thank you again to Chelsea Woods-Turner for facilitating our discussion today!
- We had an open discussion of the pros/cons of merging CSS and YASS.
- Please note: this was not a vote. We are not presenting a vote. We are having a discussion to gauge how members feel about merging or collaborating more with CSS and other NJLA Sections
- Leah Wagner reminded us that communication is something all sections are currently struggling with, which is an association-wide issue.
- Where is the section going and what do we want it to be?
- Reminder that the NJLA Executive Board cannot dissolve a section without a vote by members of that section.
- We had a productive discussion where members voiced their concerns; this is something we will continue into next year so YASS can continue to be a section others look up to!

See everyone at the NJLA Annual Conference! Don't forget your tickets to the GSBA Luncheon!!

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, April 26, 2019

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

YALSA/COSLA "Transforming Teen Services: a Train the Trainer (T3) Approach" Initiative - This 3 year project (7/1/2018 – 6/30/2021) is supported by a grant from IMLS.

This effort brings together state library agency (SLA) youth services consultants/specialists and front-line library staff for a robust training program that, after receiving initial training, will then provide training to library staff throughout their state. The initial training with the State Library staff and the front-line public library staff takes part in a 2.5 day face-to-face training session (Sept. 28-30 in Seattle; or Oct. 27-29 in Chicago; or Oct. 30 – Nov 1 in Memphis before the YALSA Symposium). State Library agency staff and their front-line public library project partner will then spend an average of 2 hours per week over the duration of their participation in the project during the year. Grant funds pay for the face-to-face training and travel to locations for trainings within their state. Read the [grant proposal](#) and the initial [IMLS press release](#). If you are interested in discussing and/or applying as a front-line library staff member to partner with me on this project, please email me, srawlins@njstatelib.org by May 13, 2019.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

The NJ State Library is coordinating an informational program in an effort to facilitate discussion around the topic of opioid overdose and naloxone administration in libraries. The goal is to encourage the sharing and gathering of ideas and input for possible future programming. The free training will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

[View the promotional flyer](#)

[Register here](#) – It is probably waiting room only but please still register so we can determine whether to schedule additional trainings in the future

NJ State Library Job Openings

1. The New Jersey State Library is seeking a dynamic, tech-savvy, detail-oriented **reference librarian** with a strong commitment to customer service to join the State Library Information Center. The successful candidate will provide high quality reference services for the executive, judicial and legislative branches of state government; Thomas Edison State University staff, students and mentors; New Jersey libraries; and the public. Responsibilities will also include, but are not limited to: compiling and digitizing specialized resources; assigning metadata; uploading digitized items to the appropriate repositories, adding and updating content to the Library's web pages; developing research guides; providing technology assistance; creating and presenting webinars, tutorials and classes on resources and services; conducting library tours; promoting library services and collections; as well as collection responsibilities and special projects as assigned. This position involves working collaboratively with staff from other units.

The complete Notice of Vacancy may be viewed, and applications for this position accepted, at the [TESU recruitment site](#)

2. The New Jersey State Library is seeking a service-oriented librarian, with a strong commitment to information organization and access, to join the **State Library Information Center's Technical Services unit**. Primary responsibilities include original and copy cataloging using Horizon, OCLC, MarcEdit and other tools as needed; creating authority records; and working with MARC metadata in all formats as needed to support the New Jersey State Library's collections. Responsibilities will also include, but are not limited to, uploading digitized items to the appropriate repositories, and adding and updating content on the Library's web pages. The person in this position may also work with a team to develop research guides; create and present webinars, tutorials, and classes on library resources and services; conduct library tours; promote library services and collections; and participate in other special projects as assigned. This position involves working collaboratively with staff from other units.

The complete Notice of Vacancy may be viewed, and applications for this position accepted, at the [TESU recruitment site](#). **Closing Date: May 6, 2019**

Summer Reading Items:

CSLP website

The PSAs available on the website can be freely used. They are more generic than in past years and can be used year-around. Check them out by going to the main page of the CSLP website (www.cslpreads.org) where it says "Check Out Our 2019 PSAs."

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:

SYNC 2019 is Here!



The tenth year of AudioFile's SYNC: Audiobooks for Teens summer listening program kicks off this week! This exciting FREE program is focused on young adults, but anyone can participate. AudioFile offers 2 audiobook downloads a week, thematically paired. Every Thursday for the next 14 weeks, two new titles will be available. This season we have everything from Shakespeare's OTHELLO to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's BECOMING KAREEM. We have classics, plays, nonfiction, and something for all tastes. This week's theme: the tensions of friendships, featuring SWING by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess and BLINK & CAUTION by Tim Wynne-Jones. Visit Audiobooksync.com to get this week's titles starting 4/25 and to sign up for updates.

Books as Bridges: How Books for Children and Teenagers Can Speak Across Borders of Language, Nation, and Culture

Rutgers University, College Ave. Campus

Lecture and opening reception: Pane Room, Alexander Library, Thursday, May 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is a global alliance that works to use books as bridges across all of the barriers that separate young people. In order to help refugee children, IBBY annually selects a collection of "silent books"—picture books that have no words—so that children can have stories without needing to learn a new language.

During May 2019, the Archibald Alexander Library will have the honor of hosting the most recent Silent Books collection, which is currently touring the world. To launch this special month, Dr. Junko Yokota, a widely recognized authority on international youth literature, will give a talk in the Pane Room on May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Yokota has studied print and digital books for children and youth throughout the world and has assembled a library of international youth literature at National Louis University where she is an emeritus professor. Dr. Yokota will be joined for a panel discussion by three instructors associated with the Rutgers-New Brunswick Libraries and the Library and Information Science program of the Rutgers School of Communication and Information. [Read more.](#)

YALSA's April Newsletter is a separate attachment but here are a few highlights:

YALSA's 2019 Teens' Top Ten Nominees

In case you missed it, we [announced](#) our 2019 Teens' Top Ten nominations last week! If you haven't already, check out the list of [nominees](#) and share the [video](#) announcement with your teen patrons! Encourage them to read the titles all throughout the summer so they can vote for their favorites in August!

Register Now for the 2019 YA Services Symposium!

[Registration](#) for YALSA's 2019 symposium, which will take place Nov. 1-3 in Memphis, TN is now open. [Early bird registration](#) is open through **Sept. 15**. Members who register for the symposium by **Sept. 15** will be entered for a chance to win *free registration* for the 2020 symposium. [Additional events](#) such as pre-conferences, a Graceland tour, and author luncheon can be added for an extra fee. [View](#) the [preliminary schedule](#). Don't forget to [apply](#) for the \$1,000 [travel stipend](#) by **June 1**.

April YALSA News

2019 Teens' Top Ten Nominees Announced

The official 2019 Teens' Top Ten nominees have been announced. View a list of the 25 nominees, along with annotations, at www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten. Encourage teens to read the nominees over the summer so they can vote starting **August 15**.

Apply for the 2019 Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway

Eligible YALSA members can [apply](#) for a chance to win a set of the 2019 Teens' Top Ten nominees as part of the [2019 Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway](#). A total of 50 sets will be given out, generously funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Eligibility requirements include:

- YALSA membership
- Being within 20 miles of a Dollar General store
- Library must select materials in compliance with ALA's [Library Bill of Rights](#)

[Learn](#) more and apply by **April 15**.

Registration Open for 2019 Symposium

[Registration](#) for our 2019 YA Services Symposium is now open. The symposium will take place Nov. 1-3 in Memphis, TN, with the theme: Show Up and Advocate: Supporting Teens in the Face of Adversity. YALSA members receive the best registration rate. Not a YALSA member? Join YALSA and ALA before registering to save. All are welcome to attend.

You can also [apply](#) for the [travel stipend](#) for a chance to receive up to \$1,000 to offset travel expenses to the symposium. Two [grants](#) are available: one for library workers and graduate students. [Apply](#) by **June 1**.

Learn more about the symposium, registration rates, deadlines, and the travel stipend at www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium.

Apply for the YALSA/DGLF Digital Equipment Grant

YALSA has opened the application for its YALSA/DGLF [Digital Equipment Grant](#). The [grant](#) is made possible through generous funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The purpose of the grants is to provide libraries in need with funds to purchase digital equipment (video cameras, filming equipment, iPads, etc) for teens to use at the library.

Ten [grants](#), worth \$1,000 each, will be awarded to libraries to purchase digital equipment that will help them engage and attract teens to the library. Applicants must be YALSA members and libraries must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General store. Other eligibility requirements may apply. [Apply](#) now through **May 15**.

New JRLYA Research Journal Articles

The [Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults](#) has published a special themed issue, Movements that Affect Teens, Vol. 10 N.1, featuring the following articles:

- Disability Narrative Theory and Young Adult Fiction of Mental Illness by Diane Scrofano
- One, Two, Three, Four! We Don't Want Your F**king War! The Vietnam Antiwar Movement in Young Adult Fiction by Dr. Deborah Wilson Overstreet
- What's Going on Down Under? Part 1: Portrayals of Culture in Award-Winning Australian Young Adult Literature by Kasey L. Garrison

Read and download the new articles now at www.yalsa.ala.org/jryla/.

Apply by June 1 for Funds to Present a Paper at the 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting

One YALSA member will receive up to \$1,500 to defray the cost of travel to Philadelphia, PA to present a paper that addresses one or more priorities in YALSA's Research Agenda. The paper will also be published in an upcoming issue of YALSA's peer-reviewed, open source *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*. Learn more and apply at www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/mwpaper

Join YALSA at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference

YALSA has big plans for Annual 2019 – join us in **Washington, DC, June 21-25** for four action-packed days with an abundance of opportunities for learning, networking, and face-to-face interactions with your favorite authors and experts in the teen services field. For a complete listing of YALSA events, please visit: tinyurl.com/yalsa-ac19.

To register, please visit www.alaannual.org. Advance registration rates end **June 15, 2019 at noon**. Already registered? Add special events such as the Printz Program (**on a new day, this year only -- Monday, June 24**) or Edwards Award Brunch, which will honor winner, M.T. Anderson, to your existing registration in two ways: (1) by phone: Call CompuSystems at 866-513-0760 and ask to add the Edwards Brunch to your existing registration; or (2) online: Click on the dashboard link found in your registration

confirmation email. If you need additional assistance with adding events, email alaregistration@compusystems.com.

Conference Events

YALSA will also be hosting the following ticketed events:

- **Margaret A. Edwards Brunch**

Saturday, June 22, 11:30am-1pm

Join us for brunch and listen to the 2019 winner, M.T. Anderson, speak about his writing. The award honors an author's significant and lasting contribution to writing for teens. The annual award is sponsored by *School Library Journal*. Tickets – \$39

- **YA Author Coffee Klatch**

Sunday, June 23, 9-10am

This informal event gives you an opportunity to meet authors who have appeared on one of YALSA's six annual selected lists or have received one of YALSA's five literary awards. Every 3 or 4 minutes, a new author will arrive at your table to talk about their upcoming book! Tickets – \$25. Coffee, tea, and a continental breakfast included. See the full list of authors participating at tinyurl.com/yalsa-ac19.

- **YALSA and *Booklist* Present: The Michael L. Printz Program and Reception**

Monday, June 24, 8-10pm

(Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, this year the program will take place on Monday)

End your Annual Conference by attending the Michael L. Printz Program and Reception! Listen to speeches by the 2019 Michael L. Printz award-winning author, Elizabeth Acevedo (the 20th recipient of the award!) and honor book authors: Elana K. Arnold, Deb Caletti, and Mary McCoy. The program will be followed by a reception. The annual award is sponsored by *Booklist* magazine. Tickets – \$39.

Advanced registration ends June 15, 2019. Register in advance and save on onsite registration costs.

Find more details about registration and housing at the ALA Annual website, www.alaannual.org. For more information on YALSA's Annual Conference schedule, visit the YALSA Annual Conference wiki page, tinyurl.com/yalsa-ac19.

YALSA Seeks Nominees for 2020 Slate

YALSA is currently seeking candidates for the following board positions: President-Elect, Board Members At-Large, and Fiscal Officer. Elected board members will begin their work at the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

If you have an interest in putting your name on the ballot for one of these positions, it is recommended to first learn about the expectations of board or committee members. These resources can help:

- Talk to current board members to learn more about board service:
www.ala.org/yalsa/board-directors and read about board service online:
www.ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/election

Nominate yourself or a colleague via the [online form](#) by **April 30**. Questions? Please contact the Board Development Committee Chair, Sandra Hughes-Hassell, smhughes@email.unc.edu.

Core Values of the New Jersey Library Association

Access: we strive to provide equal access to a variety of materials in all formats and make information both findable and accessible to all people whenever it is needed.

Civic engagement: we seek to deepen connections to service areas and improve the quality of life in our communities by actively listening to community concerns, partnering with fellow community organizations to achieve shared goals, and spending time beyond library walls.

Education and lifelong learning: we recognize all libraries as hubs for people of all ages to connect with, create, and share knowledge.

Equity, diversity and inclusion: we welcome, engage, and reflect all people in our communities through programming, collections, services, and staffing.

Healthy workplaces: we embrace the need for libraries as institutions to care for and support library workers, reflecting librarianship as a caring profession.

Integrity and trustworthiness: we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards and operate our institutions in a transparent and open manner.

Intellectual freedom: we advocate for the First Amendment rights of all library users to freely, equitably, and confidentially read, research, question, speak, and access information.

Preservation and stewardship: we support the maintenance of local history and culture, and support libraries as fiscally sound, taxpayer-funded

organizations working in the public interest.

Privacy and confidentiality: we protect the right to open inquiry without having an interest examined or scrutinized, and we keep personally identifiable information private on behalf of all users.

Public good: we empower communities by providing information, services, and support to all community members in an open, equal, and equitable manner.

Social responsibility: we prioritize programming, collection development, services, information, knowledge, and staffing that solves problems and builds community.

Respectfully submitted to the NJLA Executive Board, February 2019