



## **NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Minutes**

Friday, December 16, 2022

Virtual Teen Toolbox on book challenges presented by  
NJASL-NJLA Regional Response Team members Amy Penwell,  
Stephanie Smith, and Judith Pissano

### **Section Leadership:**

Katie Salerno, President  
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Dana Vocht, Secretary  
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Moirra Miller, Member at Large  
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**In attendance:** Katie Salerno, Dana Vocht, Kate-Lynn Brown, Melissa Nemitz, Judith Pissano, Janis Werner, Stephanie Smith, Melanie Bruchet, Sharon Rawlins, Jason Weissmann, Amy Penwell, Darby Malvey, Jen Apgar, Melaina Squicciarini, Erica Deb, Cathy DeCampi, Jenna Ingham, Jen Fitzgerald, Valerie Arnold, Maureen Herman, Karen Bilton, Sarah Pike, Emily Mazzoni, Danielle Pitter, Kristen Churchill

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### **Teen Toolbox on Book Challenges**

[Click here](#) to watch the video recording of the Teen Toolbox. The passcode is: V+WY2ip.

For slides and other materials, see Katie's email on the listserv.

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### **YASS Updates from Around the State**

NJSL Report for Joint YASS/CUS Meeting, December 16, 2022

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)

## **Register Now for Communicating About Climate Change Webinar**

Please join the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, and the New York Sustainable Libraries Initiative for a webinar on Communicating About Climate Change on January 25th, 2023 at 2PM. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

## **CSLP Incentives Catalogs – Usually sent to every library in October**

I've received a few emails from folks saying they haven't received the printed incentives CSLP catalog, cover letter and flyer with the link to access the 2023 online manual. Unfortunately, the graphic design house that CSLP had been using closed so CSLP had to find another printer. The catalog was sent to the printer Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and CSLP expects it should be shipped soon to me. Once that happens, I'll send out the packets of information to all libraries. You can still shop [online](#) for CSLP items.

## **2023 CSLP Manual Available Now & Here is the Code to Access It**

Here's the code for NJ public library staff to access the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading manuals:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/New-Jersey-2023-CSLP-Manual-Access-Code.pdf>

Please don't share this code with the public. School libraries don't have access to the code but are encouraged to reach out and partner with their local public libraries on the summer library program. The theme is kindness and the slogan is "All Together Now."

## **Events/Campaigns from Other Organizations**

Protect Me With 3+ Campaign – Early Bird Submissions Due Jan. 6, 2023, Submission Deadline Jan. 20, 2023

Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey and the State Department of Health's [Protect Me With 3+](#) campaign is aimed at encouraging middle (Gr. 5 & up) and high school students to design a poster or create a video to raise vaccine awareness. Please feel free to raise awareness for this campaign by sharing their flyer with your communities. [Click for flyer.](#)

## **Participate in Take Your Child to the Library Day**

[Take Your Child to the Library Day](#) originated in CT but has grown to be an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. TYCLD is officially held on the first Saturday in February but the date is flexible. TYCLD celebrations can happen at any time in February, and libraries can participate in whatever way they want.

[Click here for marketing resources](#)

[Click here to sign up and have your library added to the map](#)

## **Grants from Other Organizations**

**ALA Annual Grant Opportunities – Both Due Feb. 1, 2023**

- The [Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant](#) will provide two libraries with \$2,000 to expand their community engagement efforts.
- The [Peggy Barber Tribute Grant](#) aims to help ease library budget challenges by awarding three libraries \$2,500 to support a proposed program, program series, or programming effort.

### **Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award – Deadline Dec. 31, 2022**

This award, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group and Random House Children's Books, provides a \$600 stipend to up to four children's librarians to attend their first ALA Annual Conference. ALA's 2023 Annual Conference will be in Chicago, June 22 to June 27. <https://2023.alaannual.org/>

#### **Criteria**

Each applicant will be judged on the following:

Involvement in ALSC, as well as any other professional or educational association of which the applicant was a member, chair, etc. New programs or innovations started by the applicants at the library in which they work, Library experience.

#### **Requirements**

Applicants must:

Be personal members of ALSC as well as ALA; organizational members are not eligible

Work directly with children in elementary, middle schools or public libraries

Have less than ten years, but more than one year, of experience as a children's librarian by the opening of the Annual Conference. No previous attendance at an in-person ALA Annual Conference.

#### **More information and the application form can be found**

at <https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/penguinyoungreadersgroupaward>

Application deadline is December 31, 2022.

Questions? Contact co-chairs of the Professional Recognition and Scholarships Committee Rachel Fryd ([frydr@freelibrary.org](mailto:frydr@freelibrary.org)) and Elizabeth Burns ([eburns@njstatelib.org](mailto:eburns@njstatelib.org))

The State Library's New Director training will be held on Feb 15th and 22nd. Please share with your directors if they are new. It is a two day training.

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## **TBBC**

Liz Burns and Jen Apgar from the Talking Book & Braille Center will be presenting two different sessions at ALA's LibLearnX (formerly Mid-Winter) in New Orleans in January. The sessions are:

That All May Read: Resources for your print disabled community

Saturday January 28, 2023

2:10 PM – 2:30 PM

Exploring Accessible Materials and Library Partnerships to Serve the Print Disabled Community

Sunday January 29, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

TBBC will also have a table for World Braille Day at the East Brunswick Public Library on January 4, 2023 from 10:00 am to 5:00pm (<https://ilove.ebpl.org/adults-general-kids/events/all-ages/world-braille-day-table/2023-01-04-150000-2023-01-04-220000>) , and will be presenting about TBBC services and accessible materials at 1:00pm that day (<https://ilove.ebpl.org/adults-general/events/world-braille-day/2023-01-04-180000-2023-01-04-190000>).

The deadline for the ALSC Distinguished Service Award has been extended until Friday December 23. The form for nominations is here: <https://airtable.com/shrxGNxaGCn0qQPuw> It has the old date (which will be updated soon), but is working and accepting nominations.

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## **NJASL**

- Thank you to YASS and CSS for co-sponsoring an NJLA Conference proposal from LLNJ and NJASL
    - “Collaboration With Schools From the Inside Out” will focus on the required student learning standards and curriculum, and how public libraries can help schools meet these standards
  - Thank you to all the sponsors, presenters, and attendees at our recent NJASL Annual Conference “Unleash Your School Librarian Superpower”
  - Awaiting the Governor’s signature on the “Information Literacy Bill”
    - Work will begin shortly on drafting the standards themselves
    - The standards will go out for public comment, and there is already pushback - please do what you can to voice your support!
  - Book challenges continue to be a big issue in our NJ schools
    - Please keep a close eye on your home and library communities; often these challenges are kept very quiet
    - Please show your support to your local school libraries and English teachers
    - Make sure to report any challenges to the Rapid Response Team: [rrt@njasl.org](mailto:rrt@njasl.org)
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## **LLNJ**

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  - “Collaboration With Schools From the Inside Out” will focus on the required student learning standards and curriculum, and how public libraries can help schools meet these standards
- Reminder that the MentorLIB Mentors’ Directory profiles will all be deleted on January 11th in an effort to bring the Directory up to date.
  - If you have anything in your profile that you’d like to save, do so before the 11th
  - The Directory is not going away - you will be able to create a new Mentor Profile shortly!

- Save the Date for the following winter/spring events:
  - *Virtual Event with Cookbook Authors Erin Jeanne McDowell and Rick Martinez;*  
**Thursday, February 23rd**
  - *Library Staff Show & Share: Youth Crafts;* In person at Piscataway Public Library,  
**Thursday, March 2nd**
  - *MentorNJ March Mega Meetup;* In person at Monroe Public Library, **Wednesday, March 15th**
  - *Super Library Supervisors Series;* Virtual Training Series for New & Novice Supervisors
    - **March 29th; April 5th, 12th, 20th**
  - *LibraryLinkNJ's TechFest;* In person tech talks, tech speed dating, and more!
    - **Wednesday, April 19th @** Morris County Library
    - **Thursday, April 27th @** Cherry Hill Public Library
- Launching in the New Year: LibraryLinkNJ's On-Demand Learning Platform!
  - Keep an eye out for more info

Reach out to Programming & Outreach Coordinator, Darby Malvey ([darby@librarylinknj.org](mailto:darby@librarylinknj.org)) with questions, suggestions, or ideas!

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## CSS

[Garden State Children's Book Award](#) deadline for votes is January 6, 2023. Email Jen Fitzgerald [jfitzgerald@sclibnj.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@sclibnj.org) if you have displays you want her to post on social media!

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## BCCLS

The BCCLS Youth Services Committee Mock Awards are right around the corner! January 20th at Wycoff. If interested, here's the link to register:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-services-mock-awards-12023-tickets-462474492657>

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## OTHER

Verona updated their teen room policy to keep the teen area for teens only. Check out their [policy here](#)

SCLSNJ approved a policy that all New Jersey library workers will be able to get an SCLSNJ library card. It is for all library staff, not just librarians. More information is to come

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## **YASS Business, Important Information, & Reminders**

## GSTBA:

- [Current GSTBA voting ballots](#)
- [Reader assignments spreadsheet](#)
- [Proxy form](#)
- GSTBA co-chairs:
  - Moira Miller [mmiller@ebpl.org](mailto:mmiller@ebpl.org)
  - Jenna Ingham [jennakingham@gmail.com](mailto:jennakingham@gmail.com)
- Voting is still open for the 28th Annual Garden State Teen Book Awards. The deadline is coming up soon!
  - Please encourage your teens and tweens to vote! Voting online can be done here: <http://njlamembers.org/content/voting-information-ballots>
  - Let them know they can vote for as many titles as they like!
  - The deadline for voting is December 31, 2022. Votes submitted after this date will not be accepted.
- Deliberations for **Nonfiction Grades 6 - 12** titles for the 29th Annual GSTBA are coming up at our next YASS meeting on **Friday, January 20th**. The meeting will be in person at East Brunswick Public Library, following the YASS business meeting.
  - Deliberations will **not** take place virtually. If you are a reader for nonfiction titles, please **get your proxy forms to Moira** at [mmiller@ebpl.org](mailto:mmiller@ebpl.org) ASAP. Email your proxy forms regardless of whether or not you plan to attend.
  - GSTBA deliberations are open for non-readers to observe, but they are not permitted to vote.
- Deliberations for **Fiction Grades 6 to 8** is on **Friday, February 17th**. Deliberations for **Fiction Grades 9 to 12** is on **Friday, March 17th**. All three GSTBA deliberation meetings will be in-person at East Brunswick Public Library following the YASS business meeting. Remember to send your proxy forms to Moira in advance of these meetings!
  - The full list of titles under consideration is located here:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O4mEbF34\\_mW0izzhicDjeFHA5ksY0APkZiOMcbrfpWU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O4mEbF34_mW0izzhicDjeFHA5ksY0APkZiOMcbrfpWU/edit?usp=sharing)
  - Readers can always read more titles than the ones they have been assigned. Please fill out a proxy form for each title you read from the list, whether it is your assigned title or not.
- We could still use a few more readers for YA Fiction titles. If you are interested, please get in touch with both Moira and Jenna.
- If you have any questions about GSTBA, including not being able to get to a book you've been assigned, email both Moira [mmiller@ebpl.org](mailto:mmiller@ebpl.org) and Jenna [jennakingham@gmail.com](mailto:jennakingham@gmail.com)

## NJLA Conference:

- YASS submitted ten conference proposals for NJLA. Keep a lookout for opportunities to join panels. We'll hopefully find out soon about acceptance!
- Email Emily [emazzoni@monroetwplibrary.org](mailto:emazzoni@monroetwplibrary.org) if you would like to volunteer for the YASS/LLNJ panel "Collaboration With Schools From the Inside Out" which will focus on

the required student learning standards and curriculum, and how public libraries can help schools meet these standards

- GSBA Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Kosoko Jackson!!! He wrote *Yesterday is History*, *Survive the Dome*, and more. He writes YA and Adult, so encourage all to attend. Books will be on sale in the book store and can be signed at the luncheon.

### **Social Media:**

- Engage more with social media posts! Answer Questions! Vote in polls! Etc.
- If your library is on social media and wants to share something on the YASS page, tag us in the comments and we'll repost

### **Member Updates & Hot Topics:**

- Melaina is starting TAG for the first time at Highland Park Public Library. If you have any advice or guidance, email [msquicciarini@hplnj.org](mailto:msquicciarini@hplnj.org)
- From Danielle: I'm almost done with my first semester of grad school, and I just finished doing a term paper, focusing on the information behaviors of teens and young adults using social media for creativity.
- Monroe is switching from Webmail to Outlook, so if some communications get lost, be mindful of that!
- Melanie's cat was chosen for the 2023 Baker & Taylor calendar!
- There are free audiobooks available for librarians through [the Penguin Random House app](#). Download the app, they will verify you by your email address, then you are able to listen as much as you want for free. There are plenty of GSTBA candidates there.

### **Upcoming YASS Meeting:**

Next meeting and GSTBA 6-12 Nonfiction Deliberations\* is on Friday January 20 at 10 am. In person at East Brunswick Public Library and on Zoom.

\*Please note while the YASS meeting will be on Zoom, GSTBA deliberations are only in person or by proxy only!

[Click here for the snack sign-up form](#)



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