



NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 23, 2022

Hybrid Zoom and in-person @ Watchung Public Library,
SCLSNJ

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In attendance: Maria Provini, Sloane Kazim, Katie Salerno, Emily Mazzoni, Samantha Rice, Jenna Ingham, Matheson Westlake, Sharon Rawlins, Jen Apgar, Melaina Squicciarini, Jason Weissman, Dana Vocht, Rachael Guerrero, Marureen Herman, Heather Kristian, Danielle Pitter

YASS Business Meeting

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, September 23, 2022

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

2023-2027 Five-Year LSTA Strategic Plan

As the State Library Administrative Agency for New Jersey, NJSL is responsible for carrying out the provisions of LSTA in New Jersey. In order to be eligible to receive LSTA funds, the State Library must submit a five-year plan that outlines how the state agency intends to utilize the Federal funds in accordance with nine purposes enumerated in the LSTA language

[View the 2023-2027 LSTA Five-Year Strategic Plan](#)

For more information about LSTA visit: <https://www.njstatelib.org/about/budget/lsta/>

CSLP Summer Reading Statistics – Were Due Sept. 9th

For anyone who missed the deadline to submit your 2022 summer reading statistics for the national survey, here's a copy:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17jLCxd3nZGS6ZrACEM5BCQmH5PPGFfOSTcKk1gwFXU8/edit>

Please submit them as soon as you can!

CSLP Committees

Public library staff are invited to join a CSLP committee! Sign-ups for 2023 are open until October 3rd. While the duties vary, committee obligations generally run for one calendar year. All committee work is done virtually; either through email, or through phone or online meetings. Attending the CSLP Annual Meeting is not required. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cslpreads.org/join-a-cslp-committee/>

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."

SAVE THE DATE: Second Annual CSLP Virtual Summer Symposium – Dec. 8, 2022

More information to come!

Webinars/Workshops from Other Organizations

ADAPTIVE UMBRELLA VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 6, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., EDT

[Registration is open now through 10/2.](#)

Please join us online for the 7th biennial Adaptive Umbrella accessibility workshop on Thursday, October 6, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm (EDT).

This biennial daylong workshop features interactive sessions about current accessibility topics, led by disability self-advocates and professionals working with the disability community. The day is geared to librarians, educators, and caregivers.

For speaker information and registration, please visit [Adaptive Umbrella Virtual Workshop](#). CART, ASL interpretation, verbal image description, and transcripts will be provided. All live sessions will be recorded and shared with registered participants, available for viewing up to two months following the workshop.

Publisher/Vendor Events

YA Author Events for TeenTober that you will not want to miss! [Learn More](#)

Penguin Random House Winter 2022 Virtual Book and Author Festival- Registration Now Open!

On December 8th, [join](#) Penguin Random House, *Library Journal*, and *School Library Journal* for our Winter 2022 virtual book and author festival, a free day-long event celebrating reading, authors, and librarians everywhere! Enjoy a day packed with author panels and interviews, book buzzes, virtual shelf browsing, and adding to your TBR pile.

Booklists

The Human Rights Campaign funded Project Thrive: A National Campaign to Support LGBTQ Youth has created *Welcoming Schools* booklists for elementary and secondary aged youth and educators. Even though their focus is on schools, the lists are useful for public libraries as well.

- [Elementary Books](#)
- [Secondary Books](#)
- [Educators & Caregivers Books](#)

Resources of books and e-books in Ukrainian for Children

List of Ukrainian educational and language resources, books, audiobooks, etc. – list compiled by Joanna Ceremuga, teacher of EAL (English as an Additional Language)

From WorldKitLit post:

<https://worldkidlit.wordpress.com/2022/05/09/ukrainian-childrens-books-recommendations-for-publishers/>

Free eBooks with English/Ukrainian in translation:

<https://www.childrensdigitalbooks.com/ukrainian/>

Book, Poetry & Storytelling Festivals

Princeton Children's Book Festival – Saturday, October 8th

One of the library's signature events, the [Princeton Children's Book Festival](#), will return to Hinds Plaza on Oct. 8 after two years online as Book Jam. The festival allows young readers and their adult friends to meet world-renowned authors and illustrators of children's books and get signed copies of their works. 30 authors and illustrators will be there from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 8. Patrick McDonnell, who created the poster for the event, will present a [special edition of Saturday Stories](#) at 10:30 a.m. Book sales are coordinated by festival co-sponsor jaZams and a portion of the proceeds of sales benefit library programs for youth.

Morristown Festival of Books, Oct. 7th – 8th

A two-day event that takes place in the autumn, it features in-person talks by world-class authors across every genre for all ages. The opening night is a ticketed Keynote Event featuring an amazing headline speaker. The Main Festival and KidFest take place on Saturday, rain or shine, at beautiful, historic locations in the heart of historic downtown Morristown, NJ. All events are open to the public and, aside from select ticketed talks, are free of charge.

For a schedule of authors and more information: <https://morristownbooks.org/2022-kidfest/>

Virtual BookFest @ Bank Street – October 15, 2022

Program highlights: Donna Barba Higuera, 2022 Newbery winner of *The Last Cuentista* will keynote. The family of Caldecott winning illustrator Jerry Pinkney will reminisce about the man and legend. Three Latinx Newbery winners: Meg Medina, Margarita Engle and Pam Muñoz Ryan will talk about their award-winning middle grade novels and 2022 Caldecott winners, Jason Chin and Andrea Wang will ruminate on their picture book *Watercress*.

For more information and to register (there's a fee) visit: <https://BookFest2022.eventbrite.com>

NJ Storytelling Festival - Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022

The New Jersey Storytelling Festival will take place on Sunday, Sept. 25. It will be a festival of stories based on New Jersey history and folklore. The venue is the historical village of east Jersey Old Town Village, restored to roughly the time period just after the Revolutionary War.

There's plenty of interesting stuff to see in addition to the performances. Admission is free. See poster below.

Latinx KidLit Book Festival

Virtual on October 12th and 13th, with additional sessions for educators on Sept. 21st, and Oct. 6th

<https://www.latinxkidlitbookfestival.com/2022-festival>

Check out their 2022 schedule to see if you recognize talents from your state:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f0f667af101145af537372f/t/6310ef9e85bb3f66e2172cac/1662054303309/22-At+a+Glance+Schedule-Updated+Aug+31.pdf>

NJ Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest. New Jersey has been a leader in this program, with large numbers of schools participating each year. The State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts funds the programming in NJ, with administrative and programmatic support from Count Basie Center for the Arts and regional partners. Through this program, high school students across the country to learn about great works of classic and contemporary poetry through memorization and recitation of poetry. They also vie for awards and scholarships totaling \$50,000.

They have expanded their reach to libraries and community centers who might be interested in promoting this program to high school-aged youth.

For more information to find out how to register your library visit: <https://www.njpol.org/>

Storytelling Arts Presents – Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022

For additional information: Cynthia Renta, Director of Community Projects,
cynthia@storytellingartsinc.org

Book Awards

2022 National Book Award Longlist for Young Peoples Literature Longlist:
<https://bookriot.com/2022-national-book-award-for-young-peoples-literature-longlist/>

Grants from Other Organizations

IF/THEN® Gender Equity Project

Funding Available for Gender Equity Projects in Public Libraries!

With support from [Lyda Hill Philanthropies](#) and the [IF/THEN® Initiative](#), the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) is now accepting applications for Gender Equity Engagement Grants for public libraries in the United States to support projects that address gender equity in STEM, including efforts to increase visual representation through the use of photos and videos featuring women and gender minorities in STEM careers.

ASTC will award grants of up to \$4,000 to approximately 90 applicants in the United States.

Applications will be accepted and approved on a rolling basis through October 28, 2022.

Grantees will select a project from the [IF/THEN® Project Library](#) to replicate at their own institution. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded.

The IF/THEN® project library features pop-up banner exhibits, downloadable videos, program outlines, and more. All content is designed to highlight women and gender minorities in real STEM careers and can be modified to fit your organization's needs.

[Visit the ASTC website](#) for details about requirements, to preview the application, or to apply. If you have questions about the application process, please reach out to the ASTC team at ifthen@astc.org. For more information visit: <https://www.astc.org/ifthen/>

Carnegie-Whitney Awards up to \$5,000 for Guides to Library Resources

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from "A Resource Guide about Disabilities, Disability Theory, and Assistive Technologies" to "A Bibliography for Queer Teens" to "Graphic Novels & the Humanity of Mental Illness" to "Web Accessibility Resources for Libraries".

Applications must be received by November 4, 2022. Recipients will be notified by February 2023.

For more information and guidelines, visit www.ala.org/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/... or contact Mary Jo Bolduc, Grant Administrator at mbolduc@ala.org.

Applications for the Bechtel Fellowship Now Being Accepted

Now is the time to get lost in a good book (or a few thousand of them)!

Applications for the Bechtel Fellowship are now being accepted

The Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship provides a grant up to \$7,500 to a qualified children's librarian to spend up to four weeks reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature of the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville.

The Baldwin Library contains a special collection of 130,000 volumes of children's literature published mostly before 1950. The fellowship is endowed in memory of Louise Seaman Bechtel and Ruth M. Baldwin.

The application and more information can be found at <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/bechtel>

The deadline for submitting materials is October 15, 2022.

For any questions about the award/application, please contact ALSC Professional Recognition and Scholarships Committee Co-Chairs, Elizabeth Burns (eburns@njstatelib.org) and Rachel Fryd (frydr@freelibrary.org)

NJYAC will be switching to Constant Contact and will no longer be a forum format. If you would like something to be included, please email it to Sharon!

NJSL TBBC Report for YASS Meeting, September 23, 2022

Submitted by Jen Apgar, Youth Services Librarian TBBC

The NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center is celebrating its 55th Anniversary. All are welcome to join our webinar on September 30 from 12-1 to learn about TBBC past, present, and future! The webinar will be recorded and you can register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ktmyLSouTU-OmfcsukLWOQ

TBBC will also be presenting at the LLNJ Access & Accessibility Virtual Conference on Wednesday, September 28. Our session is during the 2:30-3:15 time slot.

On October 1, Jen will be at [Loompaland](#) for the Collingswood book festival.

On October 15, TBBC will be hosting its Fall Festival taking place at the Grounds for Sculpture. TBBC patrons and a guest are welcome to attend and can choose to participate in two different accessible art workshops being offered as well as a docent led guided walking touch tour of the Grounds. If you know of TBBC patrons who may be interested in attending, more information can be found here: https://www.njstatelib.org/spotlight_items/tbbc-fall-festival-2022/

This summer, TBBC had a successful by-mail summer reading program. The past two summers we offered a virtual summer reading program because of the pandemic, so TBBC was excited to bring back another fun, by-mail summer reading program.

NJLA CSS Report for YASS Meeting, September 23, 2022

Submitted by Heather Kristian, CSS President

CSS will continue to meet virtually. Next meeting will be a virtual joint meeting with YASS on Friday, October 28 at 10am.

Meetings will be held on the last Friday of each month, except November and December when one meeting will be held early December to cover both months during the holiday season.

NJASL Report for YASS Meeting, September 23, 2022

Submitted by Ewa Dziejczak-Elliott, NJASL President

NJASL testified at the Assembly Education Committee meeting about their Information Literacy Bill. [Click here](#) to read the bill and spread awareness and support!

Updates from Consortia & Systems

LMx:

East Brunswick Library will be getting renovations done to the children's room at some point this fall for 1-2 months. Most of the juvenile collection will be inaccessible at this time.

Cranford and Scotch Plains are in the process of joining LMxAC

BCCLS:

Youth Services Bootcamp will be held 10/21 in person at Wyckoff Public Library. "It's Just Too Graphic" will cover censorship and graphic novels.

SCLSNJ:

Montgomery branch will be the newest branch of SCLSNJ and will be the 11th branch of the system. Mary Jacobs branch is undergoing remodeling.

YASS Business, Important Information, & Reminders

GSTBA:

Moira and Jenna sent out the call to be a compiler and a reader! Please consider becoming a reader. Fill out this [Google form](#) if you are interested.

Hoping to have readers assigned by mid October. Readers are assigned 4-5 books in the categories of their choosing: Nonfiction 6-12, Fiction 6-8, Fiction 9-12. We will discuss which books should be on the ballot at the deliberation meetings in-person at East Brunswick Public Library. Proxy forms will still be allowed but there is no virtual option.

- Friday, January 20, 2023: Nonfiction 6-12
- Friday, February 17, 2023: Fiction 6-8
- Friday, March 17, 2023: Fiction 9-12

Last day to vote in the current GSTBA is December 31st. [Encourage teens to vote!](#)

NJLA Conference:

NJLAconference.info will have all information about “Sustainably Forward,” the 2023 NJLA Conference from May 31-June 2 2023 with a pre conference that has been rebranded as a 3-hour interactive workshop. Friday keynote is being moved back to the morning instead of the afternoon. They will also be adding in more time for networking in between sessions.

There is a Google Form for submitting conference proposals as well as a PDF of the form to see the questions ahead of time. Any YASS members interested in proposing a panel should fill out the [YASS Google form](#). Emily will help find co-presenters or co-sponsors for the panel if needed, then submit to NJLA. The deadline for proposals is 11/30 and they would rather have a proposal that is 90% done and submitted on time than a complete proposal that is late.

Things that can boost likelihood of a proposal being accepted: Creativity, information, and partnerships. Come up with a catchy title and work with other sections!

YASS can potentially work with History & Presentation on a panel about zines.

According to the survey post NJLA conference this year, they are interested in more sessions for ALL library workers and more sessions focused on adult programming. Expenses will not be reimbursed for the conference if you're presenting.

Social Media:

Melissa asked for suggestions for Instagram. They included:

- Continue reposting other library's posts
- Give teen librarians from around the state a chance to “take over” the YASS account for the day
- Have librarians do “library intros” to talk about their libraries and services
- Feature book displays
- Use the voting feature, i.e. “This or That” style voting for books, tropes, etc.
- More meme stuff! I.e. “He/she/they are a 10 but...” “Tell me your a [thing] without telling me you're a [thing]”
- Book recs to go with weird national holidays like “National Ice Cream Day,” etc.

- Looking for people interested in doing a librarian Hot Ones! Perhaps at conference. Eat increasingly spicy wings/fried cauliflower while answering questions about books. Dana can provide the sauce!

Upcoming YASS/CSS Meeting:

Friday, October 28th on zoom only. 9:45 networking with 10:00 meeting on book talks. YASS will book talk YA books of different genres, with about 4-5 books per genre. CSS will talk about children's books. This will help people get new and popular titles for reader's advisory in categories they don't normally read.

Email Katie (ksalerno@sclibnj.org) if interested in doing a YA category. Email Heather (heather.kristian@gmail.com) if interested in doing Children's. Keep talks short and to the point. Dana will send out a shared document to put all the books being talked about. If you are doing a book talk please put your books on there.

Dana will also compile a guide to popular booktube/tok/gram accounts that are helpful for reader's advisory. Keep an eye out for an email to contribute to the list.

Youth Services Forum:

YSF is back for the first time since 2019 at Monroe Public Library at 8:45am, which is now sold out. There are *no* spots left and registration at the door will **not** be allowed. [Click here](#) to see a schedule of panels.

Members Updates & Hot Topics:

Melaina is having a Teen Career Interview Session. If you know anyone with cool jobs (preferably ones that do not require a degree) email Melaina at msquicciarini@hpplnj.org

Jenna is having an author/professional tarot card reader for a teen program at Verona Public Library. It's open to non-Verona residents. [Sasha Graham](#) has a discount for doing programs at libraries!

Katie is working on keynotes for the GSTBA Luncheon. More info to come.

Sharon will be presenting a reader's advisory panel called "Too Many Books, So Little Time" at the NJASL conference from Dec. 4-6 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City. More details about the specific date and time to follow.

Rutgers is having a [School Library Bus Tour](#) for library school students in order to visit school libraries and meet school librarians.

For students, new librarians, or anyone interested in finding fresh programming ideas, please visit [Teen Services Underground](#) to check out their posts!



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