



Diversity & Outreach

MEETING AGENDA

November 18th, 2021 / 11:00am / Via Zoom

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86550349190?pwd=VWpEejhyYzBiODIsazh5eUg4bGc5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 865 5034 9190

- Approve [October Minutes](#)
- Welcome / Introductions
 - Jeff Cupo - President
 - Danielle Pitter - Secretary
 - Carina Gonzalez
 - Allan Kleiman
 - Stephen Felle
 - Mary Fran Daily
 - Enola Romano
 - Natasha Mikulich
 - Ally Blumenfeld
 - Tanya Finley-Estrada
 - Sharon Rawlins
 - Sharon Owens
 - Kate Jagers
 - Moira Whittington
 - Debra Sarr

Reports

- NJLA Leadership
 - Kate - model that allows libraries to provide an NJLA membership to all staff
 - More details to come soon
 - Additional option for staff who can't afford the membership
 - Proposals for executive board
 - Discussions on Intellectual freedom/ censorship in schools
- State Library
 - Sharon Rawlins - survey to evaluate services to youth via LSDA funding (JerseyCat, JerseyConnect)
 - Nov. 19 deadline -
 - NJ State Library declares Digital Literacy Training for 14 libraries - [list of participants](#)
 - Grant Award winners announced
 - Summer Reading Program - 1st ever summer symposium - Dec. 2
 - Latinx KidLit festival - Dec. 9-10

- NJSL survey on services we provide through LSTA funds
- 2022 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries - deadline to apply: Feb. 13, 2022
- [More information](#)
- [Apply here](#)
- Library Link NJ
 - Allan - Strategic plan for consultants
 - Jan. 2022 - next year delivery service

Project Updates

- [Roster](#)
- Fine Free New Jersey
 - How'd the meeting go?
 - Tanya - meeting last week about the survey and identify target audience
 - What is the hesitation for going fine-free?
 - Good to know how many libraries are fine-free
 - Collect data for libraries who are fine-free
 - Dec. 16 - next meeting
 - Danielle added new information about [New York Public Library](#) going fine-free on October 5
 - Also info on **Westfield Public Library** eliminating overdue fees
 - Someone returned a book to [Montclair PL](#) after 43 years!
 - East Brunswick PL fine-free for children
- Library Cards for All
 - Research Progress
 - Survey similar to fine-free
 - Conference info for subcommittee?
 - Natasha - used to work for Bernards Township PL who allows battered womens' shelter members to have a library cards for safety reasons
 - Tanya - Waterford PL gave library cards for halfway home members
 - How did other libraries deal with access issues? (Newark, Brooklyn)
- Librarianship and Race
 - Other Scholarships and Opportunities
 - Sharon - meeting last month for creating PSAs for retention, recruitment and advancement
 - [Survey questions made](#)
 - Videos no longer than 30 secs. In landscape version, exported as mp4s
 - Mention these updates tomorrow at LWOC meeting - 10 am
 - [Video Submissions link](#)
 - Funding Request - still in the works
- "Breaking Down Barriers" Conference
 - How'd the meeting go?

- Jeff - meeting about having an in-person conference next year???
 - Tentative date: November/ Fall 2022
 - Venue and keynote speaker needed (Think of big spaces like Monroe, Monmouth, East Brunswick, especially with catering, breakout rooms, sponsoring)
 - Format: 2 session blocks, lunch, 2 more session blocks
 - Zoom/virtual planning: plan B for the conference too
 - Exploratory Groups (Distribute Fentanyl Test Strips, Outreach to Prisons, Bookmobiles)
 - Bookmobiles
 - Nola - changes made to libraries due to COVID-19
 - Maplewood got a new book bike
 - Bloomfield has a new pantry
 - Outreach to Prisons
 - Hyacinth - HIV resources
 - Stephen Felle - Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC) is also going to be putting together a conference proposal about our services. We are also hoping to collaborate with the New Jersey Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We want to put D/O as a co-sponsor
 - Sharon Rawlins (and Kate Jagers) - NJ Harm Reduction Coalition (along with someone from possibly Camden County Library) talk about training and access for Narcan in public libraries
- Does each Subcommittee want to talk at the Conference?
 - Tanya will ask Ashley & other members who wants to talk

Updates:

- Maintain PD Calendar
- Maintain Holiday Calendar
- Outreach to Other Nonprofits and Service Groups
- Newsletter
- NJLA Conference
 - In 2 weeks: Conference proposal deadline
 - Covenant House with UL
 - Thoughts and Ideas?

Member news & announcements

Upcoming Meetings

December 16th, 2021 11 am via Zoom

Marmoset of the Month

