Readers’ Advisory Roundtable

July 20, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Cynthia Robbins, Chair

Amelia Rodriguez

Maribeth Fisher

Sophie Brookover

Mary Piekarski

**Adult Services Forum**

We will be participating in the Adult Services Forum October 26, 2015.

The program will be “Helping Readers Break Outside Their Comfort Zone.”

The decision was reached giving consideration to the Reference Section’s requests. We talked about cross-genre recommendations, men who read romance, and reading historical fiction or science fiction if you are a history buff. One idea sent to me separately was how to initiate RA patron collaboration. We are still developing the content however. These are some initial ideas.

**CE Class**

The Professional Development Committee has asked we create a class to be given at NJLA 2016 on a continuing education topic.

The class will be “Gaining Confidence in your Readers’ Advisory Skills.”

C.L., Ilene, and Amelia helped me identify a topic. Some of the areas we would like to cover in a PPT are concrete such as effective interviewing, gaining feedback, what kind and how to use it, and situation based advisory such as privacy concerns or what to do with a patron who is used to Librarian X but when they come in for advice, Librarian Y is on duty. We will continue to work on content, but I think the ideas that are forming are quite good. We would like to select and focus on two points covering them comprehensively.

We will also develop a handout addressing ready access tools. If there is a tool you love, please tell us about it.

If you would like to contribute ideas, content, and/or opinions please email [bklvers@aol.com](mailto:bklvers@aol.com).