

**Reader's Advisory Round Table
In-Person Meeting
Thursday, September 8th @ 11AM**

**Meeting Location:
West Windsor Branch of the Mercer County Library System
333 North Post Road, Princeton Junction**

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Melissa Nemitz (Chair)
Mary Piekarski
Ashley Carvagno
Amelia Rodriguez
Tara Kehoe
Cynthia Robbins
Brenda Muhlbaier
Monica Teixeira

- I. Nominations for Co-Chair
 - a. Nominees – Cynthia Robbins, Ilene Lefkowitz, and Riti Grover
 - b. Will send out Doodle Poll for a formal election
 - c. In future, by laws will be written and agreed upon by members about election and voting process for the Round Table
- II. Adult Services Forum
 - a. Titles – Readers' Advisory A La Carte
 - i. Program will be about new, innovative, and virtual RA (including resources for librarians and library users)
 - ii. Tara Kehoe and Mary Piekarski are presenters – we are still looking for two more presenters to round out the program
 - iii. One possible idea for presenter would be to contact an NYPL librarian
 - b. Information Table
 - i. We would like to hand out RA resources, which would involve members creating various RA lists – collaboration via Google Docs
- III. NJLA Continuing Education Program
 - a. Working idea for program: co-sponsor a program with Young Adult Section to provide a webinar of YA-Adult Crossover Reads
- IV. NJLA Conference
 - a. Group brainstormed program ideas
 - i. Alternative book clubs – program based on different, virtual ways of hosting book clubs – skype session with authors
 - ii. Brown Bag Lunch – since the Brown Bag Lunch was so successful last year, we are going to propose doing it again. We talked about Theresa Agostinelli doing another Jeopardy game.
 - iii. If you like this movie/tv show/ music... try this book

- iv. Roving Readers' Advisory/ Reference – will contact Reference section and Emerging Technologies to possibly co-sponsor a program about roving reference
- v. Children's RA for Adults – what do you do if you get stuck covering for the children's desk? And vice-versa – possible partnership with Children's Section
- vi. Reading outside your comfort zone – pushing our readers to #readharder by proposing different reading challenges – reading challenges can also be for staff

V. Future Meetings

- a. It was discussed that future in-person meetings should try and be held at different libraries throughout the state in order to engage more members