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