**NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting**

September 19th, 2014

South Brunswick Public Library

In Attendance:

Erica Solomon, President, Piscataway Public Library

Katie Bojanek, Vice President, North Plainfield Library

Megan England, Secretary, Atlantic City Free Public Library

Rosy Henderson, Member At Large, New Brunswick Free Public Library

Michelle Yeager, Member At Large, Cherry Hill Public Library

Saleena Davidson, South Brunswick Public Library

Lanora Melillo, West Orange Public Library

Kathleen Gruver, Burlington County Library System

Linda Tripp, Warren/Somerset County Library

Joseph Emery, Hoboken Public Library

Michelle Petrasek, Hawthorne Public Library

Christi Aldellizzi, Ocean County Library System

Carolyn Aversano, Ocean County – Jackson

Sue Grotyohann, Monroe Township Public Library

Jen Schureman, Gloucester County Library System

Jen Apgar, Talking Book and Braille Center

Sandi Cronce, Willingboro Public Library

Karen Mitchell, Highland Park Public Library

Samantha Marker, Mount Laurel Public Library

Ann-Marie Aymer, Summit Public Library

**State Library Updates**

* Sharon Rawlins isn’t here – her updates are attached to the meeting minutes e-mail. Highlights are included below.
* What is the State Library? [Click here](http://www.njstatelib.org/about/).
* NJLA Summer Reading Committee report can be found [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uns0BatGoWepYEjmVoZiV8RX-cgvrHTrrPthcNJq0Io/edit).
* Youth Services Forum – Wednesday October 1st (Registration deadline today, Sept. 19th)
* Submit summer reading statistics – deadline coming October 10th
* Teen Video Challenge happening again this year – CLSP theme for teens “Unmasked”
* 2016 manual – call for ideas “Get in the game – READ!” (Health, Wellness, and Fitness)
* Snapshop Day – October 1st
* Graphic Novel & Comics Workshop – Cherry Hill
* Job Openings
* Teen Top Ten voting
* CSS joint meeting in November
* Remove all SRP artwork from online locations by October 1st

**LibraryLinkNJ**

* Sophie Brookover is our contact person for LLNJ.
* What is LLNJ? [Click here](http://librarylinknj.org/).
* [Magical Makerspace Tour](http://librarylinknj.org/content/magical-makerspace-tour) – one tour each for South, Central, and North. Sign on and see how other NJ libraries have implemented their maker initiatives.
* [Upcoming webinars and professional development](http://librarylinknj.org/calendar)

**Talking Book and Braille Center information**

* [Click here](http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/) for basic information about the TBBC
* Open House on October 11th from 11-2

**Summer Reading Successes**

* Sue: Hands on workshop about old technology like VCRs, rotary phones, etc.
* Jen: BELIEVE program for girls: self-esteem and technology
* Teens helped create science projects for 6th-8th graders: Elephant Toothpaste, Iodine Clock reaction, make batteries out of pennies, computer coding, rock candy, Sciencetellers
* Ann Marie: The teen space has been redesigned! The carpet is a giant chess board and they just bought giant chess pieces
* Megan: GameDevHouse gave a 2 day video game design mini-camp @ ACFPL
* Several people signed up for Google Maker Camp and were impressed with the amount of free stuff received.
* Saleena’s mini comic-con: Don’t do it on your own! Vendors, games, quick build minecraft (run by an 8th grader!), trivia – 300 people came! Congrats!

**More upcoming events**

* Princeton Book Festival
* Boardwalk Con in AC – next May

**Ongoing Business**

* Expanding the YA section
  + Increasing the number of meetings, modeled after CSS – more professional development, meeting more often
  + All meetings start at 10:00 AM now, with coffee at 9:30. No more earlier meetings, thanks to GSTBA restructuring
  + [See schedule](http://njlamembers.org/content/ya-section-news) for additional meetings
  + One more joint meeting with CSS added, May 15
  + Diversity and Outreach also meets every month
  + How about online meetings using Adobe Connect? Some seem to be in favor of this.
  + With the Feb. 20th meeting (toolbox), what happens if there’s snow? We should schedule a snow date, or consider adding it to the end of the March meeting
  + Perhaps we should meet with BCCLS or the Essex County collectives, develop those relationships
  + April 17th won’t work for a meeting date, it’s on top of conference. We can consider eliminating a business meeting and doing two deliberations in one day
  + [GSTBA explanation](http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/45882143/GSTBA%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions)
  + GSTBA changes: eliminate readers writing annotations (or form an annotation committee? Come to the meeting prepared with annotations for the five books you’re most passionate about. Any that are not turned in on time, can we replace them with worldcat?)
    - Everyone will bring the annotation for the books they are fighting for to the deliberation meeting and hand them in THAT DAY. Any annotations not received by the deadline will be replaced with WorldCat summaries.
    - Culling the GSTBA list: looking at availability in B&T, no sequels, titles are stricken from the list if less than 5 NJ libraries own the title
    - Just like last year, we’ll do the “who read what title” signup through google docs. We’ll also do reader signup online
    - Adding a clear break in the meeting so new people definitely know when the meeting is over and GSTBA starts. A definite end time for the business meeting, then a definite start and end time for GSTBA deliberations
    - Everything over a certain percentage will automatically make the list, so that should save time and make the meeting quicker
    - Vote:
      * Option A (have regular meetings with a lunch break, followed by deliberations): 9
      * Option B (schedule an additional meeting): 0
      * Option C (make one meeting 100% GSTBA): 11

New Teen Librarian Toolbox

* Teeny mini conference, a break for pizza, then an open unconference discussion
* Volunteers: Sue G., Michelle P., Saleena, Sam, Karen, Jen, Ann-Marie, Sandi
* Topics: Programming, Collection Development, Diversity & Outreach (safe spaces), Difficult behavior issues, getting buy-in from other staff, B&T techniques, best practices for marketing to teens
* Same topics at both north and south

Annual Conference

* November deadline for programs
* NJLA has been moved to April
* Program ideas
  + How to do a Comic-con
  + Graphic novel collection development (collaborate with other sections)
  + Helping LGBTQI youth in crisis (cultural competencies, correctional facilities, collaborate with diversity & outreach)
  + Book Buzz (Liz)
  + Is any other section doing a TS360 (B&T) presentation?

Graphic novel recommendations:

Reasons to punch a dolphin in the face – graphic novel

Appetite for detention

Snack Sign-ups:

Sue G. – paper supplies

Keisha M. – sweets or fruit

Linda T. – Sweets

Ann-Marie A. – Bagels