**CSS VIRTUAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jenise Sileo, 1st Vice President; Rachael Trotter, 2nd Vice President; Heather Kristian, Immediate Past President; Teresa Carlton, Secretary; Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library & Statewide SR Coordinator; Jen Apgar, Talking Book and Braille Center, NJ State Library; Leala Arnold, Member at Large; Ellen Ryan, Garden State Book Awards; Jes Boonton, Tate Potts, Matheson Westlake, Lindsay, Caitlin Williams, and Maureen Herman.

**YASS MEETING:**

Heather reported that mostly the same reports were given at the meeting and she made a point to welcome YASS members to events at the conference and invited them to today’s CSS meeting.

**NJ STATE REPORT:**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins

**NJ Library Personnel Invited to Participate in E-Resources Survey**

Please participate in this survey about the JerseyClicks suite of databases, available to all New Jersey residents at [www.jerseyclicks.org](https://4iclcdfab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001SZ0Aspm2kbNGiw188_eJb8ncPp6PKdfUxueomrf-EwNjt4PSQP0MRUB-0a7sIsGgrLq3aMT6ddCcywrR4BEIN8b6Y8zki7gl3ZawyY9wJrocv2vFSZa1-XuvmbFpRDFxpI7uWZ_v4TQaTZVwh6tcFeVaQGe2t-5kbUZeTN6_kBR_CsHUoSjp36vXYa-vWevgrbEVg79iqpJAWvuadbu2_OngtcZFjFgfuP8Ds9F0R8E=&c=dcrX969c0GOMWL_6sOHNf5BQn4WIv2iVl4WcbrknLAhK9YpuQAuMFw==&ch=TRM3tSdL1J8QhWBqYRN03-zKpaOiwx7IYTmkv69A9K6GKtyurN7SJA==). Your feedback is important to the New Jersey State Library, as we consider the needs of the library community in selecting future statewide resources.

Survey link: [**https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJSL24JC**](https://4iclcdfab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001SZ0Aspm2kbNGiw188_eJb8ncPp6PKdfUxueomrf-EwNjt4PSQP0MRdj8q1sM1nk1um2QfHYI1Wi2xDmkBj2mBz7vJEd0hJ_Mvrv6lmVxhT0HEkO7YVC2giYaN_V7herauKalZDDckuWgovgbUPcVwHROBRWqBhWeAan7HTEAQXs=&c=dcrX969c0GOMWL_6sOHNf5BQn4WIv2iVl4WcbrknLAhK9YpuQAuMFw==&ch=TRM3tSdL1J8QhWBqYRN03-zKpaOiwx7IYTmkv69A9K6GKtyurN7SJA==)(should only take about five minutes to complete).This survey was created through the volunteer work and participation of the E-Resources Advisory Committee, a group comprised of representatives from New Jersey academic, public and school libraries. **The deadline to respond is May 13, 2024.**

JerseyClicks is made possible in part with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at **jerseyclicks@njstatelib.org** or in the contact form within the Library Resources section of the JerseyClicks webpage: [**www.jerseyclicks.org**](https://4iclcdfab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001SZ0Aspm2kbNGiw188_eJb8ncPp6PKdfUxueomrf-EwNjt4PSQP0MRR0NfG0cZ21H9g-aZXGvTIYR9u9Pq3fm7nhPTBJ7OBDoGlBn-H6eDbNJon8MTvunqlom32eQudNdAXW5BRfTk-EHD9RNmBsfkAxEpB3dsHsT&c=dcrX969c0GOMWL_6sOHNf5BQn4WIv2iVl4WcbrknLAhK9YpuQAuMFw==&ch=TRM3tSdL1J8QhWBqYRN03-zKpaOiwx7IYTmkv69A9K6GKtyurN7SJA==)

**Recording of Spanish Language CSLP manual content now available**

Want to promote Summer Reading and Learning to Spanish speakers in your library community? The CSLP online manual has an entire section of Spanish Language program content that is available and ready to use for outreach and promotion for “Adventure Begins at Your Library” this summer!

View the recently added recording of “How to Incorporate Spanish Language Content into Your Summer Reading Program” on the NY State Library [**archived Youth Services webinars**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/webinars/index2.html*YS__;Iw!!Db6frn15oIvDD3UI!gdXLiIVQgkgCQuqzoho-p9klHqh37zSWx60piw1BeTV5Y9zmlFo37jsad53NOhMP7Ac6BNL828SXDh2w4vZ1mu87gk63tQ$) page. This March 8 Summer Reading Lunch and Learn session was presented by Deborah Kinirons, Bilingual Community Outreach Librarian at Uniondale Public Library, and Amy Olson, Youth Services Consultant at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Deborah is also the chair of the CSLP Spanish Language manual committee.

You can also view additional Summer Reading Lunch and Learn sessions from this year and previous years on the [**archived Youth Services webinars**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/webinars/index2.html*YS__;Iw!!Db6frn15oIvDD3UI!gdXLiIVQgkgCQuqzoho-p9klHqh37zSWx60piw1BeTV5Y9zmlFo37jsad53NOhMP7Ac6BNL828SXDh2w4vZ1mu87gk63tQ$)page. Feel free to reach out to Sharon Phillips, NY State Library Youth Services Program Manager at **nyslyouth@nysed.gov** if you have any questions.

**JerseyClicks Upcoming Training Sessions**

This spring, brush up on these databases offered through JerseyClicks! The below sessions are being offered at 2pm on the following dates:

**·** EBSCO Presents: EBSCO’s Resources for Academic Research - April 25th

· Gale Presents: Peterson’s Test and Career Prep: Basic Skills and ESL Resources **- May 7th**

[**Click to learn more and register**](https://4iclcdfab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001T-WNKH_OoM4NEkvOCB52UkJfPkZOj-ROaUqfdCHC5KtaojD5-3wmhsS_NgQfC6MrUTlk-F7CoYf1bSSNuoNnDLQ5Yg5QDIxxKgWhulb19SV7niYl9gAi7aXoT9avIfjsFF38KWqcPhgb-H5lRDIwgVCP7w6AvhRwsWXgSsBTj0jk72GgkpFsWACvYGRGWOlg_eG6UysRG0_BauC6Pf4C8lwmcPAmdwpjtDF3nTnAKPMo1xdSTux8x6bUlM6QIUc4&c=IDdQ3La4ZtLsM75H_DpQxk3Gub9FuE_ph1WZiWg7avfmhKN2OYB_RQ==&ch=NQaN3TTkqZ28WQGFhDsUBWbjoPf3UuUKskPtBZsDKqhD1ma844-jhg==)

**NJLA Conference Program: Building Equity Based Summers (BEBS):**

**Rethinking Summer Library Services Programming, Thursday, May 30 from 4:40 – 5:30**Discover how your library can reconsider the WHY of summer programming to center summer library services on equity to better meet the needs of youth and families from systemically marginalized communities. Library staff participating in the IMLS funded Building Equity Based Summers (BEBS) Project will discuss strategies for redesigning summer services that honor diversity and inclusion in equity-based library initiatives by giving systemically marginalized community members a voice and leadership role in implementing these services. Gina Marie Vaccaro, Head of Youth Services, Livingston Public Library, and Beverly Rowan, Librarian, Dover Free Public Library are participating in the BEBS training and will be on the panel with me for this State Library sponsored session.

**News From Other Organizations**

**More Than Welcome: Libraries Serving Families of Young Children with Disabilities**

The image below contains additional details for this webinar sponsored by the University of Kentucky School of Information Science on Friday, April 26th at 1 pm. Registration link:[**https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcemtrDsoE9TStYnVOKf4MVIBLVlJVTrb**](https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcemtrDsoE9TStYnVOKf4MVIBLVlJVTrb)

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[**Scholastic, Little Free Library Partner on 'Dog Man' Book-Sharing Boxes**](https://pubwkly.omeclk.com/portal/wts/ug%5Ecn92dBjaqo72cgcsqq8AB%5E6kr1ljtrDCoC5a)As part of Scholastic’s Power Up with Reading mission to promote early literacy, author-illustrator Dav Pilkey is getting his own Little Free Library. Later this month, Dog Man-themed book-sharing boxes are being installed in all 50 states and stocked with 50,000 children’s books donated by Pilkey. [**MORE**](https://pubwkly.omeclk.com/portal/wts/ug%5Ecn92dBjaqo72cgcs6q8AB%5E6kr1ljtrDCoC5a)

**Two Live Events in May featuring Princeton Storytelling Circle:**

Saturday May11th at Princeton Historical Society

[**https://princetonhistory.org/events/princeton-storytelling-circle-sowing-story-seeds/**](https://princetonhistory.org/events/princeton-storytelling-circle-sowing-story-seeds/)

**Wednesday May 22 at Morven Museum**

[**https://www.morven.org/upcoming/sowingstoryseeds**](https://www.morven.org/upcoming/sowingstoryseeds)

Join the Princeton Storytelling Circle for a two-part program, “Sowing Story Seeds,” exploring folk and fairy tales on the fertile grounds of the [Historical Society of Princeton](https://princetonhistory.org), and the rich soil of the gardens at Morven.

Circle storytellers will share farm stories about the challenges and delights of growing our food at the Historical Society of Princeton on Saturday, May 11, at 2:00 p.m. and stories about how our gardens grow at Morven on **Wednesday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m.**

Tickets are available for individual events or for purchase as a series including both dates, May 11 and May 22. These intergenerational sessions will cultivate imagination for folks all ages. For younger attendees, we recommend the events for ages four and older.

Programs will be moved to an indoor location at each site in the event of inclement weather. Attendees are invited to bring their own blankets, chairs, and food and drinks for outdoor seating.

The Historical Society of Princeton is located at the Updike Farmstead, 354 Quaker Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540. Morven Museum & Garden is located at 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Free parking is available onsite at both locations.

**Freeman Book Awards for 2023 Announced**

Announcing the [Freeman Book Awards](https://www.nctasia.org/awards/) for 2023 – Just in time for the upcoming Asia American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May!

The awards are presented annually by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, the Committee on Teaching about Asia of the Association for Asian Studies, and Asia for Educators at Columbia University to recognize quality books for young adults and children that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia.

Winners for 2021 are: "*An Echo in the City*" by K. X. Song (high school); "*The Boy from Clearwater: Book 1*" written by Pei-Yun Yu; illustrated by Zhou Jian-Xin; translated by Lin King (graphic); "*The Cricket War*" by Thọ Phạm and Sandra McTavish (middle

school) and “*My Grandfather's Song*" by Phùng Nguyên Quang and Huỳnh Kim Liên (children's). For more info, including Honorable Mention and Of Note titles, visit the [Freeman Book Award](https://www.nctasia.org/awards/) page.

Also check out these FREE book talks for teachers and librarians on graphic novels for young adults that have won Freeman Book Awards this year:

**1.** Wednesday, April 17, 6:30pm (ET) on "Lost in Taiwan" with author and illustrator Mark Crilley. See [**www.nctasia.org/course/lost-in-taiwan-book-club**](https://www.nctasia.org/course/lost-in-taiwan-book-club/)

**2.** Tuesday, May 7, 7:00pm (ET) on "Banned Book Club" with authors Kim Hyun Sook and Ryan Estrada. See [**www.nctasia.org/course/banned-book-club-with-authors**](https://www.nctasia.org/course/banned-book-club-with-authors/)

**3.** Tuesday, May 21, 7:00pm (ET) on "The Boy from Clearwater" with translator Lin King. See [**www.nctasia.org/course/the-boy-from-clearwater-webinar**](https://www.nctasia.org/course/the-boy-from-clearwater-webinar/)

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***SLJ* Day of Dialog** returns May 23rd!  [Join us](https://d2p-vm04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/RJ+113/d2p-vM04/VWBLqs6wDL9vVc29Qw8wZJMfW8cYYgJ5bz-zfN2L_pBs3qn9gW95jsWP6lZ3nfW8dqgqW5ySRzFW6bLpDG3n0ZqsW7bDMSS78lZ6LW7btRSr2ZlWxvW7xt4Wr8qpTzJVSr6h11GyMLWW96Jww96qqW2MN5JtD7DZpdnvW87-ZVL9kYw0vW7_jZqz3d0ywHW8y_KcC3RSCMgVV_4pC5ZcZ5MN4QlbXFZ4rr0W8CWsqv4sNSDcW1Bnswb6SjRs9W6chzcP2sC312W2G3DLF13Y2RRW7YQPZb3-5Q4nVlw7h-7HT50xW1G9Y7S55dfTJW8xXLM56vj9qlW5KX_rN1LSk4zW4lYD_S4gptGBW4S5gyx8MWTB-N5f0Jv_Dh2y5W2MnzVF6T3fNWW91QWhj4t4bKbW3CmkBg87549fW39HtX02jty65W4tfCFf2Qmqb-f1Qx56s04) for another day-long virtual program of author panels, in-depth conversations, and keynote talks — your TBR list will thank you!

You’ll hear about the hottest forthcoming titles for children, tweens, and teens, from nonfiction and romance to picture books and graphic novels. You can also visit the virtual exhibit hall to network with leading publishers, enjoy intimate author chats, and download digital galleys and other free resources. Save your spot today, and stay tuned for updates!

[REGISTER](https://vshow.on24.com/vshow/SLJDODS/registration/19122?partnerref=SLJEmail1DOD52324&utm_campaign=2024%20SLJ%20Spring%20DOD&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=297868742&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9BkKb92EQ_-S7icsmVULlX1TLFZku6Q650wnKThI6MzDVuQnBF-kw-lDXWR9glkMjXo3HoxaHlyajXclTzhx7jlJKKAA&utm_content=297868742&utm_source=hs_email)

**Publishers Weekly Children’s Bookshelf**

**Annual Summer Reads List**

[**https://best-books.publishersweekly.com/children/summer-reads-2024/?oly\_enc\_id=1805B1423578E8V#book/book-1**](https://best-books.publishersweekly.com/children/summer-reads-2024/?oly_enc_id=1805B1423578E8V#book/book-1)

(Includes picture books, middle grade and YA titles)

**ALA’s State of Libraries Report: Libraries Take Action**

[**https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/state-of-americas-libraries-report-2024.pdf**](https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/state-of-americas-libraries-report-2024.pdf)

**Star Net Post Eclipse Survey**

Here’s a survey that is being sent to all libraries that received solar eclipse glasses:

[**https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CS73M8F**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CS73M8F)**.**

**What to do with your used solar eclipse glasses?**

Star Net’s suggestions: [**What to do with extra and gently used eclipse glasses?? – STAR Net Community (starnetlibraries.org)**](https://community.starnetlibraries.org/what-to-do-with-extra-and-gently-used-eclipse-glasses/)

The youth services page at the NJ State Library is: **https://www.njstatelib.org/services\_for\_libraries/consulting\_services/youth\_services/** That's where you can register to join the statewide discussion list called NYAC. There's also information about the statewide summer reading program there as well as a list of NJ authors and illustrators or authors associated with NJ. It's an ongoing list I'm compiling. It's helpful for scheduling author visits.

If your library has not already filled out this survey about world language collections in NJ libraries, please consider doing so before the end of the week: [**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvnvVXjQsSAHwt64UsIBUCbf-37JYmadL\_5IIJPoU-3GHiKQ/viewform?pli=1&pli=1**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvnvVXjQsSAHwt64UsIBUCbf-37JYmadL_5IIJPoU-3GHiKQ/viewform?pli=1&pli=1)

This data will be used for a panel presentation at the NJLA conference about cataloging world language collections.

**TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE CENTER/NJ STATE LIBRARY**

Report by Jen Apgar

Once again, the NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center will be offering a Summer Reading Program for TBBC children and teen patrons. Following the CSLP theme, Adventure Begins at Your Library, we will be sending out packets by mail that include activities, booklists, crafts, and more. We will also include these items in braille if requested by participants. Interested TBBC patrons can email TBBCYouth@njstatelib.org to sign up!

As a reminder, patrons all across the state, at any age, who may have a reading disability, have a physical disability prohibiting them from holding a book or turning the pages, have vision loss, or may be blind, may be eligible for library services from TBBC. We are also available throughout the year for in-person or virtual trainings (to both staff and patrons), meetings, events, etc. Contact TBBC at 800-792-8322 or <https://www.njstatelib.org/tbbc> with any questions or more information.

If you or someone you know loves to golf, register now for **TBBC’s 13th Annual Golf Classic** taking place Tuesday, June 18 at Makefield Highlands Golf Club in Yardley, PA. More information can be found here: <https://www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center/13th-annual-tbbc-golf-classic/>

Staff from TBBC will be involved with the following sessions at the upcoming NJLA Conference or visit us at the New Jersey State Library Booth in the exhibit hall:

**Thursday, May 30, 9:00 – 9:50: The Week in the Life of an Accessible Library.** Experience a week with the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center. Discover the unique ways TBBC provides reader’s advisory, circulation, collection development, outreach, and programming to those with low vision, blindness, or a physical, perceptual, or reading disability that prevents them from using regular print materials. Learn about the diverse range of services and resources available, including success stories from TBBC’s efforts to break down barriers to ensure that all may read.

Elizabeth Burns, New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center; Jen Apgar, New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center; Stephen Felle; New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center; Liz Kelly, New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center; Luisa Martucci, New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center

**Thursday, May 30, 11:00 – 11:50: Literacy for All: Supporting Dyslexic and Neurodivergent Children and Teens in the Library.** Did you know that 1 in 5 people are dyslexic? Yet, it’s still one of the most misunderstood learning disabilities, continuing to mystify librarians and educators alike? Join youth services librarians Brie Mintz and Jen Apgar for a session covering various ways to break barriers in supporting neurodivergent and dyslexic children and teens throughout the library and schools. We will discuss programming ideas, outreach opportunities, resources to support your patrons and students, and inclusive collaboration! Brianne Mintz, Children's Librarian, Springfield Free Public Library; Jennifer Apgar, New Jersey State Library Talking Book &Braille Center

**Thursday, May 30, 4:40 -5:30: Talking the Talk: Supporting & Valuing Bilingual Staff.** Bilingual staff are integral to libraries, but bilingual tasks and translation work are difficult and time consuming endeavors. Many libraries may be taking advantage (often without even realizing it). Join us to learn how to avoid asking too much of your bilingual team members. Plus, explore the avenues available for providing additional pay, as well as crafting job titles and job descriptions, that acknowledge and compensate for the hard work these staff members do every day. Rachel Montanez, Ocean County Library; Luisa Martucci, New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center; Tanya Finney Estrada, Pennsauken Free Public Library; Jennie Pu, Hoboken Public Library; Moderator Darby Malvey, LibraryLinkNJ

**Friday, May 31, 11:00 – 12:00: Poster Sessions: Delivering the NJSL Pizza Challenge Hot and Fresh,** NJSL and TBBC staff: Regina Fitzpatrick, Michael Maziekien, Andrea Levandowski, Jen Apgar, and Liz Kelly

**Friday, May 31, 11:40 – 12:30: ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books.** Every year the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) selects notable books of “especially commendable quality” which “exhibit venturesome creativity.” This list includes fiction and nonfiction titles for birth through 14. This program will describe the process of developing the list and introduce our favorites on the 2024 list. Elizabeth Burns, New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center; Dr. Ellen Pozzi, William Paterson University

**GARDEN STATE BOOK AWARDS**

Report by Ellen Ryan

Ellen shared the website: <https://njlamembers.org/content/garden-state-childrens-book-awards>

She shared that libraries can have displays at any time. Voting is available for a long period of time. Displays help circulate these books,

At the conference, the **Garden State Book Award Luncheon** will be on **Friday, May 31 - 12:30-2.** CSS will announce the winners as will YASS. There will be raffles! The guest speaker will be Stacy Nockowitz, the author of *The Prince of Steel Pier.* Stacy was a former middle school librarian in NJ and is now an author.

Ellen will have a poster at the CSS table, telling people about the GSBA Committee. This committee will need new members. Jen Fitzgerald will be the new head. There are three meetings a year. One of them is virtual. It’s a fun committee, but does require a lot of reading.

**CONFERENCE UPDATES**

Reported by Rachael Trotter

There is a very full conference of events. CSS will be having a table. Rachael has been creating a book to share different events all of us have had at our libraries. To share your best memories of the year: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFLXd3KM5-vqtab1HF4m1h1cTcnH0gw2i6Gzh7Ic79b5rYIQ/viewform?usp=sf_link>

Jenise will have a list of meeting dates for the next year and will have special event dates. It appears we will partner with YASS (Dana Vocht), Emerging Leadership (Cassandra Collucci), and Garden State Awards Committee (Jen Fitzgerald & Jennifer Grazioso).  We will be continuing with the ZOOM platform.

To take a turn manning the table:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g7_1UODsI9PuWmwjJ6znkdCcjebXsz_iqKcuvUHSNdo/edit?usp=sharing>

If you are interested in helping to moderate the presentations, please contact either Rachael Trotter or Jenise Sileo so that they can build a schedule. This might entail introducing the speaker and keeping the correct time.

The **CSS mixer** will be on **Thursday, May 30** , from **5:30 to 6:30.** **Trivia Games, Cocktail Hour & Raffle Drawing for $25 to spend at the NJLA store!** You can buy food and drinks if desired.

Sharon reported that she will have a poster session about Smokey the Bear on Friday, from 11-12. “Smokey” will be visiting the Conference with his handler, Quincy. Sharon will have related reading lists. Everyone can get their picture taken with Smokey the Bear if desired.

Sharon will be doing several sessions at the conference - mostly reader’s advisories. One is on Thursday around 3. Another is the last session on Thursday. One about Jewish and Muslim characters in books not referencing the Holocaust or terrorism, will be the last session on Friday. The books discussed will cover all ages.

Teresa’s poster application was accepted for Thursday, May 30, from 3:00 to 3:40.

**CSS programs at Conference:**

**Creative Outreach**:

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time:  9:00 AM

**Embrace Your Inner Child: Imagine, Design, and Create a New Library Space**:

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time:  9:00 AM

**Diversify Your Readers Advisory from Picture Books to Young Adult**:

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time: 2:00 PM

**Reliable Reads for Story Time Success**:

Date: Friday, May 31

Time:  2:10 PM

**Take a Look, It’s in a Book: Book Clubs for All Ages:**

Date: Friday, May 31

Time: 2:10 PM

**The What, Whys, and How’s of Sensory Story Time:**

Date: Friday, May 31

Time: 3:10 PM

**The Week in the Life of an Accessible Library**

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time: 9:00 AM

**Literacy for All: Supporting Dyslexic and Neurodivergent Children and Teens in the Library**

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time: 11:00 AM

**Kids Count**

Date: Thursday, May 30

Time: 11:00 AM

**ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books**

Date: Friday, May 31

Time: 11:40 AM

**Creating Visibility & Belonging: AAPI Collaborations with Libraries & Authors**

Date: Friday, May 31

Time: 2:10 PM

**NJALA UPDATES**

Report by Heather Kristian

NJ Association of Library Assistants report for various April 2024 meetings

2024 Membership Application is open. Join for free [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSct4GNziGPBiSs78vf03CXH3Nd-CHyTbv2SDF8neDqRkx8_Lw/viewform).

JALA Conference update

* Registration for the [35th Annual Conference](https://njala.org/my-cart/) is live!
* The conference will be Tuesday, 6/4/24 at Mercer County Community College from 9am-4:30pm
* The theme is “Stand Up to Stand Out,” featuring keynote speaker Scott Chesney [www.scottchesney.com](http://www.scottchesney.com)
* NJALA is always looking for volunteers to join the committee to plan the conference and help with other activities (plan/run virtual events, social media, etc). Please contact [njalaconference@gmail.com](mailto:njalaconference@gmail.com)

Upcoming [Virtual Workshops](https://njala.org/sessions/)

* None are currently scheduled.
* Are you interested in presenting virtually for NJALA?
  + Sessions last for 1-hour (including Q&A) virtually via Zoom
  + NJALA Committee Members moderate the event.
  + Presentations are generally recorded and added to our YouTube video archive. We’ll work with your schedule to pick the date and time of day to offer your presentation.
  + [Sign up here](https://forms.gle/VvWXdaDNjVuq4bJz7), and contact [njalaconference@gmail.com](mailto:njalaconference@gmail.com) with any questions
* NJALA is also happy to advertise virtual trainings and other programs from other groups that are relevant to our library paraprofessional demographic. Please contact [njalaconference@gmail.com](mailto:njalaconference@gmail.com)

Upcoming [Virtual Meet-Ups](https://njala.org/sessions/)

* Geared towards library paraprofessional staff, but everyone is welcome. Chat with other library workers to share tips, ask questions, and discuss your experiences. Libraries are diverse work environments and there are lots of special work areas within the field.
* Virtual meet-ups will not be recorded to create a safe, judgment-free space to network and speak openly.
* All are scheduled for 2 pm on either the first or second Thursday of the month
  + [Adult Services Meet-Up on 4/11/2024](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kfuGsrDoqGNOif8afi7DbIUkfKCvN-w-B)
  + [Teen Services Meet-Up on 5/9/2024](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdemspz0uG9Rf3MY9v-0sStTaOp17b0tB)
  + [Collection & Tech Services Meet-Up on 6/6/2024](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdeGupzwjEtR1vsn1ncb8VzO7hCng35sL)

Come see NJALA at NJLA’s Conference!

* <https://njlaconference.info/content/meet-new-jersey-association-library-assistants>
* Meet the NJALA (New Jersey Association of Library Assistants)
* Friday, 5/31 9am-9:50am

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FROM AGENDA**

We are still waiting to hear back from the NJLA Nomination committee. And, we still have an opening for the NEW Social Media Manager- please let us know if you are interested in helping in this area. Since it is new, the person can bring all the creativity and energy to make it their own. We just need someone to organize the platforms to promote our events.

**NEXT MEETING INFORMATION**

There will be **no meeting in May** as we will all be **meeting at the Conference.**

The **first CSS kick off** the fall will be **Friday, Sept 27 at 10 AM.** The link will be on the NJLA calendar and that meeting, we will introduce you to the new leadership team. Please plan on attending, we want to hear from you about your library’s summer time successes. The **recurring CSS Zoom link t**hat will be used**:**[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86758573935**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86758573935)

 Respectfully submitted,

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