**NJLA Children’s Services Section**

**Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2016 @ 12:50 pm**

**Meeting Held at Monroe Twp. Library, Youth Services Forum Lunch**

**In Attendance:**  
Candace Worrell, President Cherry Hill Public Library

Jessica Bauer, 2nd Vice President Hillsborough Library, SCLS

Theresa Foster, Secretary/Treasurer Barnegat Branch, Ocean County Library

Melissa Mitchell, Member-at-Large #2 Franklin Township

Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist NJ State Library

Natalie Cheetham, Summer Reading Com Chair Cedar Grove Public Library

Robin Rockman, Prof. Development Oradell Public Library

Bruce DuBoff, NJASL President Pennsauken Township

Ellen Pozzi, GSCBA William Patterson University

Jen Apgar NJ Talking Book & Braille Center

Sophie Brookover LibraryLinkNJ

Maryann Burden Chester Library

Emily Witkowski Maplewood Memorial Library

Karen Stuppi New Brunswick Public Library

Barbara Mease Greenwich Branch, GCLS

Alexandra Mendez Bergenfield Library

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome/Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Reports from subcommittees
   1. Summer Reading Committee (Natalie Cheetham)
   2. State Library (Sharon Rawlins)
   3. Garden State Book Awards (Elle Pozzi)
   4. NJLA Executive Board
   5. Books for Kids
   6. Public Policy
   7. Performer’s Showcase
6. Good of the Order
7. Adjournment

**Call to Order:**

Candace Worrell called the meeting to order at 1:25pm.

**Minutes:**

The last meeting Minutes were approved by Candace Worrell. Seconded by Jessica Bauer.

**Welcome:**

Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves and their positions in NJLA and NJASL.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

NJLA Conference Discussion – Two Proposals have been completed: 1. Zumba for Kids 2. What’s the Grad School Experience Really Like, Luncheon and RoundTable

Looking for more proposals and more ideas. A general discussion brought the following topics:

* Pinterest Groups Adults / Kids
* GSCBA’s representative Ellen Pozzi suggested ALSC’s Notable Books presentation.
* Brown Bag Discussion GSCBA informational session. Ellen responded favorably. A lot of the newer members were unsure of how GSCBA works or how to participate.
* A children’s specific Book Buzz was requested focusing on picture and juvenile books. It was suggested that Baker and Taylor be asked to present. What to be aware of for the coming year.
* Turning failing programming into winning programming: How to make stats go from 0 to 40! When to drop it and how to turn it around.
* Developmental Milestones and Story Time. Inspired by the recent Early Childhood Development presentation with Saroj that many Youth Services Librarians attended. Ellen Pozzi may be able to assist. The NJASL president, Bruce Duboff, said he may be able to assist with this at the very least an email blast requesting teachers or librarians with an early childhood education background. Those teachers in preschool disabled classrooms may be the best equipped to handle this type of topic.
* Elementary Ed Programming: How to get ‘em and what to do. Targeting after school kids and what to do. Suggested by Jessica Bauer, 2nd VP.
* Sophie Brookover suggested a follow up session on micro aggression with LaShauna and Bryce and possibly Angie Manfreddie regarding censorship and diverse books. LaShanuna could be invited to speak on multiple topics.
* Sophie Brookover also suggested having a panel regarding intellectual freedom and social justice issues and the role of librarians inspired by issues recently in the news: VOYA negatively reviewing a bi-sexual character and Highlights only depicting straight families. Sophie also suggested that Eileen Palmer may be interested in participating on the panel.

Representatives from YA and Professional Development said they are eager to collaborate on many of the sessions.

**NJ Makers Day**Register now for NJ Makers Day -- Friday March 24th & Saturday March 25th -- <http://njmakersday.org/>

The early-bird registration period will run from September 19th to November 18th.

You will have access to a Free Press Kit, Professional Development Opportunities, and Program ideas

There is tons of freedom to run the day how you choose

**Reports:**

**Summer Reading Report** - Natalie Cheetham - Chair, NJLA Summer Reading Committee  
Same as last month. The committee will next meet formally on Friday, December 9th @ the Franklin Township Public Library. If anyone is still interested in serving on the committee, please email me at [njlasummerreading@gmail.com](mailto:njlasummerreading@gmail.com)

Summer Reading Workshop Dates are set:

Monday, March 6th Wayne

Friday, March 10th Mullica Hill

Monday, March 20th Franklin Township

Monday, March 27th Monroe Township

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**NJ State Library Report** – Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

**Grants for Mobile Mini-Makerspace Kits – Application Due Nov. 1. 2016**

Through this competitive grant program, NJSL and LLNJ will help fund the purchase of three mobile mini-makerspace kits for joint use by a partnering public library/branch and public school library (Kindergarten - Grade 8) at a maximum amount of $7,500 per award. The focus of this initiative is on small communities, (population of less than 15,000) in an effort to strengthen the connection between a public library/branch and a public school library while reinforcing their shared role of providing school, student, and community support in the area of STEAM programming. For grant application and guidelines go here: <http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/resources/grants/>

**National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) Bilingual Storytime Kits**

There will be continued funding for 7-10 kits

Look for more information on how to apply soon

**Garden State Children’s Book Awards Report & Discussion –** Ellen Pozzi, Committee Member

* GSCBA is working on a survey regarding changing Easy Readers to now read Early Readers. It will go out to CSS members soon.
* GSCBA is active on Twitter – Facebook – Pinterest – Instagram. Follow them where you are.
* Ellen asked if the budget allowed for printing and laminating of posters to promote GSCBA. They have cut down on printing costs immensely, so they will get an estimate and follow-up with a number for printing posters. There is a GSCBA budget line as well as a miscellaneous budget line for the CSS section.
* They will promote GSCBA at NJASL Conference
* The YA Section is approaching Laurie Halse Anderson for the Garden State Luncheon at NJLA Conference.
* Remember to encourage your kids to vote. Votes due January 4th
* Remember you can use check out statistics to help determine winners at your library.
* Brown Bag Discussion GSCBA informational session at NJLA Conference. It has to become a proposal. A lot of the newer members were unsure of how GSCBA works or how to participate.
* GSCBA is trying to up participation with school librarians
* Looking for ways librarians can outreach to schools and promote GSCBA while visiting, especially in an election year, kids can experience voting – Jessica Bauer has an upcoming school outreach and will promote GSCBA and report back how her outreach went.
* Ballots are not online yet; investigating using a Google Form
* Thinking of going from a weighted format to determine winners, to per each individual vote like the YA Section uses.
* You may edit the ballots to only include books in your collection – you do not have to use the ballot as is

**NJLA Executive Board Report –** No Report

2nd Vice President Jessica Bauer will be at the next Executive Board meeting. She will be contacting the NJLA office to let them know she will be in attendance.

**Books 4 Kids Report:** Carol was in attendance and handing out packets. Libraries not in attendance will be automatically shipped their packets. Let Carol Simon Levin know of any address changes. Artwork for the posters was once again provided by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI).

**NJLA Public Policy Report -** No report

**Performer’s Showcase Report -** Thursday, November 3rd  <https://njla.org/content/2016-performers-showcase>

**LibraryLinkNJ Report –** submitted by Sophie Brookover

[**MentorNJ In-Person Networking Event**](https://mail.theoceancountylibrary.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=hPzdCMMT1tAnOUakwDJQPfIy5VnlFkxTnMRNFmZt8pvQBYRLXv_TCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flibrarylinknj.org%2fMentorNJ%2fprograms%2fin-person-networking2016), with presentations & table talks by ALA Past President Courtney Young, Fobazi Ettarh, Tiffany McClary, Sophie Brookover and more: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 - registration is open now! This event is free of charge & will include a delicious buffet lunch.

[**The Right & Proper Way to Play Mind Tricks on Your Supervisor**](https://mail.theoceancountylibrary.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=CfKLaXIu7syB9VtdDkuKo9YPp5_A-kseIBEwQGtI977QBYRLXv_TCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flibrarylinknj.org%2fcontent%2fwebinar-right-and-proper-way-play-mind-tricks-your-supervisor)  
Presented by Brett Bonfield  
November 16, 2016 | 2:30-3:30 pm [Registration is open](https://mail.theoceancountylibrary.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=CfKLaXIu7syB9VtdDkuKo9YPp5_A-kseIBEwQGtI977QBYRLXv_TCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flibrarylinknj.org%2fcontent%2fwebinar-right-and-proper-way-play-mind-tricks-your-supervisor)

You have a great idea and wonder how you can present it in a persua... forget this. I'm going to give you a rare opportunity to listen in while we talk, library leader to library leader. Yo, Directors, Managers, Supervisors, Leaders, and other muckety mucks: Isn't it nice that most of the people you supervise almost never give you any suggestions at all, and the few suggestions you do get are boring, impenetrable, or impossible? If you want to go on coming up with your own ideas and ignoring the few ideas your colleagues bother to present, then I recommend \*not\* letting them participate in the "The Right and Proper Way to Play Mind Tricks on Your Supervisor" webinar, which will not only teach them to read your thoughts, it'll teach them to BLOW YOUR MIND. And who wants that, right?

*This program is offered in collaboration with [MentorNJ](https://mail.theoceancountylibrary.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=GWx4UctaQE_qr8-okhH24BSMGahRGGSqAKw6X5TxDcDQBYRLXv_TCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flibrarylinknj.org%2fMentorNJ" \t "_blank), a joint initiative funded by the New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ, The New Jersey Library Cooperative.*

**Join colleagues from around the state at LibraryLinkNJ’s Fall Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 30.**  
We’ll be meeting at the Monroe Township Public Library (Middlesex County) for an interactive morning workshop -- Don’t Just Survive, Thrive: Sharing Ideas & Opportunities -- with the team from[Philadelphia’s community engagement firm P’unk Ave](https://mail.theoceancountylibrary.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ypAHYVnm7Cp4hNmGR2JDE7toBqvFjZA92dGT9W27HKbQBYRLXv_TCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fpunkave.com%2f), followed by lunch and a business meeting.

The morning workshop will include opportunities to:

* Identify and share new ideas for services
* Discuss triumphs and disappointments
* Apply lessons shared by our colleagues
* Refresh our collective creative spirits

[Registration is free & open now](https://mail.theoceancountylibrary.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BDnl7kbTVvljfp_XSaVXPwEaAF_FgtzBZisC8JFha7zQBYRLXv_TCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flibrarylinknj.org%2fcontent%2flibrarylinknj-fall-membership-meeting-2016) to all staff at member libraries.

The day’s schedule:

Coffee & Networking: 9:30 am - 10 am

Don’t Just Survive, Thrive: Sharing Ideas & Opportunities: 10 am - 12 noon

Lunch: 12 noon - 1 pm

Business Meeting: 1 pm - 2 pm

Find full details of the day and register online[here](https://mail.theoceancountylibrary.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BDnl7kbTVvljfp_XSaVXPwEaAF_FgtzBZisC8JFha7zQBYRLXv_TCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flibrarylinknj.org%2fcontent%2flibrarylinknj-fall-membership-meeting-2016).

Please save the dates for the following webinars. We’ll be opening registration for each one about a month before the event takes place, and will announce registration for each widely.

**Fresh Lit 2016: New & Forthcoming Literary Fiction for Readers and Book Groups, with Roz Reisner**

December 8, 2016 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

An annual tradition at LibraryLinkNJ! This will be the sixth time Roz joins us to share all the titles your readers will be clamoring for in 2017.

**Data Visualization for the Rest of Us, with Linda Hofschire**

January 4, 2017 | 10 am - 11:30 am

Your library collects data all year round. Come learn how to present it to stakeholders so you really shine.

**Around the Table/Good of the Order:**  
CSS meetings are going well and attendance has been up compared to last year since combining CSS meetings with major youth services events happening in the state.

Our next meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, November 21st at 3pm via Adobe Connect. Please watch for a CSS e-mail with details on how to participate.

**Adjournment:**The meeting was adjourned by Candace at 1:25 pm.