**NJLA Children’s Services Section Executive Board**

**Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2015 @ 10:00am**

**Meeting Held through Adobe Connect**

**In Attendance:**

Colleen Affrime, President Ocean County Library, Jackson

Candace Worrell, 1st Vice President Cherry Hill Public Library

Jennifer Schillig, 2nd Vice President Monroe Township Library

Theresa Foster, Secretary/Treasurer Ocean County Library, Barnegat

Amy Behr, Member-at-Large North Plainfield, SCLS

Ellen Pozzi, GSCBA Chair William Paterson University

Holly Belli Bloomfield Public Library

Nancy Lepionka Somerville, SCLS

Doug Baldwin Piscataway Public Library, Kennedy Branch

**\*\*Reports are attached at the end of the transcript\*\***

**Agenda:**

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**Call to Order:**

  Colleen: It's 10 am and people need to leave early so shall we begin?

**Approval of Minutes:**  
  Colleen: Do I have a motion to approve the minutes?  
  Candace Worrell: yes  
  Colleen: second?  
  Nancy Lepionka: seconded  
  Colleen: thank you.

**Old Business:**

* 1. **Location for January Meeting**

Colleen: Old Business: I never heard back from Sharon about using the state library for the Jan meeting.  
  Amy Behr: When is our January meeting?  
  Colleen: It's currently scheduled for 1/22.  Is anyone's space available and/or do we want to move it to say the 29th because the Summer Reading Committee is also meeting that day.  
  Amy Behr: North Plainfield is free (I think)  
  Amy Behr: I will check right now  
  Candace Worrell: for the 29th or 22nd?  
  Amy Behr: The 29th  
  Theresa Foster: I think Barnegat is free -- but I'm the exact opposite direction as N. Plainfield  
  Amy Behr: Yup, definitely available  
  Candace Worrell: I can attend the one on the 29th so that would work better for me  
  Colleen: I think we are evenly split between north and south people  
  Amy Behr: How about North Plainfield for January and if Barnegat is free in February we go there in Feb?  
  Colleen: North Plainfield 1/29 for our next meeting -- yes?  
  Candace Worrell: yes  
  Colleen: Feb is scheduled to be virtual again.  
  Amy Behr: Ok - is it still set for February 19?  
  Amy Behr: Because that is the same day as a GSCBA meeting, so perhaps we can change it?  
  Colleen: yes which conflicts us with Summer Reading again as well?  
  Colleen: Ok better change Feb.  
  Ellen Pozzi: Yes-sorry about that--we had to schedule it then to meet deadlines.  
  Ellen Pozzi: Our snow date is Feb. 26th  
  Colleen: If Doug can confirm our availability Feb 26 virtual.  
  Colleen: Speaking of snow I'll give Amy my contact information and we'll send out an email if there is snow on the 29th (of January)  
  Amy Behr: Sounds good to me

**b. NJLA Executive Board Communications**

Colleen: Ok I called Pat Tumulty and asked if we could be notified of exec board meeting cancellations  
  Theresa Foster: That has happened to us other years.  
  Colleen: She suggested calling her the week before to let her know if we were planning on attending  
  Colleen: That said information on the last meeting was sent to the NJLA leadership  listserv  
  Jennifer Schillig: Hello all...just a little login delay.  
  Colleen: Perfect timing. Jennifer do you want me to forward those to you?  
  Colleen: By those I mean All exec board agendas I get  
  Jennifer Schillig: Yes please. Just downloading the latest minutes that Pat sent me.  
  Colleen: Great!

1. **New Librarians Toolbox**

  Colleen: New Librarians Toolbox is scheduled for March 11th in Jackson  
  Jennifer Schillig: Got a new "emergency" laptop from my sister after my screen somehow broke on my other one so am still learning the ropes a bit for this one.  
  Colleen: At the last meeting we said we wanted to do a workshop on program planning.  Carol Levin, Sharon and I had most of the ideas.  Does anyone else have anything?  
  Ellen Pozzi: For the toolbox?  
  Colleen: Yes.  
  Colleen: I guess it's also a good time to ask if anyone has New Business  
  Colleen: Or should we just go to the reports?  
  Candace Worrell: Wait--toolbox  
  Candace Worrell: I think at emerging leaders we had someone speak about being a newbie and navigating with veterans  
  Candace Worrell: it was helpful  
  Candace Worrell: I can try to find out more  
  Theresa Foster: That fits very well  
  Colleen:ok great.  I think for the most part it's something I need to talk to interested parties with individually.  
  Ellen Pozzi: I am totally blanking  
  Theresa Foster: When are Conference proposals due? In the past if something wasn't accepted, we could take from that for the Toolbox  
  Ellen Pozzi: Actually--there was a book repair session at NJASL  
  Ellen Pozzi: it went over well--  
  Candace Worrell: Conference is submitted  
  Theresa Foster: When do we find out what was denied?

  Candace Worrell: we will find out what has been accepted in January  
  Theresa Foster: ok

**Reports:**

  Colleen: Ok.  Reports.  Since Sharon is at **Summer Reading** we will just put her information into the minutes for SRC, & **State Library**

**Conference Submissions**

  Colleen: Candace you're up  
  Candace Worrell: book repair has also been submitted as a conference  we cosponsored it  
  Ellen Pozzi: Good  
  Candace Worrell: ok  we submitted 9 proposals  
  Candace Worrell: plus we cosponsored 4  
  Candace Worrell: does anyone want a rundown on titles?  
  Colleen: Yes please  
  Candace Worrell: ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Important! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books  
  Colleen: Great title  
  Jennifer Schillig: Nice!  
  Candace Worrell: Conversation Starter: But We've Always Done it That Way!  
  Jennifer Schillig: Love it!  
  Candace Worrell: Conversation Starter: Celebrating Holidays in the Library  
  Candace Worrell: The ABC’s of Inclusive Enrichment Programs in the Library  
  Jennifer Schillig: THAT can be touchy. The holidays, I mean.  
  Candace Worrell: that one is a preconference  
  Candace Worrell: Special Olympics @ the Library: How a Young Athletes Program Opens Doors and Minds in your Community.  
  Ellen Pozzi: Cool  
  Candace Worrell: Trust Me, I’m a Librarian: Bringing Game Shows to the Library  
  Candace Worrell: Story Time Basics and Beyond!  
  Candace Worrell: I can’t sleep, Mommy!  There’s a book under my bed!”  Darkness in Children’s Literature  
  Colleen: LOVE  
  Ellen Pozzi: Story time basics is a good topic for the toolbox also  
  Candace Worrell: that one is with J.A> White  
  Jennifer Schillig: LOVE that one too!  
  Candace Worrell: then of course the luncheon  
  Ellen Pozzi :I am keeping my fingers crossed on that one  
  Candace Worrell: we cosponsored a book club one with teens, adults'  
  Candace Worrell: we cosponsored keeping up with copyright  
  Candace Worrell: we cosponsored fundamentals of preservation and care'  
  Ellen Pozzi: BTW--for the luncheon we have Rita Williams-Garcia if they approve it  
  Candace Worrell: we cosponsored harnessing the power of fandom with teens'  
  Candace Worrell: ok, I’m done copying and pasting now  
  Jennifer Schillig: Go geekdom!  
  Colleen: Great.  It looks good now we just wait.

**Garden State Book Awards**

  Colleen: Ellen do you want to give your report?  
  Ellen Pozzi: Sure  
  Ellen Pozzi: This is a quiet time for GSCBA except for planning the luncheon  
  Colleen: And please tell us more about Rita Williams-Garcia  
  Ellen Pozzi: I met her a couple of times recently at different conferences, and have heard her speak  
  Ellen Pozzi: she is a great speaker and I think that having someone diverse at the conference would be great  
  Ellen Pozzi: Plus her book is on the list--P.S. Be Eleven  
  Ellen Pozzi: She has written picture books, middle grade and YA  
  Ellen Pozzi: so perfect range for the luncheon  
  Ellen Pozzi: Which is why I am crossing my fingers that the committee says okay to her fee  
  Ellen Pozzi: I think she would be a popular speaker  
  Ellen Pozzi: ok--votes are due Jan. 4th--please send in your votes and encourage everyone you know to do the same  
  Ellen Pozzi: I am going to send out reminders to the listserv also  
  Ellen Pozzi: Ok. Done.  
  Colleen: Ok.  And where can people submit ballots, etc.?  
  Ellen Pozzi: [GSCBAcom@gmail.com](mailto:GSCBAcom@gmail.com)   
  Ellen Pozzi: or [pozzie@wpunj.edu](mailto:pozzie@wpunj.edu)  
  Colleen: thank you.  
  Ellen Pozzi: can mail to me at 1600 Valley Rd, Wayne NJ 07470

**NJLA Executive Board**

  Colleen: Jennifer what do you have today?  
  Jennifer Schillig: Okay, here are the highlights from the most recent report I've got. Am switching back and forth between Chrome and Word here so be patient...  
  Jennifer Schillig: Finances seem pretty good. Have broken about even for 2014-15 FY and didn't even need to use much of their financial reserves.  
  Colleen: good - especially since we want that money for GSCBA luncheon  
  Candace Worrell: and many more proposals...  
  Jennifer Schillig: They have adopted a motion to get an NJLA credit card with a 10k line.  
  Colleen: interesting  
  Jennifer Schillig: Strategic plan is underway but needs to be built on.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Conference space in Harrah's looks good so far according to Pat.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Several non-MLS jobs on the NJLA job hotline.  
  Jennifer Schillig: They are looking to increase vendor fees from 75 to 125.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Proposal to increase fees has been adopted, despite some apprehension as to whether it would deter vendors.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Sixteen continuing education proposals were approved.  
  Jennifer Schillig: YA section is looking to do an informal conversation program as opposed to the teen toolbox.  
  Colleen: Can you elaborate on that?  
  Colleen: The continuing ed?  
  Jennifer Schillig: From the minutes: ● The PD committee received 16 CE proposals, and all were approved. They hope to have guidelines in place by next May that they will make available to the membership for planning purposes. They will promote CE programs through newsletter, leadership listserves, Twitter, and Facebook groups. They also intend to make a calendar so that we can all see the list of programs in one place.  
  Colleen: Ok so this is what thy talked about at the leadership meeting in June  
  Jennifer Schillig: YA section is trying to attract more librarians from different areas in the state and letting them know they do more than just the book awards.  
  Theresa Foster: When is the YA Toolbox? I thought we alternated with them bi-yearly?  
  Jennifer Schillig: The "teen librarian toolbox" is what it says.  
  Colleen: Should I contact Katie?  
  Jennifer Schillig: They are finalizing the Teen Book Awards ballot.  
  Jennifer Schillig: The 125th anniversary task force is planning for a big event in 2016.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Possibly at Newark Public Library.  
  Jennifer Schillig: They would like to kick off each month with another reminder of the upcoming anniversary--for example, a trivia question.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Career Online High School has been launched and all 125 scholarships have been awarded as of August.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Rutgers LIS has a Google Plus community now for the purpose of mentoring students.  
  Candace Worrell: kinda stepping on the toes of njla mentor program, isn’t it?  
  Jennifer Schillig: That's pretty much the bigger stuff. Does anyone have any questions?  
  Jennifer Schillig: Maybe...I'm not sure what Rutgers' mentality is in the matter.  
  Jennifer Schillig: Oh, and Rutgers is planning to finalize degree concentrations, with LIS being one of them.  
  Nancy Lepionka: Rutgers' mentor program might be to help people find jobs?  
  Ellen Pozzi: or help students through the program  
  Jennifer Schillig: I'd think so.  
  Candace Worrell: good points

**Books for Kids**

  Colleen: Carol is Books for Kids and she's out.

**Public Policy**

  Colleen: ok Amy do you have Public Policy now?

Amy Behr: No updates. Today they have a public policy forum/workshop and there is no meeting in January.  
  Amy Behr: I will attend on February 5  
  Colleen: Alright.

**Performer’s Showcase**

  Colleen: We'll be getting a report to go in the minutes for performer's showcase as well.

**Good of the Order**

  Colleen: Does anyone have anything else they want to discuss?  
  Ellen Pozzi: I wanted to mention something else I am involved in  
  Ellen Pozzi: I am the Urban Librarians Committee Chair for NJASL  
  Ellen Pozzi: We are working with the Urban Libraries section of NJLA to present an Urban Libraries Summit in March  
  Ellen Pozzi: At WPU--March 5th  
  Ellen Pozzi: I am starting to work on the planning, but I will keep you and Teen in the loop  
  Ellen Pozzi: it will be for both School and Public librarians  
  Colleen: great.  
  Ellen Pozzi: I hope it works out well  
  Ellen Pozzi: In NJASL the urban librarians feel like they are ignored  
  Colleen: Was there an Urban Libraries Summit previously?  
  Ellen Pozzi: I don't think so.  This is something new  
  Ellen Pozzi: I have been working with Paterson Public Library and the school librarians in Paterson  
  Ellen Pozzi: in response to the loss of school librarians there  
  Ellen Pozzi: This idea came out of those meetings  
  Colleen: Excellent  
  Jennifer Schillig: Cool.  
  Colleen: So I'm going to contact YA about their Toolbox and also look into the CE stuff from professional development and hopefully have more info for next meeting

**Adjournment**

Colleen: Motion to adjourn?  
  Candace Worrell: yes  
  Ellen Pozzi: Yes  
  Colleen: So moved!  See you in January.  
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**Performers’ Showcase Report for CSS Section Meeting, December 4, 2015**

Submitted by Diane Maher, Chairperson -- December 1, 2015

2015 Performers’ Showcase was a success. Positive feedback was received from attendees as well as performers. The Showcase Committee is a great group and we always welcome newcomers. Susanna Chan and I have agreed to co-chair for 2016 in the hopes that someone will transition into the position come 2017.

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**NJSL Report for CSS Section Meeting, December 4, 2015**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

**NJSL Database Survey**The New Jersey State Library will be procuring JerseyClicks statewide databases ([www.jerseyclicks.org](http://www.jerseyclicks.org)) for multi-year contracts next spring, and we need your help. We are assembling a statewide advisory committee that will assists us with the process, but we would also appreciate input from as many New Jersey librarians as possible.

Please let us know which databases/electronic resources are important for your library community by taking our survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9W7ZHYP>

The survey asks you to evaluate our current JerseyClicks statewide database offerings and to recommend other databases/electronic resources for the State Library to consider, if funding allows. The survey will be open until December 31, 2015.

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**NJSL and NJ Center for the Book**

Sharon Rawlins is working on a subcommittee of the NJ Center for the Book to oversee the development of an online serialized storybook *“Jersey Trackers (the JTs) and the Imagination Tree”*to be launched in 2016. Each of 8 chapters will be written and illustrated by prominent NJ children’s authors and illustrators, including Wendy Mass, Wil Mara, Pam Curtis Swallow, Trinka Hakes Noble, Margie Palatini, Pat Brisson, Jim Murphy and Josh Tiprigan, the 2009 Letters About Literature National Winner from NJ. The focus of the stories is to take young readers and their characters to various literary landmarks across the state. The inaugural chapter will begin in March 2016 and will conclude at the *Letters About Literature* Celebration in May 2016. The target audience will be a state-wide website exposure for NJCFB in Partnership with the NJ State Library. We will be posting the link for kids to read the story on various websites and listservs. The authors are doing a wonderful job!

**Statewide 2015 Summer Reading Statistics**

2015 Totals – All Ages

Total books read by all ages 1,767,373 (2014 - 1,912,195)

Total registration by all ages 139,678 (2014 - 130,504)

Total participants by all ages 149,667 (2014 - 166,368)

Total programs for all ages 30,542 (2014 - 27,119)

Total program attendance – all ages 623,896 (2014 - 592,714)

**2016 CSLP Teen Video Challenge (Statewide Summer Reading Initiative) – Just in case you work with youth aged 12 in your library**

NJ is participating in the 2016 Teen Video Challenge (2016 TVC), a [CSLP](http://www.cslpreads.org) sponsored national video competition for teens to create videos that promote reading, libraries, and the 2016 CSLP teen summer reading slogan, “*Get in the Game -Read*.” Teens (ages 12 – 18) across the country are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their unique interpretation of the 2016 teen slogan *Get in the Game -Read* in combination with reading and libraries. Teens are encouraged, before and during the summer months, to be a part of the summer reading process by showcasing their creativity and sharing their ideas before a national audience.

The winning video from each state that participates will be named one of the CSLP 2016 Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide. $150 will be awarded to the creator or creative team of the winning state video and their associated public library will receive a gift certificate for prizes worth at least $50 from CSLP, Upstart and CSLP partners. The winners will be announced by CSLP in April 2016. For full details about the CSLP 2016 Teen Video Challenge and to find out how to enter, go to the [NJ State Library’s website](mailto:http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/consulting_services/youth_services/summer_reading/) and see the attached documents on the summer reading page here: <http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/consulting_services/youth_services/summer_reading/> or visit [CSLP](http://www.cslpreads.org).

Your library’s teens can join 14-year-old Meghan Tandon from Bridgewater Library, a branch of the Somerset County Library System, who was the 2015 video winner from NJ. View her video on [YouTube](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VURTcP87Bv0). Or view last year’s winners from other states by visiting the [Teen Video Challenge](http://www.cslpreads.org/programs/teen-program/teen-video-challenge/) on CSLP’s website.

CSLP is a consortium of public libraries and state library agencies throughout the United States, its territories, and the Cayman Islands, who are working together, sharing ideas, expertise, and costs to produce a high-quality summer reading program for children, teens, and adults.

**Other Summer Reading Items:**2016 Summer Reading Manuals: The manuals have been sent out to all public libraries and they are either already at your library, or will be there soon. Summer Reading Workshops: Four (4) workshops will be offered in March at the same locations as last year: Wayne, Monroe (Middlesex County), Franklin Township Public Library (Somerset County) and Gloucester County Library in Mullica Hill. Dates TBA.

Apply for YALSA’s **Summer Learning Grants**   
Don’t forget to apply for the 2016 Summer Learning Grants. There are two grant types: Summer Learning Program and Teen Summer Intern Program, each worth $1000. Twenty of each grant are being funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Learn more and apply [here](http://ala.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b9b7f12a0545b1a14ef19a691&id=e05a674de5&e=V632dpEnFw) (http://summerreading.ning.com/page/summerlearning-

grants?xg\_source=msg\_mes\_network) Applications are due by January 1, 2016. Eligibility requirements apply.  
  
**State Library Job Opening**

Jenn Podolsky, formerly the NJ State Library’s Lifelong Learning’s Technology and Training Project Specialist, is now the director of East Brunswick Public Library. Her position as Project Specialist for Business Outreach, Workforce Development and Library Technology in Lifelong Learning is posted on the [State Library’s website](http://www.njstatelib.org/about/employment-opportunities/):

<http://www.njstatelib.org/about/employment-opportunities/>

**Other items of interest from the field:**

**YALSA’s Nonfiction Award Finalists Announced!**  
The 2016 finalists for YALSA's Nonfiction Award have been announced. Check them out via a video [here](http://ala.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b9b7f12a0545b1a14ef19a691&id=53d1a738e9&e=V632dpEnFw). Be sure to share the video with your teen patrons and share it with your community or on your library website!

**ALSC Mentoring Forum December 16**Have you ever wondered what it means to be a mentor or mentee? What is the time commitment like?

You’re invited to a new event, the [ALSC Mentoring Forum: Ideas, Support, and Tough Love](http://www.ala.org/alsc/mentoring/forum). This live forum is for mentees, mentors, and anyone interested in mentoring. The forum includes **live audio** from ALSC Marketing Manager, Dan Bostrom and former mentor Marybeth Kozikoski, and former mentee Rachel Sharpe.

Topics covered will include **working with a match, setting goals, communicating, and addressing challenges**. Participants till have time to ask questions and offer tips. Attendees should RSVP at the ALSC Mentoring site.

The ALSC Mentoring Forum will take place on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015**:

        2pm Eastern

        1pm Central

        12pm Mountain

        11am Pacific

**Best Books Lists**

***School Library Journal*** unveiled its **Best Books** lists on Monday, November 23 at 6pm: Google+/[YouTube Live Stream](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uc4oCPibxhw)

***Kirkus’s*** schedule of its Best Books lists are**:** Teens on Dec. 14th; [Picture Books](https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2015/section/picture-books/) on Nov. 23rd, and [Middle Grade](https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2015/section/middle-grade/) on Nov. 30th.

[**PW's Best Picture Books**](:%20http:/best-books.publishersweekly.com/pw/best-books/2015/picture-books)

[**PW’s Best Middle Grade Books:**](http://best-books.publishersweekly.com/pw/best-books/2015/middle-grade#book/book-15)

**Resources for Coping with Disasters**

Disaster Distress Helpline: [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990)

The helpline is also available in Spanish, by text and by TTY.  
<http://www.disasterdistress.samhsa.gov/>

Talking to Children about the Shooting

<http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/talking_to_children_about_the_shooting.pdf>

Tips for Parents on explaining media coverage to children

<http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/tips_for_parents_media_final.pdf>

Restoring a Sense of Safety in the Aftermath of a Mass Shooting: Tips for Parents and Professionals

<http://www.cstsonline.org/resources/resource-master-list/restoring-a-sense-of-safety-in-the-aftermath-of-a-mass-shooting-tips-for-parents-and-professionals>

Psychological First Aid for Schools Field Operations Guide  
<http://www.nctsn.org/content/psychological-first-aid-schoolspfa>

Coping with Crisis - Helping Children With Special Needs

<http://ubhc.rutgers.edu/tlc/guidelines/educators/CopingwithCrisisHelpingChildrenSpecialNeeds.html>

Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal with Terrorism and Tragic Events – for ages 5 to 7.   
<http://www.redcross.ca/crc/documents/3-7-2_Tools-for-Teachers_Facing-Fear-Module-1-(ages-5-7).pdf>

Activity Book for African American Families: Helping Children Cope with Crisis

<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/cope_with_crisis_book/Pages/index.aspx>

After a Crisis: Helping Young Children Heal – checklist

<http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/helping_young_children_heal_crisis.pdf>

Parent Tips for Helping Preschool-Age Children after Disasters

<http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/appendix_tips_for_parents_with_preschool_children.pdf>

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