

## **NJLA Children's Services Section**

**Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2017 @ 10 am**

**Meeting Held at Old Bridge Public Library**

### **In Attendance (19):**

Lanora Melillo, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Scotch Plains Public Library
Jessica Bauer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Hillsborough Library, SCLS
Amy Behr, Member-at-Large #1	North Plainfield, SCLS
Melissa Mitchell, Member-at-Large #2	Franklin Township
Colleen Affrime, Past President	Jackson Branch, OCL
Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist	NJ State Library
Jenna Galley, GSCBA Co-Chair	Peapack-Gladstone Library
Antonette D'Orazio, GSCBA Co-Chair	Warren Township Library, SCLS
CSS Section Members	
GSCBA Committee Members	

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions/CSS joint Meeting
2. Membership List and Personnel Updates
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting - September 23, 2016 (GSBA) and November 21, 2016 (CSS)
4. Next meeting date - February 24, 2017 (snow date - March 3) (GSBA) - Feb. 24. 2017 at 3:00pm (Virtual)
5. Updates
  - a. NJASL - Kathy Hackler presented
  - b. CSS Report - proposed conference sessions for NJLA 2017
    - i. Results of request to change "Easy Reader" designation to "Early Reader"
    - ii. New Business - Supporting School Librarians (James Keebler) and Elections (Amy Behr)
    - iii. \*Reports from Subcommittees:
      1. Summer Reading (report from Natalie Cheetham)
      2. State Library (Sharon Rawlins)
      3. NJLA Executive Board (Jessica Bauer)
      4. Books for Kids (Carol Simon Levin)
      5. Public Policy (Melissa Mitchell)
      6. Performer's Showcase (Lanora Melillo)
        - iv. NJLA Conference 2017 programs (April 24-27, 2017 at Harrah's in AC) - volunteers needed
        - v. YA Section – speaker
        - vi. Conference volunteer tasks/assignments - begin list

### **Call to Order:**

Lanora Melillo called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

### **Minutes:**

GSCBA Minutes approved 1<sup>st</sup> - Juley, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dana

CSS Minutes approved 1<sup>st</sup> - Jessica, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lanora

### **Welcome:**

Antonette/Jenna introductions

Introductions around the table

**Reminders about next meetings:**

Next meeting date - February 24, 2017 (snow date - March 3) (GSBA) - Feb. 24. 2017 at 3:00pm (Virtual)

**NJASL:** Kathy and Ellen presented about GSBCA

Less attendance than last year

Book talked and talked about what to do with voting

Will share presentation that is in google Docs format--Betsy will put online for all to see

**Old Business:**

i. Results of request to change "Easy Reader" designation to "Early Reader"

YES

Will change on ballot

**New Business:**

ii. Supporting School Librarians (James Keebler) and Elections (Amy Behr)

James Keebler couldn't make it, but Lanora shared about "I Love My School Librarian" campaign (Valentine's cards to show love to school librarians). Betsy suggested sending Valentines to the Superintendents. To learn more about Unlock Student Potential and to access their pre-made materials for their "I <3 My School Librarian" campaign, you can access their website at <http://unlockstudentpotential.org/>

iii. **Reports:**

**Elections** (Amy Behr)

Passed around info about open positions. Deadline is in February. E-mail sent out to Listserv.

**Summer Reading Report** (Natalie Cheetham) Chair, NJLA Summer Reading Committee

The Summer Reading Committee met on Friday, January 6th at the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset where committee members shared their ideas for the upcoming workshops.

Registration for the Summer Reading Workshops will open on Monday, February 6th @ 10am. Those wishing to attend must have a login for our website ([njsummerreading.org](http://njsummerreading.org)) in order to register. Workshop dates are as follows:

- Monday, March 6th at the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 10th at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library System
- Monday, March 20th at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 27th at the Monroe Township Library

Doors will open at 9:30am, and the workshops will run from approximately 10am-1:30pm. In addition to presentations by our committee members, the workshops this year will feature several displays and an Incentive Swap, where participants can trade their unused prizes for new stuff.

In other news, the Conference Committee accepted our proposal for "Beyond the Books with David Macaulay" on Tuesday, April 24th @ 11:30am. David is donating an original sketch from his work on this year's CSLP poster to be raffled at the end of this presentation. There will be a book signing to follow.

Our next meeting is Friday, February 10th at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset where we will have our dress rehearsal for the workshops.

**NJ State Library Report** – (Sharon Rawlins) Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

*\*See end of document for FULL report*

Sharon added a few details to the full report which include:

Best Practice in Early Literacy Award deadline is in February  
(live links on website)

Miss Rumphis Award deadline February 1

Summer Manuals have been sent: USB, online access or print access

Multicultural Programming Award February 14

Fishing Pole loaner program- Sharon is still ironing out details. NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife

**NJLA Executive Board Report** – No Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jessica Bauer had no report from Exec. Board, but will be attending the upcoming meeting in either February or March

**Books 4 Kids Report** – (Carol Simon Levin)

Collected approximately 2,353 books. Feedback is great about the poster by illustrators.

**NJLA Public Policy Report** – (Mellissa Mitchell)

- School Librarians and requirements for ratio of school librarians to kids in public schools. 300 or more kids requires full time librarian. Less than 300 equals part time librarian.
- Literacy information instruction to be added to curriculum?
- Important so that kids can evaluate information (fake news)
- Statement coming to public policy from info freedom committee about “NJLA Statement on Division, Inclusion and Action” (talk about if this is just a statement of the moment or if it’s a statement of our beliefs/outlooks)

**Performer’s Showcase Report** - Needs a chair! (Jessica Bauer is waiting to supervisor approval)

**NJLA Conference:**

NJLA Conference Programs

Lenora submitted 15 proposals and 8 were approved. Most will take place on Tuesday.

The following panels were approved:

- ALSC’s Notable (Outstanding! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children’s Books
- Beyond the Books with Author/Illustrator David Macaulay
- Turing Failing Programs into Winning Programs: How to make How to Make Stats Go from 0 to 40!
- CSS and YASS Brown Bag Lunch
- Tech Programs for Low-Tech Librarians
- High Impact, Low Cost
- Summer Reading Book Buzz
- Escape the Library Challenge

To view the dates and times of the panels, please visit our [Excel sheet](#). If you would like to moderate one of the panels, please let me know ASAP. We need volunteers for our CSS and YASS Brown Bag Lunch. This session is designed as a chance to promote and recruit members members for both CSS and YASS; including the sub-sections of both of our

groups. Please let me know if you have any questions (the blue is a conflict in my schedule and yellow means that I haven't heard back to know if it was approved).

Lenora needs moderators for some. She will share the link with all the titles, rooms, times, day, etc.

YA- Selena and Rosie not here, but speaker will be Justina Ireland who wrote two YA books.

### **Good of the Order:**

- Sharon deadline is February 17 for Spanish Speaking presenters for storytime and pre-developed kits  
Apply with a reason why you want it- 10 libraries will be chosen
- Sharon spoke about "Fade to Black" where barbershops can partner with libraries and collect books to have kids read while they get a haircut. When they read enough, they get a free haircut.

### **Adjournment:**

11:27am (GSCBA meeting continued with their agenda)



## **NJSL Report for CSS Executive Board Meeting, January 27, 2017**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library

### **2017 Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards – Deadline to apply is February 20**

The State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The deadline to apply is February 20, 2017. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast at the NJLA Conference, April 26, 2017 at Harrah's in Atlantic City. For more information, including downloadable guidelines and the application, please visit the State Library's [website](#). Please visit the following [webpage](#) on the NJ State Library's website, and click on award brochures for more information about the previous winners.

Those who applied last year but did not win can re-apply with the same program as long as it was held within the past two years. Libraries who have won twice previously are not eligible to apply. Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, at [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116 if you have any questions.

### **2017 Summer Reading Workshops:**

It's time to start thinking warm thoughts. The summer reading workshops are coming!

Once again, the Summer Reading Committee is heading out across the state to help you prepare for your best summer ever.

Mark your calendars. The workshop dates are:

- Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library System
- Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Monroe Township Public Library

Each workshop runs from 9:30am-1:30pm and is full of inspiring ideas for all ages presented by our committee members.

Have some old prizes that you just can't get rid of? Participate in our new Incentive Swap! Bring your old prizes and walk away with something new.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get a head start on your summer planning.

Registration opens on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am. You must have a login for our website (<http://njsummerreading.org>) in order to register for the workshops.

Please email [njlasummerreading@gmail.com](mailto:njlasummerreading@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

We hope to see you soon!

### **2017 Multicultural Program Award -Deadline to apply *Tuesday, February 14, 2017***

The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for the 4th Annual Multicultural Program Award. The award honors outstanding library programs that increase understanding and promote multiculturalism through creative and sustainable cultural programming. The focus will be on public libraries for this year. Programs offered within the last two years preceding the award application deadline shall be eligible to receive the award. Libraries who have been awarded last year are ineligible for additional awards. Libraries can enter the same program from the previous year's applications. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. Three libraries will be honored during the [NJLA Conference](#) (State Librarian's Breakfast), April 24-26, 2017, Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City.

The winning libraries will be notified by Friday, March 10, 2017.

To apply - fill out and email the application form along with supporting materials. Please see the application form for more information.

For inquiries, please contact *Mimi Lee, Consultant for Diversity & Literacy Services* at [mlee@njstatelib.org](mailto:mlee@njstatelib.org)

#### **Reference:**

[2017 Multicultural Program Award Guidelines](#)

[2017 Multicultural Program Award Application Form](#)

#### **Past Winners:**

[2016 Multicultural Program Award](#)

[2015 Multicultural Program Award](#)

[2014 Multicultural Program Award](#)

### **2017 Summer Reading Manuals:**

All public libraries should have received their 2017 Summer Reading Manuals that were shipped in late October/early November. Libraries not on the delivery service had their manuals sent to the main library in the county where they are located. That library should make arrange to get the manual to your library. Libraries received print with one DVD, or a USB, or the manual online only. Not every library got what they wanted as indicated in the summer reading survey. I will be using those survey results to purchase the manuals for 2018. Each purchase of any manual gives you access to the online version as well. Here are the steps to accessing the online manual:

- Go to: <http://cslpreads.org>
- You must have a CSLP login and password. If you are not registered on the CSLP website, please create an account by clicking on Login/Register in the upper right hand corner of the CSLP website.
- Once you are logged into the site, click on [Proprietary Downloads](#) located on the tool bar.
- The first time you enter this section, you must request the on-line manual access code by clicking on the Online Manual Request, located in the left hand column of the page.
- Choose your STATE code.
- Complete the request form with your: City, Library Name, first and last name, and email address and then click the Submit button
- The 2017 manual access code will appear on your screen and an email confirmation will be sent to you. You should only share this code with those staff members in your building who have a CSLP website account.

Once you have the building access code, go back to the CSLP website [Proprietary Downloads](#) and click on: Online Manual Access. From here you will be able to see each of the four manuals to download or print any part you are interested in.

If you have any problems accessing your manual, please contact the CSLP office at [contact@cslpreads.org](mailto:contact@cslpreads.org) or by phone at: 866-657-8556.

### **Archived 2017 Summer Reading Webinars:**

To view the CSLP sponsored **Build a Better World! Early Literacy Webinar** held on Jan. 26, 2017 go to this page: <http://shopcslp.com/cslp/pages/webinars>

To view the CSLP sponsored **Build a Better World! Children's Webinar** held on Jan. 10, 2017 go to this page: <http://shopcslp.com/cslp/pages/webinars>

### **2017 Info2Go! Collaboration for Summer Reading!**

Idaho Commission for Libraries offered a webinar on Jan. 9, 2017 on collaboration for summer reading. This was an opportunity for participants to share their stories of collaboration and ask questions on how to get started in developing community partnerships.

The archive is available here: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/info2go>

### **2017 "Build a Better World" Programming Ideas**

The Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) for the State Library of Michigan presented a webinar on youth services programming ideas for 2017 Summer Reading on Jan. 9, 2017. The link to the recording is here: <http://libraryofmichigan.adobeconnect.com/p9d69b4jaic/>. Please note that in the bottom left-hand box there are files available for download with resource links, and partway through the webinar, the slides are also available for download.

### **SWAT Team**

The 2017 "SWAT Team" Transformation Program, a program which assists libraries in updating and transforming the interior space of their libraries, is once again being offered to all public libraries. To learn more about this program and access the submission guidelines, [click here](#). The application deadline is February 1, 2017.

### **Other Organizations**

#### **Marley Dias to speak at Rutgers-Camden, Wed. February 1, 2017 at 5 pm**

Rutgers University–Camden will host Marley Dias, the 11-year-old founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, for a free, public presentation to kick off Black History Month from **5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1**.

The engaging talk will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room, located in the Campus Center at 326 Penn Street on the Rutgers–Camden campus. Following the presentation, Dias will answer questions from the audience. Guests of all ages are encouraged to attend. Register [here](#)

Marley, a West Orange native who is also the creator of [Marley Mag](#) for Elle.com, started #1000BlackGirlBooks in order to draw attention to more children's books featuring black main characters and make them readily available in classroom libraries. With an initial goal of collecting 1,000 books, Dias has gathered thousands more and is still counting. The presentation is one of many [African American Read-Ins](#) hosted throughout the country in February as part of Black History Month. In addition, Rutgers–Camden faculty are infusing even more African American children's literature into its innovative Ignite afterschool programs in North Camden schools.

For more information, contact Nyeema Watson at 856-225-6738 or [ncwatson@camden.rutgers.edu](mailto:ncwatson@camden.rutgers.edu). Please see attached flyer for additional information.

For directions to Rutgers–Camden, visit [camden.rutgers.edu/visit](http://camden.rutgers.edu/visit).

### **♥We Love Our School Librarians!♥**

The New Jersey Library Association would like you to join their advocacy efforts this Valentine's Day by showing your School Librarian(s) how much you love them.

The **"I Love My School Librarian Valentine's Day Card"** campaign allows you the opportunity to show how much you appreciate your school librarian(s) by filling out Valentine's Day cards.

Here's how you can participate:

Simply print out the [templates](#), fill out the cards, and:

1. Give them to your school librarian, and encourage your colleagues and friends to show their appreciation too!
2. Post pictures of the Valentine's Day Cards on social media using the hashtag #ilovemyschoollibrarian
3. (Optional) Send them to your local Board of Education to show how much you love your school librarian

School Librarians and highly effective school library programs have a positive impact on student learning. They provide equitable access to resources including digital, print, and media literacies as well as prepare students for college and a 21st century workforce. However, we have seen a 20% decline in school librarians since 2008. Join our advocacy efforts and help us spread the love for School Librarians today. For more information and to sign the petition please visit <http://unlockstudentpotential.org>

### **Applications Open for the ASLC Bookapalooza Program – Deadline February 1, 2017**

ALSC and the Grants Administration Committee are now accepting online applications for the 2017 Bookapalooza Program. This program offers select libraries a collection of materials to be used in a way that creatively enhances their library service to children and families. The materials are primarily for children age birth through 14 and include newly published books, videos, audio books and recordings from children's trade publishers. [Apply today!](#) Applicants must be personal members of ALSC as well as ALA. Organizational members are not eligible.

### **2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Application deadline is February 8, 2017**

This year twelve award winning programs will each receive \$10,000 and an invitation to accept their award at a ceremony at the White House. More information about the award and the application can be found [here](#).

### **BookLinx Book Evaluation Group Looking for Reviewers**

BookLinx Book Evaluation Program has scheduled their next meeting for [May 16th](#), 2017. They continue to recruit new reviewers.

Please find below their participant information. The next meeting announcement listed below is also on their website ([booklinx.org](http://booklinx.org)):

[Tuesday, May 16, 2017](#) at Rahway Public Library, [2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, 07065](#)

(Between E Milton Ave and Main St), [\(732\) 340-1551](tel:7323401551)

~Preview [4:00](#)

~Reviews/Selections [4:30-6:00](#)

There are 2 ways that you may participate with BookLinx:

- As a reviewer who attends the meetings and selects her/his own books to review.
- As a reviewer who cannot attend the meetings but wishes to receive books for review.

### **When you attend meetings:**

We have two meetings each year, usually October and May; held **at the Rahway Public Library**. Check our website for meeting dates and updated information, [booklinx.org](http://booklinx.org).

Our meetings are quite nice – at a lovely facility with free parking, refreshments, a chance to network and meet new colleagues – and get free books for your library. CEU/PD hour certificates are also available for participants attending. Bring a strong bag or two to carry your books 😊

- [4 – 4:30](#) Preview Books – See all the latest books that our participating publishers are sending.
- [4:30 – 6:00](#) – Books selected at the previous meeting will be reviewed and new books will be selected to be reviewed for the next meeting.

### **When you choose to receive and review books sent via LibraryLinkNJ delivery:**

- Please let us know ([booklinx@gmail.com](mailto:booklinx@gmail.com) or [info@booklinx.org](mailto:info@booklinx.org)) before our meeting which types of books you would like to review (YA, Picture, Board, Graphic Novels, Easy Fiction, Junior Fiction, Junior NonFiction, Junior

Biography). Publishers have been sending lots of YA books and we would appreciate it if you would review at least two YA books.

- After the meeting date, 5-10 books will be delivered to your designated school or public library via LibraryLinkNJ delivery service authorized route.

### **Apply for the Miss Rumphius Award!**

The New Jersey Center for the Book is currently seeking nominations for its Miss Rumphius Award.

Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's wonderful book, *Miss Rumphius*, which won the National Book Award in 1983, this Award honors librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are stellar in spreading ideas and literacy.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, February 1, 2017.** The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian, library staff member, certified educator, or teacher assistant, and must have developed creative activities to enhance learning and literacy. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and able to be replicated by other librarians and educators.

The nominee must be willing to help produce his or her program for other classrooms and/or libraries. A monetary amount of \$200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient **later in the year**.

The nomination shall include: the full name of the nominee and the place of employment; shall describe the activity or program in complete detail; shall describe the setting in which it takes place; shall indicate the collaborative aspects; shall indicate the innovative aspects of the program or activity and indicate how it can be replicated; shall include the full name and title of the nominator with address, email, phone number and fax number; shall include a letter of support from an administrator, from a former or current student, from a client or patron, or from a member of the staff..

Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the Miss Rumphius Award to Carol Phillips ([carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com)).

If you have any questions, contact Carol Phillips, ([carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com)).