

# NJLA Professional Development Committee

November 18, 2020 ~ 2 p.m.

**Attendance:** Selwa Shamy, Montclair Public Library (chair), Eric Schwarz, Clarence Dillon Public Library and Union City Public Library (vice-chair), Keisha Miller, South Orange Public Library (Librarians of Color Roundtable, Leadership & Education committee), Kate-Lynn Brown, Piscataway Public Library (Young Adult Section), Jen Fitzgerald, Manville Branch of Somerset County Library System, Tanya Finney Estrada, Pennsauken Free Public Library (Conference Committee), Danielle Pitter, North Brunswick Public Library

**Welcome & Introductions** (please write your name and library in the chat)

## 1. Keynotes

- a. Bookstore owner in Lenox, MA (Theresa) - he is a great storyteller and talks about books on different radio programs. He could talk about readers advisory and how the pandemic has impacted businesses, Readers Advisory section could co-sponsor.
- b. Managing from the Middle (Selwa Shamy & Jessica Trujillo)
- c. February, Librarians of Color

2. **Librarians Toolbox** - making difficult topics discussable. Presented by Diversity consultant, Elizabeth Williams Riley, on December 18. Add Keisha and Kate-Lynn need to be added to the Zoom account so you can co-host. Keisha needs the meeting ID and passcode. Need to keep track of # of registrants. Registration will open soon. The program cannot be recorded. Co-sponsored by PD. Registration link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMldO6rqjMtE9zIX6f8HjhOuaExVH-tIGQL>

## 3. NJLA Conference Proposals (Tanya Finney Estrada)

- a. Proposals must be submitted for all events, including pre-conference programs, regular sessions, luncheons, meetings, and special/social events. The deadline is **November 30, 2020** [later extended to Dec. 15, 2020]. Please visit:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkno8o7nN0d2qV5U2q1MwX-2w7QP4A3PQzeDrMiKoXx8TQXw/viewform> for more information.

Schedule from what would have been the 2020 conference:  
<http://njlaconference.info/schedule>

Attendance is highly encouraged for the conference to be successful.

We had the preconference plus these programs:

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- i. Podcasts at Your Library, Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 11:00am-11:50am (Eric) -- Readers Advisory -- Jennifer Larsen is a panelist, may resubmit with Amanda Piekart, PD will co-sponsor
- ii. Trans Unfiltered: A Conversation with Hannah Simpson, Thursday, May 28th, 9-9:50am (from Hackensack organized this) (Selwa) -- I emailed Tara but have not heard back.
- iii. Know Your Shy: Networking for Introverts Friday, May 29, 2020 - 9:00am to 9:50am With a different title (Selwa) -- No, maybe in the future
- iv. Pre-con: NJLA Crash Course in Library Leadership (Erica from Westergard Branch in Piscataway, Pam Condello, Theresa Agostinelli, and other speakers). (Theresa) not sure

### **4. Emerging Leaders - Keisha Miller**

- a. Leadership & Education Committee co-chair, Chair of Librarians of Color roundtable
  - i. Five sessions beginning in January and ending in May, third Thursday of the month. First session January 21.
  - ii. Re-introducing the program from past years with more diverse speakers.
  - iii. A letter of support from the applicant's director and a resume are required.
  - iv. 25-30 participants.

### **5. Professional Development Newsletter**

### **6. Adult Services Forum - Possible virtual forum co-sponsored by Reference Section, Professional Development, and Reader's Advisory**

- a. 6 topics, half hour each, 3 sessions. over three weeks, once per week. No charge
- b. Maker Days in March will be two days and virtual
- c. Tanya suggested that people are getting Zoom fatigue
- d. The Conference will be the first week of June
- e. Topics will be formed into virtual keynotes
- f. The Forum will be postponed to approximately October '21

### **7. Future Meeting Dates**

- a. Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., December 16