

NJLA Professional Development Committee

December 16, 2020 ~ 2 p.m.

Attendance: Selwa Shamy (Montclair Public Library), Jen Fitzgerald (Somerset County Library System), Theresa Agostinelli (Brookdale Community College, Union County Community College), Tanya Finney Estrada (Pennsauken Public Library), Becky Crawford (Somerville Library, Somerset County Library System), Jennifer Larsen (Sayreville Public Library), Ellen Callanan (Sussex County Library), Eric Schwarz (Clarence Dillon, Union City, Englewood Public Libraries).

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

1. Virtual Keynotes (Theresa Agostinelli)

- a. February 5, 10-11 a.m., Turning Tainted Pages: A Conversation and Celebration of Black Librarianship
 - i. Co-sponsors: PD Committee, NJLA Diversity & Outreach section, NJLA LWoC Roundtable, NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Anti-Racism Taskforce
 - ii. Looking for a panel of School, academic, two public librarians. There will be a question and answer format with the panelists answering questions posed by the moderators.
 - iii. Presentation of history of Black librarianship
 - iv. Keisha Miller and Carina Gonzalez will co-host
 - v. Theresa is on a planning committee with Hilary Westgate (Anti-Racism Taskforce), Keisha Miller (LWoC Roundtable), Jade Map (LWoC Roundtable), and Carina Gonzalez (D&O Section)
 - vi. Breakout rooms will be included for more collaboration

2. Upcoming Learning Opportunities

- a. **Librarians Toolbox** - making difficult topics discussable. Presented by Diversity consultant, Elizabeth Williams Riley, on December 18.
 - i. Selwa will do a write up for the newsletter

3. NJLA Conference Proposals

- a. Stuck in the Middle with You: Leading from the Middle (sponsorship)
 - i. Need other sections and committees to co-sponsor
- b. Podcasting co-sponsoring with Readers Advisory
- c. Double session: Recruitment, Retention & Advancement, co-sponsoring with Diversity & Outreach section **Conference Committee Update**
- d. Tanya Finney Estrada -- the committee is meeting tomorrow to review submissions. Although the deadline was yesterday programs can still be submitted asap.
 - i. Going over membership rates
 - ii. Behind timeline, please be patient for more information

4. Emerging Leaders (deadline December 18)

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- a. Keisha Miller, Leadership & Education Committee co-chair, Chair of Library Workers 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** (Theresa Agostinelli)
 - a. Deadline is mid-January
 - b. Great articles are coming in.
 - c. Need an article from a community partner. Last time the League of Women Voters wrote the article. The partner would need to be something that most public libraries would be able to utilize or replicate
 - i. Jewish Family Services is one possibility
 - ii. Toastmasters
 - iii. Coding companies for libraries, like Code Ninjas
 - iv. One Stop Career Center
 - v. Eric emailed Theresa details about the NJ Career Network (NJCN) Job Seeker Community.
 - d. Inspiration Corner
 - e. Body, Mind, Spirit
 - f. Please contact Theresa with ideas and/or submissions for future issues @ agostinellit@gmail.com

6. **Good of the order**

7. **Future Meeting Dates**
 - a. Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., January 20, 2021