

NJLA Professional Development Committee

September 23, 2020 ~ 2 p.m.

Attendance: Theresa Agostinelli (Middlesex County College Library & Brookdale Community College), Jennifer Larsen (Sayerville Public Library, Rebecca Crawford (Somerset County Library System - Somerville), Selwa Shamy, Eric Schwarz (Clarence Dillon and Union City Public Library)

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Committee Vice Chair

- a. Eric Schwarz will be the vice chair, thank you, Eric!

3. Virtual Keynote Update

- a. Past events (Theresa)
 - i. Inform Your Activism: Librarians' Role In Protest [link]
 - ii. [Get Out the Vote!](#), Aug 27, 2020
 - iii. [Library Services During COVID-19 Revisited](#), Sep 11, 2020 (100 attendees)
- b. Future events
 - i. Keisha, Joy Robinson and Librarians of Color Roundtable may do a keynote. They are putting together a statement on Black Lives Matter with the Diversity & Outreach Section.
 - ii. Possibly partner with LibraryLinkNJ for training and webinar opportunities
 - iii. Theresa advocated for the Professional Development committee to partner with other major library organizations/institutions. Selwa will speak with Jen about this.

4. "Know Your Why" Podcasts Update

- a. Only one recording, Amanda did the interview
- b. This will be on hold for now

5. Professional Development Newsletter

- a. Theresa emailed the newsletter, it can also be found [here](#). Jennifer's article is the most clicked on article so far! Eric also did a lot of work on the newsletter
- b. Suggest new categories to Theresa
- c. Next newsletter will go out in January (3 per year) then again in May. Next deadline is the first week of December.
 - i. Lena Gluck will be asked to contribute to the Inspiration Corner
 - ii. Community Partners, maybe Small Business Association; Resources Toolkit could feature [libs2b.com](#)

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- iii. An article on how the pandemic has affected library workers financially

6. Old Business

- a. Goals for 2020/2021
 - i. Survey of members for PD topics - done
 - ii. Further develop the podcast program, including creating a spreadsheet for scheduling podcasts, creating a calendar and picking an official name for the podcast series and theme beyond this year. - on hold
 - iii. Have a roundtable event (with lightning talks) around a loose theme. Possibly host the entire event online through Zoom, including breakout rooms. -- LibraryLinkNJ is offering a program like this on tech topics
 - 1. Breakout Rooms: host assigns people to different rooms.
 - 2. College & University section had a program with a similar format
 - 3. This is still a real possibility
 - iv. Kathleen discussed a Career Discovery initiative that Asbury is running to introduce kids to library careers. We discussed having this as a program at the next year's conference or a virtual keynote. -- may not be conducive to a virtual program, although a recording could be done. We may need to put this on hold
 - v. Develop a Library Card Signup Week program

7. New Business

- a.

8. Upcoming Webinars from other committees/organizations

- a. [Media Literacy in the Disinformation Age: Librarian Train-the-Trainer workshop](#), sponsored by PEN America, September 24, 4 p.m.
- b. [Responding When COVID Comes to Your Library: Learning from Real Stories' webinar on September 28 to explore lessons learned and tips.](#) 1 p.m.
- c. [NJSL Workforce Development Webinar: Displaced Homemaker Programs in New Jersey](#), October 8, 2 p.m.

9. Future Meeting Dates

- a. Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., but the next meeting will be October 28 this month.