



Diversity & Outreach

MEETING AGENDA

April 28th, 2022 /11:00am / Via Zoom

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- Approve [March Minutes](#)
- Welcome / Introductions
 - Jeff Cupo - President/Elizabeth Public Library
 - Danielle Pitter - Secretary
 - Sharon Owens - Newark Public Library
 - Deborah Leary
 - Alicia Roman - Elizabeth Public Library
 - Ashley Mitchell - Camden Public Library
 - Mi-Sun Lyu - LLNJ
 - Enola Romano
 - Yesenia Lopez
 - Carina Gonzalez - Piscataway PL
 - Stephen Felle - TBBC outreach librarian
 - Lorraine Luiz-Kenilworth
 - Ally Blumenfeld
 - Jen Sulligan - Somerset County library
 - Eric Schwarz - Englewood Library
 - Stephanie Sendaula - LLNJ
 - Lauren Antolino
 - Allan Kleiman - Edison public library

Reports

- State Library
 - **NJSL Report for D&O Section Meeting, April 28, 2022**
 - Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org
 - **From the State Librarian:**
 - We've received our FY 2022 LSTA allotment from IMLS; funds are available to use through September 2023. We've received just over \$4.3 million. Of that, we'll be making a portion available to libraries through a competitive grant process, in addition to supporting Jersey Clicks, Jersey Cat and Jersey Connect.

- We will also be running a Tischler grant opportunity exclusively for small libraries later this spring. More to come on those in the coming weeks.
- We're in the early stages of working with the NJ Office of Innovation, NJLA and LLNJ on a statewide back-to-the-library campaign to coincide with National Library Card Sign Up Month in September. Be on the lookout for more information. Our intent is to provide you with helpful marketing tools to get people back in your library.
- I hope you'll join us at the annual NJLA conference on June 2 for a special Thursday session we're hosting that features R. David Lankes. Dr. Lankes' work is familiar to many of us, plus he's a New Jersey native who teaches in the library school at the University of Texas-Austin. His talk promises to be either provocative, or inspiring, or perhaps both! And on Friday, June 3, please join NJSL staff for a continental breakfast. We'd love the chance to say hello in person after such a long hiatus.
- A new LSTA five-year plan (2023-2027) is being developed. Thank you to everyone who spoke with our consultant and provided feedback. Next up, a team from the State Library will be working with the consultant to develop goals and outcomes for the plan that align with the Library Services and Technology Act priorities.
- **Register for the Inaugural NJ State Library Virtual Digital Literacy Forum**
- The NJ State Library is holding a statewide **Virtual Digital Literacy Forum, May 10-13, 2022, 10 am – 12 pm** to foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ public libraries to expand capacity in response to digital literacy needs in their communities.
- Each day's focus will be on digital literacy as it pertains to a particular service population or topic of interest in public libraries – i.e. ABE/ESL/ELL, workforce development, youth, and health. The discussion on digital literacy and youth services will be held on Day 3, Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 10 am - noon. [Click to Learn More and Register.](#)
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- **Please participate in Survey on Social Services in NJ Public Libraries**
- The incorporation of social-work-informed library services has become a powerful movement in the United States. To date, little research has been done to evaluate this trend in New Jersey libraries. In collaboration with the Long Branch Free Public Library, we are conducting this survey to establish baseline data on the employment of social workers and a foundation for future study on the provision of social services in NJ public libraries. Thank you for participating in this survey. For inquiries, please contact [Mimi Lee](#), NJSL Director of Literacy and Learning. [Click to Take Survey.](#)
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- **CSLP Updates**
- **Oceans of Possibilities PSA**

- Where can you find agreeable penguins, disinterested nautiluses, and fish that stubbornly resist revealing their innermost thought? Why in this year's PSA!
- Full PSA English Youtube link:
- https://youtu.be/tJTLHas_erE
- Full PSA Spanish Youtube link:
- <https://youtu.be/0DjbTp-HFgQ>
- The "base" files are available for your library to add your own logo or text if this is something you're interested in doing. These files can be found in the Online Manual.
- **CSLP 2025 Slogan Listening Sessions**
- The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme/slogan committee has compiled a list of the suggested 2026 theme and 2025 slogans from all across the U.S. Thank you for all the wonderful theme and slogan ideas that you shared with me that I submitted. [Click here](#) for the list of themes that are ready for voting and slogans that have been grouped together for wordsmithing.
- CSLP invites you to be a part of the process for voicing your opinions on what the final slogan list should be that will be voted on in August at the Annual CSLP Meeting. We encourage everyone to join one of the two scheduled sessions and speak as they feel comfortable. During and after the sessions we will have resources available for you to share your input on a provided google document.
- **There is no need to register for the sessions.**
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- **May 9th Slogan Listening Session** - May 9, 2022 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) 1 hour
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83979416865?pwd=V1lhOSSt3SGJQby9GWU1wQUJiY0gyZz09>
- Meeting ID: 839 7941 6865
- Passcode: 902503
- Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kCmZFfz3Z>
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- **May 11th Slogan Listening Session** - May 11, 2022 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) 1 hour
- Join Zoom Meeting -
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82984385259?pwd=R1RTR2ZRWEI0TmVPS3NoMWI2NmZSdz09>
- Meeting ID: 829 8438 5259
- Passcode: 367013
- Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcjMBA917a>
- **Other Organization Resources/Grants/Events/Webinars**
 - **Apply to host the 2023 Children's Literature Lecture with Bryan Collier!**

- ALSC and the 2023 Children's Literature Lecture Committee are proud to announce the [opening of the application to host](#) the 2023 event featuring award-winning author/illustrator, Bryan Collier.
 - The [Children's Literature Lecture](#) is an annual event, announced at the ALA LibLearnX, in which an author, critic, librarian, historian or teacher of children's literature presents a paper that makes a significant contribution to the field. A library school, department of education in a college or university or a children's library system may be considered. The lecture is administered by ALSC.
 - Applications are due **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**. Information about host site responsibilities is included in the application materials. The lecture is traditionally held in April or early May.
- Author and illustrator Bryan Collier's unique artistic style utilizing watercolors and collage earned him a scholarship to attend Pratt Institute. He has illustrated more than 30 picture books and is the recipient of multiple awards, including numerous Coretta Scott King illustrator awards and honors, four Caldecott honors, and the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Award.
 - **May 5, 2022 (9 am – 6 pm)**
 - **Library Journal Day of Dialog**
 - For more than two decades, Library Journal's Day of Dialog has been the most anticipated librarian-only gathering of the year. Now it's gone digital and is free to attend! **The next all-day event is scheduled for May 5 and will feature a close-up look at the biggest forthcoming books for summer/fall 2022.** Once again, you'll hear from top authors in genre fiction, literary fiction, and nonfiction. And you still get to dialog by visiting virtual booths, talking with authors, and networking with colleagues. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.libraryjournal.com/event/library-journal-day-of-dialog-nyc-2022-spring>
 - **May 19, 2022 (9 am – 6 pm)**
 - **School Library Journal Day of Dialog 2022 Spring**
 - **Join us May 19** for the most anticipated librarian gathering of the spring 2022 publishing season—fully virtual and free to attend. Our daylong program of author panels, in-depth conversations, and keynote talks will keep you informed, inspired, and entertained, and provide insight into industry trends as you work to grow and diversify your collections. Come hear about the latest and most exciting forthcoming titles for children, tweens, and teens, from picture books and nonfiction to graphic novels and YA and engage in Q&A sessions with authors and illustrators. There will also be opportunities to visit the virtual exhibit hall to network with leading publishers, enjoy additional chats, and download digital galleys and other free resources. For information and to register, visit: <https://www.slj.com/event/school-library-journal-day-of-dialog-2022-spring>

- **May 19, 2022**
 - **The 10th Annual Seguimos Creando Enlaces Library Conference (California Libraries Learn [CaLL], California State Library, California Library Association)** This year's special 10th Anniversary conference theme is reCreando Enlaces- reCreating Connections. The 2022 binational virtual conference will include presentations that demonstrate how public, academic, and special libraries on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border are reconnecting with their communities and rebuilding their services to best support new user and staff needs in the wake of the pandemic. We are especially interested in highlighting innovative projects that include communities of color, immigrants, refugees, LGBTQIA+, Spanish speakers/ESL resources, digital equity or binational collaborations. For more information and to register, visit: <https://events.zoom.us/ev/AFY1XE1N4hvqeqBa3lUyqQbR6alXb7lO1Xj6KmOSjK0HAJmt1jwcZHleEdBQMOLyZ-4xiQE?lmt=1650511275000>
 - **May 24-25, 2022**
 - **Indigenous Voices: Authentic Children's Literature in the Classroom & Library (San Diego County Office of Education)** Native authors scheduled to speak include Cynthia Leitich Smith, Angeline Boulley, Traci Sorell, Christine Day, Brian Young, David Robertson, and Michaela Goade, among others. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2022/04/indigenous-voices-authentic-childrens-literature-in-the-classroom-and-library/>
- **TBBC - Talking book & Braille Center news**
 - Stephen Felle: sfelle@njstatelib.org / 800-792-8322 x 812
- **Library Link NJ**
 - **Mi-Sun: AAPI Heritage Month meetings with various organizations**
 - Make Us Visible Group - advocate for AAPI history for K-12 schools
 - Working on a page to share information collected, announcement tomorrow
 - Diversity related programs
 - May 11-12: Skill-Sharing Conversations webinar - [website](#)
 - Announcement coming of 4 hybrid meetup sessions during NJLA conference in June
 - Sign up for speaker for LLNJ programs
 - EDI framework leadership working on follow up announcement plans
 - Summer programs upcoming
 - Stephenie - promotion of author visits (fantasy, sci-fi, speculative fiction), giveaways, prizes, first looks of books in the fall
- **NJLA Leadership**
 - Carina: no new news updates yet

Project Updates-Home Stretch

- **This Year's Goals (We totally kick butt! Go team!)**

- **Accomplished**
 - 1) Distributed Fine Free Survey
 - 2) Distributed Library Cards for All Survey
 - 3) Analyzed Library Cards for All Survey Results
 - 4) Conducted Scholarships and Opportunities for Library Workers of Color Mailer Campaign
 - 5) Gathered Submissions for Library Workers of Color Experiences PSA
 - 6) Began Planning D&O Unconference
 - 7) Published Library Card Survey Results and Fentanyl Test Strip Information in NJLA Newsletter
 - 8) Conducted Research on Outreach to Prisons
 - 9) Published Holidays and Observances Calendar
 - 10) Published NJLA Diversity & Outreach Section Commemorative 2022 Calendar
 - 11) Collaborated with Make Us Visible NJ
 - 12) Participated in Information Equity Conference
- **Pending**
 - 1) Analyze Fine Free Results (by 4/30)
 - 2) Publish Fine Free NJ Toolkit (by 6/30)
 - 3) Publish Library Cards for All Survey Report (by 5/15)
 - 4) Publish Library Workers of Color Experiences PSA Video (by 5/25?)
 - a) First draft is finished
 - b) Wanted first take from people who submitted their video before full submission
 - 5) Finish Planning D&O Unconference (by 6/30)
 - a) Upcoming meeting TBA
 - b) Telling Untold Histories Unconference - hosted by Yesenia Lopez - asked to join the subcommittee
 - 6) Publish Library Services for Patrons Who Use Drugs Information Sheet (by 5/25)
 - a) Health & Wellness station in the works
 - b) Moira & Jeff - working on the info sheet

- Make Us Visible NJ
 - [Event](#)
 - [Booklists](#)
- Conference
 - Covenant House
 - Our Table
 - Urban Libraries section and D&O section asked for volunteers
- Election
 - Vice President:
 - Sharon Owens
 - Secretary:
 - Danielle Pitter
 - Member-at-Large (Choosing Two Candidates):

- Jen Sulligan
- Alicia Roman
- Tanya Finney Estrada
- The Future
 - D&O Resource Page
 - Hosted on the LLNJ website
 - In the process of auditing for updated resources
 - As of 2019, everything was updated but in need of another audit
 - Mi-Sun suggested forming a subcommittee for the website - promote & encourage contributing content
 - Link - <https://librarylinknj.org/DO-diversity>
 - Eric - in need of a digital framework to keep information updated
 - Survey for 5 services: classes, basic comp skills, job/interview help, english literacy, learning non-english languages, citizenship and immigration services
 - This will be a merger between LLNJ, NJLA, and D&O
 - 3 Subcommittees

Member news & announcements

- Eric Schwarz shared a [New Spanish for Librarians](#) google doc

Upcoming Meetings

May 26th, 2022 11:00 am at Clark Library and via Zoom

Marmoset of the Month

