

New Jersey Library Association

**Children’s Services Section** **Agenda**

Friday, Nov 11, 2024

9:45 AM (Log In & Networking) & 10 AM (Introductions)

* + Introductions
  + Report from NJ State Library- Sharon Rawlins
  + NJLA Conference Updates: Rachael Trotter
  + General News
  + Dates to Remember

**Report from NJ State Library: Sharon Rawlins**

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**NJ State Library Report for CSS Meeting November 11, 2024**

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**NJLA Conference Updates: Rachael Trotter**

We need you! Your Executive board is busy working on programs for this year's NJLA conference. The theme this year is "Breaking Barriers: Simple Kindness". There will be a marketing table, and a special gathering planned; however, no library conference is complete without its poster boards & session presentations! If you have any ideas or you need some help with your proposal, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at (trotter@veronalibrary.org). I can help you with writing the proposal and connect you with others with similar ideas. The NJLA proposal deadline is December 16th.

We already have some great ideas in the works. PLEASE, if you feel you may have something to add to any of these presentations, reach out and be a part of the team working on any of the below proposals:

* **Baby Story Times:** Do you have experience offering programming to your community's youngest patrons? Share your favorite books, rhymes, and ideas for programs for babies in the library. What should new children's librarians know about offering programming for this group?
* **Engaging after school crowds:** Lots of libraries are located near schools and have a surge of young visitors every afternoon. How are we keeping them engaged and occupied?
* **Supporting Families Experiencing Homelessness**: Does your library provide any special programs or services that are helpful for these families that you could share?
* **Children’s Programs in Small Library Spaces:** Not every library has a giant program room to work with, but we still provide amazing programs for kids and families. Do you do programs out in the community? Do you move around your tables to make space for programs? Do you do story time at the park? Interactive displays and passive programs? Please, tell us more!
* **Intergenerational Programs:** Any success stories of intergenerational programs? A book club for kids and their grandparents? A mixed age fiber arts group? Let's hear about the challenges and successes of working on intergenerational programs.
* **Homeschool Families:** Does your library do special programs for homeschool families or provide space to a rotating homeschool group? What about a special collection or resource guide?
* **Animals in the Library:** Lots of libraries do Read to a Dog! Do you have any interesting stories of animals in your library? A bird who reads to the kids? A library pet? Also helpful would be any info on great animal presenters that can be shared in a deliverable. Either way, we’d love to hear from you!
* **Social Emotional Learning:** Best books for social emotional learning! Let's put together a top tier list of recommendations and best practices for story time to support social emotion learning.

**General Business:**

Garden State Awards Committee (Jen Fitzgerald & Jennifer Grazioso)

Braille Book & Talking Center- (Jen Apgar)

Updates from New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center

Youth Services Forum: Lynette Fucci

**Dates to Remember:**

December: CSS NO meeting

December 20: YASS (Union Public Library)

CSS Recurring Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85215938454?pwd=vWsVxSFmBd0oonKj6jGk6ai5EcHDFN.1>

Meeting ID: 852 1593 8454

Passcode: 428994

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