

NJLA CSS Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 9:30AM-12PM
Warren Township Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. In attendance: Pham Condello, Jen Fitzgerald, Jackie Kulesa, Ann Kershner, Tara Murphy, Melissa Tan, Jenn Kelly-Maloney, Kellyanne Healey, Jennifer Berry, Doug Baldwin, Colleen Gunther, Katie McKnight, Kristian Brito, Kristin Suarez, Sharon Rawlins, Lauren Antolino, Aaron Pickett, and Deborah Miller

2. Approval of Minutes from December

3. Old Business

- a. Open positions on the CSS executive board
 - i. Secretary/Treasurer and Second vice president -- available now!
 - ii. First vice president/president-elect -- put your name in for the spring election. Nominations due by 3/15.

4. New Business

- a. Conference
 - i. CSS leadership will hear in about a week which proposals were accepted.
 - ii. "Feast on this" maker lunch will be at conference and was sold out last year; Pham is looking for volunteers to set this up. It is a buffet-style lunch with round tables of demonstrations (maker & craft)
- b. NJLA awards
 - i. Pham highly encourages CSS members to nominate themselves or others to make sure Youth Services staff are represented in these.

5. Reports from subcommittees and other NJLA groups

- a. Library Link NJ (Sophie Brookover)
 - i. Materials are now available from the Virtual Town Hall meeting we held on January 11 regarding LibraryLinkNJ's budget crisis. We're holding these updates for our membership via Adobe Connect on as close to a monthly basis as we can. We can accommodate up to 100 individual participants in real time, but if someone at your library registers, you can participate with them as a group. We are also archiving recordings of and agendas from each meeting on our website.

- ii. Registration is open for two LibraryLinkNJ learning events in February. We hope you will join us for one or both!
 1. Register today for the Readers' Advisory PLUS Unconference, brought to you by LibraryLinkNJ, LibraryReads, and the Readers' Advisory Round Table of NJLA, and presented by Readers' and Cultural Advisory experts from all over NJ – including YOU! We are thrilled to announce that Linda Holmes, host of NPR's Pop Culture Happy Hour and author of the upcoming novel *Evvie Drake Starts Over*, will be joining us for a special In Conversation session during lunch at the Readers' Advisory PLUS Unconference on February 6 (snow date: 2/8). Held from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Monroe Township Public Library.
 2. Register today for our February webinar, "From Access to Advocacy: The Disability Community In The Library" on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 2:30-4:00 PM ; Presented by Bryce Kozla ; Free, but registration required ; For all library staff serving all ages. If you can't attend the webinar, we will make a recording and Bryce's presentation materials available on the webinar's page following the session.
- b. State Library (Sharon Rawlins)
 - i. State Librarian Mary Chute and New Jersey State Library staff would appreciate your assistance in completing a survey on the provision and priorities of statewide services. The deadline to submit your response is Thursday, January 17, 2019 at noon. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LB5XSCR> to access the survey, and thank you for your time.
 - ii. EBSCO is offering free webinar training in January. Sessions are available for these topics.
 - NoveList and NoveList K-8
 - Job and Career Accelerator
 - Advanced Searching in EBSCOhost
 - EBSCO School Library ResourcesLearn more and register here:
<https://www.njstatelib.org/news/free-ebSCO-database-training/>
 - iii. The NJ State Leadership Team conducted Leap into Science trainings for children's library staff in public and school libraries on this past summer and fall that focused on the science concept of balance. Additional trainings for educators (libraries, museums,

afterschool organizations) focusing on the science concept of wind will be offered in Year 2 of this three-year project. Look for registration information in the upcoming months. Leap into Science is a nationwide program developed by The Franklin Institute Science Museum and the National Girls Collaborative Project funded by the National Science Foundation. It integrates open-ended science activities with children's books and is designed for children ages 3-10 and their families.

- iv. Public libraries, apply by Feb. 8, 2019, to be part of a national tour for the traveling exhibition [Thinking Money for Kids](#). We all need to master the knowledge and skills to make smart financial choices and prepare for whatever the future brings. *Thinking Money for Kids* strives to teach children ages 7-11 and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial literacy topics—like saving, spending and budgeting—in a way that is not only understandable, but fun. *Thinking Money for Kids* is a museum-quality exhibition that is traveling to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2019 and 2021. Through a bustling community market-themed storyline, digital interactive content and other fun, hands-on activities, the exhibition explores:
- What is money?
 - How do we earn money?
 - Saving and spending
 - Money values such as fairness and charitableness
 - Making responsible financial decisions

For more information, including how to apply:

<https://apply.ala.org/thinkingmoneykids> *Thinking Money for Kids* is brought to communities nationwide by the [FINRA Investor Education Foundation](#) and [the American Library Association \(ALA\) Public Programs Office](#).

- v. Libraries may apply for the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant. One or more recipients will be awarded selected books submitted to the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of the American Library Association. These books are sent to EMIERT every year for consideration for the Coretta Scott King Book Award. EMIERT receives multiple copies of approximately 60-100 titles by African American authors and illustrators, including a full set of the year's winning and honor titles. Deadline to apply for this book donation

grant is January 31, 2019. More information can be found here:
<http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards/bookgrant>

- vi. The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is now accepting applications for its Bookapalooza Program, an opportunity for 3 libraries to receive an assortment of newly published books, videos, audiobooks, and recordings for children's book publishers. The deadline is February 1, 2019. For more information: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/bookapalooza-program>
 - vii. The New Jersey Center for the Book is seeking nominations for its 2019 Miss Rumphius Award. Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's book, *Miss Rumphius*, winner of the National Book Award in 1983, this Award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are stellar in spreading ideas about literacy. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, February 15, 2019. The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian, library staff member, certified educator, or teacher assistant, and must have developed creative activities to enhance learning and literacy. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and able to be replicated by other librarians and educators. The nominee must be willing to help produce her or his program for other classrooms and/or libraries. A monetary amount of \$200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient in 2019. The nomination shall include the full name of the nominee and the place of employment; shall describe the activity or program in complete detail; shall describe the setting in which it takes place; shall indicate the collaborative aspects; shall indicate the innovative aspects of the program or activity and indicate how it can be replicated; shall include the full name and title of the nominator with address, email, phone number and fax number; shall include a letter of support from an administrator, from a former or current student, from a client or patron, or from a member of the staff. Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the Miss Rumphius Award to Carol Phillips (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com). If you have any questions, email Carol, or visit the NJCFB website: www.njcenterforthebook.org
- c. Garden State Children's Book Awards (Robin Rockman)
 - i. If you haven't already, please submit your votes to be tallied. Last day to submit is 1/11/19.

6. Important dates

- a. New Jersey Makers Day -- 3/22 and 3/23
- b. NJLA conference -- 5/29 through 5/31

7. “Building a Great Storytime” (Colleen Gunther and Katie McKnight)

- a. Two librarians from the Ocean County Library System’s Toms River Branch presented on how to incorporate maker tools and STEAM concepts into storytimes for grades pre-K through 5. This also includes some programming beyond storytime as well as potential two-part series programs.
- b. For a copy of their presentation and related materials (HIGHLY recommended), please email the presenters:
cgunther@theoceancountylibrary.org;
kmcknight@theoceancountylibrary.org

8. Leap into Science (Sharon Rawlins & Doug Baldwin)

- a. Two librarians presented a preview of what this training would entail. The full training (which includes a bin of supplies for the attendees to keep for their library) consists of a series of workshops that integrate open-ended science activities with children’s books for ages 3 to 10 (and their families) designed for out-of-school times (e.g., libraries, museums, etc.) rather than as part of a school curriculum. It is engineered by The Franklin Institute.
- b. NJ is one of 6 states that are piloting this program building positive associations with scientific thinking (i.e., make it fun, **not** about content mastery). There are four core concepts: ask questions; encourage scientific thinking; make connections; and cultivate rich dialogue.

9. Adjournment

- a. Next CSS meeting will be a joint meeting with the Garden State Children's Book Award Committee on Friday, February 1 @ 9:30am at Old Bridge Public Library.