

NJLA CSS Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 3PM

Virtual meeting - <http://njla.adobeconnect.com/css/>

● Welcome and Call to Order

In attendance: Pham Condello, Jen Fitzgerald, Dana Skwirut, Aaron Pickett, Kristie Saurez, Sharon Rawlins, Jen Schureman, Juanita, Stephanie, and Vicki

● Approval of Minutes from November

Approved by Jen F., seconded by Vicki & Dana

● Old Business

○ Is Books for Kids continuing?

No. Carol Levin has retired and the program will not continue, for now at least. However, if you have books that you would like to donate there is a place called Bridge of Books in Holmdel. <https://bridgeofbooksfoundation.org/> They take many types of books. And they are also looking for volunteers specifically librarians to help them sort by grade level.

Jen F. will update CSS website to reflect this change.

○ CSS page & social media updates

The executive board members now have login information and are working on updating out-of-date information on the CSS page. Priority was on upcoming meeting dates (now on our section page) and will work on other information as needed. If you have suggestions for ease of use or information needed, please send to us. One suggestion is to add booklists to there.

CSS appears only to have a Facebook page. Suggestions were given to extend social media platform to Pinterest and Instagram, perhaps with CSS members submitting information to the executive board for posting. Pham and Jen F. will come up with procedures for this, in line with NJLA social media guidelines. Then these procedures will be added to our CSS section page and sent out to CSS members via listserv email.

○ Open positions on the CSS executive board

By laws say we can appoint people to the open positions:

Section 4. Provision for filling vacant offices. In the event that the president is unable to complete the elected term of office, the first vice-president/president-elect shall assume the duties for the remainder of the term and in addition, shall serve the term as president for which s(he) was duly elected. In the event that the first vice-president/president-elect is unable to complete the elected term of office, the second vice-president will assume the duties of the first vice president. All other vacated offices shall be filled by Board appointment.

Please ask anyone interested in holding a position to contact Pham.

○ Conference proposals

Here are the ones that were sent to NJLA. Fingers crossed for approval!

1. From Preschool to Professional: Launching Community Creativity with Art in the Library
2. The Ins & Outs of being Out & About
3. In Be(Tween): program planning for tweens
4. Ready, Set, School!

5. Joyful Early Childhood Programming
6. After school with Middle School
7. I Voted!: Get kids and teens involved with Garden State Book Awards
8. Wild at Heart: Connecting Youth to Nature
9. Wa[i]ve Goodbye to Fines!
10. From Alexander to D-Day: How to Create a Middle Grade or YA Military History Book Club in Your Library
11. Curriculum Standards 101 for Public Librarians - The Roadmap to Collaboration
12. Building Kindness and Compassion: Resources to Help Children Address Social and Emotional Learning
13. Discover ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!)
14. Children's Books Ch-Ch-Ch changes: Why It's Okay to Leave Your Position and Change It Up (co-sponsored with Professional Development Committee)
15. Inclusive programming

● **New Business:**

○ **Suggestions for Children's Toolboxes (January and March meetings)**

30-45 minutes per speaker

Pham already has for January two librarians coming to speak on how to integrate technology into storytimes and how to adapt according to budget and age groups.

Pham, Jen F., and Dana will form a planning committee for the March meeting. Anyone else interested in joining should contact Pham.

Topic suggestions:

1. creating a strategic plan for children's services
2. perspective from a social worker, especially re: social-emotional learning.
3. mental health activities for kids like meditation or yoga
4. what do offer next for makerspace programs (beyond 3D printers)
5. how to start your own program, for newer librarians
6. Sharon Rawlins & Doug Baldwin could do a demo of a Leap into Science workshops. There's one for preschool ages, elementary and families.
7. lending materials other than books

● **Reports from subcommittees**

○ **Library Link NJ (Sophie Brookover)**

- On October 15, LibraryLinkNJ met with key stakeholders from the New Jersey library community to discuss the future of LibraryLinkNJ. All the meeting materials are available on our website at [this meeting's event page](#). Participants had the opportunity to ask their own questions, get up-to-date answers, and contribute to the process concerning the following key questions:

- Where will LibraryLinkNJ secure funds to stay open beyond this fiscal year?
- What is going to happen with library delivery if LibraryLinkNJ dissolves in June 2019?
- Regardless of the future of LibraryLinkNJ, how can I advocate for priority services for my library and the library community?

- [Virtual Town Hall Meetings](#): we're holding these updates for our membership via Adobe Connect on as close to a monthly basis as we can. We are also archiving recordings of and agendas

from each meeting on our website.

- Advocacy Task Force Updates: On October 31, LibraryLinkNJ and others in the library community met with Justin Braz, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs and Cary Booker, Senior Policy Advisor in Governor Murphy's office to discuss the value of the New Jersey Library Network, funded through the State budget, and the work of LibraryLinkNJ, and responded to questions regarding our approaches to other potential funders, our [current strategic plan](#), and the plan to lay off staff and close LibraryLinkNJ at the end of June 2019, in the event that we are not able to secure sustainable funding for FY19 and beyond.

- Action Item: We continue to welcome [your LibraryLinkNJ stories via our advocacy form](#). Has LibraryLinkNJ played a role in shaping your career? Have we helped move your library's services forward? We're using these stories in our advocacy work, so please do keep them coming.

- CE Updates: [Registration is open](#) for Supporting Civic Engagement in the Library: The Skokie Civic Lab Model, a webinar with [Amy Koester](#) on January 8. Also, save the date and join us on Wednesday, February 6* at the Monroe Township Public Library (Middlesex County) 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! *Snow date: February 8

o **State Library (Sharon Rawlins)**

- 2018 Summer Reading Statistics – Total for all ages, compared to 2017 Statistics

Total registered - all ages: 133,987 - down from 2017 (139,829), 4% decrease

Total participation by all ages: 314,790 – huge increase from 2017 (170,904), due to the increase in teen participation, 84% increase

Total books read by all ages: 3,274,119 – much higher than 2017 (2,107,110), 55% increase

Total programs offered - all ages: 35,348 – up from 2017 (31,117), 14% increase

Total program attendance- all ages: 719,470 – up from 2017 (702,093), 2% increase

- Three additional 9-10 week Supercharged Storytimes early literacy training courses will be offered again for children's library staff from January – March 2019. The 2019 trainings are comprised of six modules and will be taught live online, with no face-to-face meetings.

Option 1: Trainer: Lisa Brandenburg: Mondays, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Online, January 14 – March 18, 2019 (online introduction Jan. 7 – 14, 2019)

Register for this training: <https://tinyurl.com/y7wybkqq>

Option 2: Trainer Jenise Sileo: Tuesdays, 2 pm – 3 pm, Online, January 15 – March 12, 2019, (online introduction Jan. 8 – 15, 2019)

Register for this training: <https://tinyurl.com/ybqjqo3e>

Option 3: Trainer Amalia Butler: Thursdays, 2 pm – 3 pm, Online, January 17 – March 14, 2019 (online introduction, Jan. 10 – 17, 2019)

Register for this training: <https://tinyurl.com/y8z8owxy>

- EBSCO is offering [free webinar training](#) during December and January. Two sessions are available for each topic: NovelList and NovelList K-8; Job and Career Accelerator; Advanced Searching in EBSCOhost; EBSCO School Library Resources

- Join School Library Journal for an inaugural Middle Grade Magic Virtual Summit, a free, day-long virtual celebration and exploration of one of the burgeoning—and most important—areas of publishing for

young readers: literature for children ages eight through 12—and beyond on March 27th! Register here: <http://vshow.on24.com/vshow/MiddleGradeMagic/registration/15799> Can't make the live date? No problem! All the sessions will be archived, and the virtual environment will be accessible for up to three months.

- Did you know Charles Dicken published his books in serial form? His books appeared over a period of many weeks or months. Eager readers had to wait impatiently for the next installment to find out what happened next. The NJ Center for the Book's second e-serial entitled Jersey Trackers and Greatest Mystery in All of History is just like Dickens' stories! Each of the eight chapters in this e-serialized story will be posted every two weeks on their website. Each exciting chapter is set in a different historical time-period. You will probably recognize many of the historical events referenced by each chapter's NJ author or illustrator. Don't miss checking out this fact filled and fun e-serial that will appeal to readers of all ages – although its target is elementary ages kids. Go here to read this weekly e-serial on <http://www.njcenterforthebook.org/> Click on E-Book from the menu at the top of the page. The first e-serial from 2016 called The Jersey Trackers and the Imagination Tree Mystery is archived on the site too. Our main characters are a children's librarian and his book club, consisting of six curious, inventive and adventurous young readers named THE JERSEY TRACKERS. The Trackers travel to different historical time-periods to learn about historical events.

o **Garden State Children's Book Awards (Robin Rockman)**

- Please encourage your patrons to vote! Also share with the committee any ideas you have for promoting the wards.
- GSCBA is hoping to have a panel at the NJLA conference this year and would like to share ideas on encouraging children to vote.
- There is also an opening for a reader on the committee.

o **Public Policy (Jen Fitzgerald)**

- The Public Policy committee asked CSS to share or take action regarding the per capita state aid bills, which would set aside \$10.5 million in state aid for public libraries. There was an email sent to all NJLA members as well as social media posts.

- Facebook -

[https://www.facebook.com/njlibrariesbuildcommunities/posts/612314422538469?_xts__\[0\]=68.ARD_C_4Fq9HzWGMjjg-G0QUcODRuHLp6-V5MSqLYp9_PqcdEfaS0iyB0V97tIPxbDUrsRFb9h6JfsNMZj7qdzT21jQI0zsUbl_pXu00HhGwk66yryZLHdIHkuTpvBnlR12yTuC5FU_itWSG_gbo8mCqWLL-T3cm_a6mdG67RomELq-AjpY5ItOiBuEhEPFsu6OLNr70IUyZP574oavfSMvVYkwR6irmw2tRI7sgOmRPUcSL9-bRGdXiY81LuHiO1JEGA05OsXCbLyQRYARHIVEAd8zKNO1tDMO5HtfTWDHdDvli1WxN9g_04XEqRRjL71472fFDAQ1t0IMFbiGiNONWAaTKI-IIft8DFdajS13F-fE8nPVxjUQ1ud_qMIJGoTNDHprlly1NyCW0yhP12-E2Aa5tVsX2SKkcRumtIQC0JXXWKe9ifgVh2J8qFh7pARTuvjRT4EPjJFZHN0e9fTbsrLbaC8&_tn_=C-R](https://www.facebook.com/njlibrariesbuildcommunities/posts/612314422538469?_xts__[0]=68.ARD_C_4Fq9HzWGMjjg-G0QUcODRuHLp6-V5MSqLYp9_PqcdEfaS0iyB0V97tIPxbDUrsRFb9h6JfsNMZj7qdzT21jQI0zsUbl_pXu00HhGwk66yryZLHdIHkuTpvBnlR12yTuC5FU_itWSG_gbo8mCqWLL-T3cm_a6mdG67RomELq-AjpY5ItOiBuEhEPFsu6OLNr70IUyZP574oavfSMvVYkwR6irmw2tRI7sgOmRPUcSL9-bRGdXiY81LuHiO1JEGA05OsXCbLyQRYARHIVEAd8zKNO1tDMO5HtfTWDHdDvli1WxN9g_04XEqRRjL71472fFDAQ1t0IMFbiGiNONWAaTKI-IIft8DFdajS13F-fE8nPVxjUQ1ud_qMIJGoTNDHprlly1NyCW0yhP12-E2Aa5tVsX2SKkcRumtIQC0JXXWKe9ifgVh2J8qFh7pARTuvjRT4EPjJFZHN0e9fTbsrLbaC8&_tn_=C-R)

- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/njla/status/1067438387605446657>

- Quick reminder to always check with your library's advocacy and social media policies before sharing anything.

o **NJLA Executive Board (Jen Fitzgerald)**

- Jill D'Amico has stepped down from her role as editor of the newsletter. Richard Kearney and Nancy Weiner will now take on the role as editors.
- Vineland was the first library to try the Johnson Bill and it was unfortunately voted down. NJLA had reached out to see how we could help. A lawyer will be at the Public Policy Forum on

December 10 to answer any questions related to the Johnson Bill (Public Law 2017, Chapter 260: legislation that permits an increase of municipal public library funding upon voter approval).

- 3 candidates are running for the NJLA Executive Board Special Election for Member at Large: Laverne Mann, Director of Cherry Hill Public Library, Susanne Sacchetti, Director of the Cumberland County Library, and Meaghan Darling, Youth Services Librarian, Sparta Public Library. An email was sent out to all NJLA members so that they may vote.
- The Strategic Plan results and comments are in and are being reviewed.
- The Conference Task Force recommends that a subcommittee of the Conference Committee be established to review the previous conference and recommend changes.
- There was discussion about how close together the continuing education forums were this fall and if this impacts attendance. A Google calendar will be utilized going forward to avoid duplication of events; the DO-IT conference may possibly be moved to the spring.

- **YS Forum (Sharon Rawlins)**

- No updates at this time.

- **Performer's Showcase (Jess Bauer)**

- No updates at this time -- taking a break until January.

- **Summer Reading (Natalie Cheetham)**

- Instructions for accessing your 2019 CSLP Summer Reading Manual online were sent out in late October. Artwork is available in there in the downloadable manual. If you did not receive access, let Sharon Rawlins at the NJ State Library (srawlins@njstatelib.org) know.
- Workshops are set for March, with registration open in early February on our website: njsummerreading.org
 - Monday, March 11th in Wayne
 - Friday, March 15th in Mullica Hill
 - Monday, March 18th in Franklin Twp in Somerset
 - Monday, March 25th in Monroe
- The Summer Reading Committee is submitting a conference proposal for a session with the award-winning illustrator and now author, Leeza Hernandez. Leeza created the early literacy and children's artwork for the 2019 CSLP Summer Reading materials.
- Any questions or comments can be directed to njlasummerreading@gmail.com

- **Important dates**

- Take your Child to the Library Day is February 2, 2019

- **Adjournment**

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, January 9 from 9:30am-12pm at Warren Township Library. This will be a Children's Toolbox meeting.