

NJLA CSS Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 9:30AM-12PM
Cape May Court House Public Library

The group was led on a tour of the Cape May Makerspace, the Technology Learning Center or TLC. Check out their great website here: <https://tlc.cmclibrary.org>. One of the best ways to see what other libraries are doing is to attend these in person meetings. Their maker space is amazing and has many cool things that I (Pham) would love to implement in the future.

- **Welcome and Call to Order**
- **Approval of Minutes from January & February**
 - a. **Approved**
- **Old Business**
 - a. Social media updates
 - For those on social media, please check out and like the CSS Facebook page. CSS would be interested in starting an Instagram account (for example, see the YASS account here: <https://www.instagram.com/yassnjla/>). If anyone has a love of Instagram and would like help get a CSS Instagram account started, please let us know!!
 - b. Open positions on the CSS executive board
 - Secretary/Treasurer -- available now!
 1. Doneanne Sault, Youth Services Librarian II for the Camden County Library System at the Allan Vogelson Regional Branch has nicely volunteered. Thank you Doneanne!
 - c. NJLA conference
 - Register for the conference!!! <http://njlaconference.info> Early bird registration lasts until May 15.
 - The Feast on This Luncheon still needs a few makers to showcase their talents. This is a buffet style lunch where the attendees sit and eat at their tables, as the makers move around round robin style giving a brief talk about what they brought. You can bring anything as long as it is portable. If you would like to help out email Pham at pcondello@oldbridgelibrary.org. This does not coincide with the Garden State Book Awards Luncheon. That lunch is on Friday and Feast on This is on Thursday.
 - Conference Table- we are looking for CSS members to represent at the CSS table at conference. If you have an idea for activities to do at the table, please email Aaron!

New Business

- **Possible merger of the NJLA YS and NJLA YA sections**

- We spoke in depth about the pros and cons of this merger and brainstormed other ways that would benefit both groups, including twice a year joint meetings. We had one person who felt that it could work, while others thought that merging them would not be beneficial to either section. Possible barriers that were discussed were meeting times and locations and admin issues with letting everyone out of the library at the same time.
- The discussion about merging the two Garden State Book Award committees was discussed also. The group itself did not like the idea of combining the two since both groups have their own way of doing things.
- We discussed ways to improve communication and partnership with YASS, and this sparked a discussion about how CSS could better collaborate with other sections generally. We will investigate possibilities for joint meetings with other sections organized around common themes, and ask if YASS would like to commit to having at least one annual joint meeting so we can cover issues that are of interest for the entire 0-18 population.
- There was discussion about how to enhance the virtual meetings for next year, and one option is to explore video conferences. NJLA might be getting a license for Zoom, which allows for video conferencing, screen sharing, and more, and which has mobile and tablet support as well as desktop support. Another idea was to create a CSS Slack account to allow for ongoing conversations throughout the year. In addition to these virtual meeting ideas that are being explored, there is continued interest to continue host as many “Toolbox” meetings as possible next year, with librarians sharing specific ideas for programs, outreach, collection development, and other areas of professional development. Possible ideas for 2019-20 CSS Toolboxes include how to start lending non-traditional items, tours of Makerspace (possibly in partnership with the Emerging Technology Section), Innovative ideas for more diverse programs (possible in partnership with Diversity/Outreach session), and a possible unconference hosted by LMx (Libraries of Middlesex County consortium) with input from the NJLA CSS Board. If anyone has ideas for topics or presenters for CSS Toolboxes for the upcoming year, please email Aaron at apickett@ebpl.org. Also, if your library would like to host an in-person CSS meeting, please also email Aaron. The schedule for the 2019-20 CSS meetings will be ready by conference.

- **Reports from subcommittees**

- a. Library Link NJ (Sophie Brookover)

- At their meeting on February 7, the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board voted to continue the Cooperative.
 - LibraryLinkNJ’s Staff and Executive Board will now focus on developing and finalizing the guidance documents that will shape our work in FY20. These are the budget, service initiatives, and Board slate that we produce each year. At our Spring Membership Meeting on June 5, we will ask Voting Reps in attendance to affirm these documents.
 - As always, we will make all FY20 guidance documents available to the membership for review two weeks ahead of the meeting. Registration for the Membership Meeting will open on May 8.

b. State Library (Sharon Rawlins)

- SAVE THE DATE: Inclusive Mother Goose on the Loose® Workshop by Betsy Diamant-Cohen -- Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM @ Old Bridge Public Library, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Registration information will be forthcoming. This free early literacy workshop by Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen of Mother Goose on the Loose, sponsored by the State Library, is for public librarians or public library staff who work with children up to 5-years-old. The workshop will provide staff with information about how to explore different ways to adapt the original Mother Goose on the Loose® program for children with disabilities.
- NJ Summer Reading Program Incentives: You should have received, or shortly will receive, your summer reading incentives (banner, posters, bookmarks) from Upstart/Demco if you submitted your 2018 summer reading statistics. The address label does not have particular person's name on but it indicates on one of the outside packing labels that NJLA is paying for it. Please check around your library's technical services department for it. All packages are delivered FedEx and the package can be tracked.
- SAVE THE DATE: NARCAN Training on June 11, 2019 from 1-4pm @ Plainfield Public Library 800 Park Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07060. Registration link coming soon. Instructor: Patricia Dooley Budsock, M.A, LPC, NCTTP, Program Manager Rutgers University RWJMS Division of Addiction Psychiatry; CHOICES Program Director Opioid Overdose Prevention Network Coordinator

c. YS Forum (Sharon Rawlins)

- The Youth Services Forum is looking for volunteers to help with the annual YS forum. This generally involves only a few conference calls and then assisting with presentations on the day of the forum. If you are interested, please email Sandi Cronce at scronce@willingboro.org

d. Summer Reading (Natalie Cheetham)

- The Summer Reading Committee is pleased to be presenting author/illustrator Leeza Hernandez at this year's NJLA Conference. We hope to see you at our session: "COUNTDOWN: From sketch to (illustration) space launch!" on Thursday, May 30th @ 9:00am.
- For Summer Reading inspiration, visit our website and follow us on Pinterest & Facebook. Please feel free to post questions or pictures on our Facebook page! We want traffic!
- Any non-Facebook questions can be directed to njlasummerreading@gmail.com

e. Garden State Children's Book Awards (Robin Rockman)

- In case you missed it, the most recent GSCBA award winners were:
 1. Early Readers (Tie): Fly Guy's Ninja Christmas by Tedd Arnold; The Thank You Book by Mo Willems
 2. Graphic Novel: Dog Man by Day Pilkey
 3. Fiction: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
 4. Non-Fiction: Glow: Animals with Their Own Night-Lights by W.H. Beck

Our winners were selected by the children of New Jersey. Thank you to the libraries that encouraged voting, did displays, and help spread the word to the children you serve.

- The next ballot is being finalized now and will be available later this spring.
 - Everyone is encouraged to join in the celebration at the Garden State Book Awards Luncheon, held on Friday, May 31st at 12:30 PM during this year's NJLA Conference. The speaker will be Lisa Lucas, executive director of the National Book Foundation.
- f. Public Policy (Jen Fitzgerald)
- Public Policy recommends that NJLA support a resolution for \$1 per capita funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Grants to States Program.
 - For Per Capita State Aid, currently there are 17 Assembly and 6 Senate sponsors on bill (<https://nileg.state.nj.us/members/roster.asp>). They are still adding sponsors and NJLA should send out a Capwiz to members for advocacy on these legislative bills.
- g. NJLA Executive Board (Karin Finnegan)
- An anonymous donor expressed interest in sending one person to conference. This donation would pay for the room, registration, meals, and travel. Leah W. is talking to Fundraising and Scholarship to see how we can get this in place. There will be an essay component.
 - The Past Presidents raised \$2,500 for a Diversity Consultant. Pat T. matched that number and there is now a budget of \$5,000. There is also a dedicated line in the budget going forward. Leah W. and Emily M. will start taking the steps for the diversity program.
 - Emily Witkowski from Conference Committee reported that the schedule is up, they have met with the Harrah's contact for review and everything is in good shape. The Exhibit Hall this year will be tweaked and the President Program, the Poster Sessions, and section and committee tables will all be held in the exhibit hall. The print programs will share highlights of the conference and direct members towards the app and online where there will be full conference information. There is a current room rate of \$79.
 - The next meeting is at the Gloucester County Library on Tuesday, March 19 at 10am.
- **Important dates**
 - a. New Jersey Makers Day – 3/22 and 3/23
 - b. Joint meeting with YASS 4/26 at 9:30 at the Jackson Library
 - c. NJLA conference -- 5/29 through 5/31
 - **Collection Development Outside the Box**
 - World Languages Collection
 - Olivia and Mary from Cape May County gave us information how they order their world language materials. Cape May uses Language Lizard and also Penworthy books.
 - Linda from SCLSNJ kindly shared materials about ordering for world languages, which had originally been presented at a previous NJLA conference (see attachments – 5 in total).
 - American Girl Dolls (Beth Cackowski) and Cake Pans
 - Beth Cackowski from Cherry Hill Public Library presented on their popular program that allows children to check out American Girl Dolls from their library, along with the first book in that series and a journal that allows children to record their adventures with the doll. They were able to acquire the dolls through donations, Friends requests and the Girl Scouts. Patrons must fill out a contract and there is a 2 doll max.

- There was also information about a cake pan lending program that South River library offers its patrons (see attachment). It was mentioned that it might be a useful toolbox for an upcoming meeting for libraries that do lend non-traditional items to bring some of their collection and talk a bit about the logistics of starting and maintaining a non-traditional lending collection.
- Here is the link to the Cherry Hill Library's page on other non-traditional lending items [https://chplnj.org/kids more than books](https://chplnj.org/kids_more_than_books)

- **Get Ready for Summer Reading!**

- a. Overview

- How to count your statistics

- Summer Reading Formula for Gathering Statistics for Summer Reading Programs**

- The State Librarian only asks for the total number of books read. However, I know many libraries do hours, minutes, days, pages, chapters, etc.

The formula I use is:

- 1 hour = 1 book
- 60 minutes = 1 book
- 1 book = 100 pages
- 1 book – 15 chapters
- 1 day = 6 books.

Days and chapters are tricky. I know there are kids who read all day in the summer (I was one of those!). I average it out between a kid or teen who reads 6 – 8 hours and those who read less. I know that some libraries estimate differently even with the formula provided. I can only take what library staff input into the Google Form.

- b. Around the room -- share your ideas

- Aaron and Pham shared their gameboards that they use for their summer learning program. We ran out of time so this discussion was very brief. Attached you'll see a copy of what Old Bridge Library did last year for their summer program.

- **Adjournment**

- a. Next CSS meeting: Wednesday, April 10 @ 3pm. This is a virtual meeting via Adobe Connect.