New Jersey Library Association

**Children’s Services Section**

***January 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes***

**GSCBA Update**

GSCBA voting for the 2022 award has ended. Winners will be announced publicly soon. Total of 2000 votes, with 40% from public libraries and 60% from school libraries.

A speaker has been secured for the awards ceremony, to take place on Friday, June 2.

**Youth Services Forum**

If there is any interest in chairing or co-chairing the Youth Services Forum committee contact Lynnette or Sharon.

**Young Adult Section Update (submitted by Katie Salerno)**

The next YASS meeting is Friday, February 18, 10am, GSTBA deliberations for grades 6-8 fiction.

**Talking Book & Braille Center (submitted by Jen Apgar)**

TBBC has recently updated our application for new patrons.  The most current version of our application can always be found on our website.  If you have any older copies, please discard them and use the new one going forward.  If you would like for us to send you new paper copies, please contact us.  One important change to note is that now on page two, the certifying authority page, there is a check box to certify that the applicant is eligible for NLS services.  This must be checked off by the person certifying the application for the application to be considered complete.

Also new for the application is that it now requires a stamp to be mailed back to us, if you choose to mail it.  It can still be emailed to us.

**NJSL Report for CSS Joint GSCBA Meeting, January 28, 2022**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

Petition to New York Times to agree and support for children’s nonfiction list.

**Leap into Science Training Held December 9, 2021**

Sharon Rawlins and the other state leadership team members led a Leap into Science virtual training on Dec. 9, 2021 for 42 participants. Leap into Science training is open to public or school library staff, afterschool organization staff and educators who want to learn to provide virtual training on STEM activities for children ages 3-10 and their caregivers in NJ urban and rural underserved communities. The training uses a science and literacy curriculum developed by the Franklin Institute. The team’s commitment to training library and afterschool staff as part of a three-year Cohort with the Franklin Institute ended on Dec. 31, 2021. Anyone trained has until May 31, 2022 to offer the required Leap programs in their communities. To date, more than 256 programs have been held around the state by those trained in the Leap into Science program with over 3,400 children and adults participating.

**SAVE THE DATES – March 2022 Summer Reading Workshops**

The Statewide Summer Reading Committee has scheduled the dates for the 2022 Summer Reading Workshops, two of which will be in person (depending on the current pandemic situation) and one will be virtual. All workshops will start at 10 am.

·      Friday, March 4th - Livingston Public Library (in person)

·      Friday, March 11th - virtual workshop

·      Monday, March 21st - Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill (in person)

Registration will open in February. More information will be forthcoming.

**The 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival**

Challenge the youth up to age 18 that you work with to retell the plot of a Newbery Award winning book in just 90 seconds by creating their own videos! It’s a great opportunity for a project to do with youth by combining literacy and the arts together in a project.

The State Library is sponsoring the 90 Second Film Festival and has invited author James Kennedy, the Festival’s founder, to appear at the Film Festival on April 30, 2022 at 7 pm at the NJ State Museum’s Auditorium in Trenton (located next to the NJ State Museum). In order to host this event, we need the young people to create fabulous films for the Festival so they, and their friends and family, can attend the in-person screening to show off their films. The deadline for students to create and submit the film to Mr. Kennedy has been extended to February 25, 2022.

Mr. Kennedy will be pre-recording a webinar to provide tips on how to create amazing 90 second videos of Newbery Award winning books for the youth you serve. I will share that information with you when it’s available.

More information about the 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival and how to submit a 90-second video can be found here: <https://90secondnewbery.com/>.

**Other Organization Resources/Grants/Events/Webinars**

**ALA Youth 2022 Youth Media Awards**

Complete list:<http://ow.ly/NsZw50HBPwS>

**ALA-CORE 2022 Excellence in Children's and Young Adult Science Fiction Notable Lists:** <https://sfnotables.org/2022-lists/>

**ALA’s Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT)**  [2021 Best Graphic Novels for Children Reading List](https://www.ala.org/rt/gncrt/2021-best-graphic-novels-children-reading-list)

**ALA’s Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT)** [2021 Best Graphic Novels for Adults Reading List](https://www.ala.org/rt/gncrt/2021-best-graphic-novels-adults-reading-list)

**My Newbery at 100**

The [Center for Children’s Books](https://ccb.ischool.illinois.edu/) at the [University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign](https://illinois.edu/) isbuilding an archive of readers' responses to the Newbery on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. This work is designed as part of a larger effort to diversify and democratize the archived papers connected with the Newbery Medal by bringing ina broader range of voices, especially those of youngreaders. The digital archive assembled will be housed in the ALA Archives at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. If you are interested in participating, the Center for Children’s Books has a [submission website](https://www.mynewbery100.web.illinois.edu/) with a list of frequently asked questions for caregivers and resources for library staff, including a ready-made, downloadable PowerPoint for librarians and educators. For more information, please contact us at: mynewbery-100@illinois.edu.

**School and Public Libraries Fact Sheet**

In case you didn’t see this fact sheet providing information about the goals of public and school libraries and their unique roles that was created by members of NJASL and NJLA, here’s the link from the NJLA website: <https://www.njla.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=984:public-and-school-libraries-fact-sheet&catid=26:njla-executive-board-statements-and-resolutions&Itemid=161>

**Call for Submissions for Booklist’s fourth annual Guide to Graphic Novels in Libraries – Due February 4, 2022**

Last year, Booklist published their third Guide to Graphic Novels in Libraries which included articles about collecting and cataloging superhero comics, decolonizing your graphic novel collection, zine fests, sharing resources, and more. They are planning for this year’s Guide and are looking for article ideas from public, school, or academic library workers working with comics and graphic novels, in a variety of capacities, to either contribute original articles or be interviewed by a Booklist editor about your work in the field. [**See the submission form for more information.**](http://membership.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMDM3MDg5MiZwPTEmdT0xMTE3NDA2NjE3JmxpPTkxNjk5ODg3/index.html)

Proposals are due Feb 4th, so get your ideas in soon!

**NJ Stem Pathways Network (NJSPN) Mini-Grant**

NJ STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN) has dedicated March 2022 as NJ STEM Month. They have a STEM mini-grant opportunity that organizations, including libraries, are welcome to apply for. The NJ STEM Pathways Network will award up to $500 in grant funds to organizations hosting NJ STEM Month events. They are looking for events that will impact as many learners as possible, are STEM-related, and are held during March 2022 (NJMakersDay events are examples of events you might be offering in March). Here’s the [grant application](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenQBYzwLh8qsRkg4e16xAX9KRtQXf96NTBZ2ktLgdOQaijtw/viewform). For ideas on events, [here are the mini-grant stories from NJ STEM Month 2021](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fnjstempathways.org%2fstem-month-stories-21%2f&c=E,1,xd6H-cPNnla6RnNKedvatoTLA1lwfUxad3IPYnu238EaC7Qdb19w62UGQUEdt8lqVPe0sOLC2eBT_YtOqNtVh4SGIO2XpHH3FX19AdrGfPy4oXTqJgmNrco,&typo=1).

NJSPN is always looking for examples of organizations, including public and school libraries, and afterschool organizations who are offering STEM programming for their communities. They invite anyone to share their STEM activities/events on their NJSPN calendar. I know some of you might be aware of them and have already added events to their calendar in the past, such as your NJMakersDay activities. Here’s their [NJ STEM Month Official Calendar](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fnjstempathways.org%2fevent-form%2f&c=E,1,DzFlDNVgeBgtB-MTpMw8x2KycqnkINVZu1TDAJL4QJVhXG3JKIYBJX442kTsMpopZxdE3rj2TwruZK5ZnAXETKvIJXs1v9Sbv-brOB1i3qQ_HtHMULl04lyGjg,,&typo=1) that you can post your events on. If you do that, you’re asked to use the official NJ STEM Month logo to publicize any STEM March event. You can download the logo from the official [NJ STEM Month webpage](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fnjstempathways.org%2fnjstemmonth%2f&c=E,1,c4FeOUZREsk7vJriy21QqMjkkJTxiqEqetht8V8gAxBXstkY7UHqd9KK-SRdtNcXNF43PTWwCmCwdU-7HwMYRUgTi0GpZmzlvXdVt_gYnsfmv3r_&typo=1).

Here are several other ways you can participate in NJ STEM Month activities by using social media to publicize NJ STEM Month:

·      **Twitter Contest**: **Follow @NJSTEMPathways** and use **#NJSTEMMonth,**  the official hashtag of NJ STEM Month. They also have a contest with prizes for anyone who tweets to support #NJSTEMMonth.  Everyone who uses #NJSTEMonth will be entered to win a prize; winners will be selected randomly.

·      **Virtual STEM Showcase**: Each year NJSPN showcasesSTEM work from across the state to state policymakers. Because of COVID, they have done this virtually via an online book: [here is 2021’s](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fonline.flippingbook.com%2fview%2f1011849598%2f&c=E,1,3HPfKibHRrCHRTRQf62x44R-Fg8CXFTexmNEa2lCgFFtLtJLW4rKYHaNLXuFYpiNBSycO8ToaYc-YY9hf96T5FbuhTZzMbhUJoJNbClNI_lZPX37GXTxU4c5kPs,&typo=1).  They encourage any and all groups to submit their work to be highlighted using [this link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyKY7AeU3_Qmt2_yod4evE8Tc5u9Cp0eOoEQ9uqcGPKpzeKw/viewform).

NJ STEM Pathways Network is a strategic public-private alliance, established in 2014 by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, to define and guide a STEM vision for cradle to career pathways in New Jersey. The NJSPN is chaired by Laura Overdeck, Chair of the Overdeck Family Foundation and Founder of Bedtime Math and is managed by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey. The NJSPN aims to attract, cultivate and retain a 21st century workforce in New Jersey, ensuring the state remains a top global competitor in STEM industry and continues its rich history of innovation.

**Apply for the 2022 Miss Rumphius Award!**

The New Jersey Center for the Book is seeking nominations for the **2022 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 exemplary in improving and promoting literacy in their communities.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, February 25, 2022.** 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. A monetary amount of $200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient in 2022. Please use this [link](https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Miss-Rumphius-Award-for-2022-Application.docx) to apply.

Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the **Miss Rumphius Award** to Carol Phillips (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, contact Carol Phillips, (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com) or visit the NJCFB website: [njcenterforthebook.org](http://njcenterforthebook.org/)

**National Education Association Announces Read Across America Digital Calendar**

[*Visit the Read Across America page*](https://ala.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b9b7f12a0545b1a14ef19a691&id=ca5ecfb6ba&e=V632dpEnFw)

To encourage educators and parents to fill shelves with books, National Education Association announces the creation of its 2021-2022 Read Across America [digital calendar](https://ala.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b9b7f12a0545b1a14ef19a691&id=0f53f02bda&e=V632dpEnFw) which features 36 recommended titles - 12 picture books, 12 middle grade titles, and 12 young adults - for each month of the year. The recommended books include a wide selection of genres and formats.

Every recommended title featured includes activity suggestions, questions for discussion or reflective writing, related sources and more titles to try that relate to themes in the featured book.

**Apply for the 2022 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries- Deadline to apply February 13, 2022**

The Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT) of ALA and the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation announce the opening of the 2022 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries grant cycle. These grants recognize libraries for their role in the growth of graphic literature and awards funds and resources for graphic novel collection development and programming. The applying librarian or their institution must be an ALA member to be eligible and the grants are open to libraries across North America, including Canada and Mexico. [**Learn More & Apply Here.**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001iGyVEf5C3Od9u-SYxJ2spnnqQEBliywKmop4ua6Q_Z7kJ2cYfQSR4IWeoTJe_4h_4n56gWRhQ8imEHTXarcTGzuQDPBMNLusWW5U5tFFzQ5K_9IkrgjeUFSGKaiYgI1D6ChpRAwPPBq5By30PXnNVscjuiDcmA8M1wkgBjm-Azk=&c=3vwTkcIReG6p6kYvL50IjzyGfhLk0vGo5XGwy9jIa5rUJBtJX4DQKQ==&ch=2eLHbmVmBUeyTzEUdirCeGy4Fw10ImvEs9_lrKCxZ3CHj2ewxtg_uw==)

**Tell Me Another Story –Ezra Jack Keats**

The Tell Me Another Story video viewing and discussion will take place next meeting.

In attendance:

Eloise Costello

Meaghan Darling

Krsiten Churchill

Gina Vaccaro

Amy Behr-Shields

Jordan Bilodeau

Amanda Ort

Ann Kershner

Teresa Carlton

Laura Shiber

Lanora Melillo

Asha Mobiley

Karen Jarzabski

Sharon Rawlins

Heather Kristian

Maureen Herman

Noah Anderson\

Jen Apgar

Michael Maziekien

Jen Fitzgerald

Lauren Antolino

Maria Provini

**The next meeting will be on**

**Friday, February 25**

**9:45 a.m.**