New Jersey Library Association

**Children’s Services Section**

***October 22, 2021 Virtual Meeting Minutes***

**Updates on the Social Media Channels**

It is hoped to change the bylaws to change 1 Member at Large position to Social Media Coordinator. Teresa is facilitating the Facebook account, and if you have any suggestions regarding content, please contact her. Karen will be setting up the Instagram account for CSS.

**2022 NJLA Conference**

Deadline for CSS conference proposals in November 16. If you have an idea please submit it to the google form. Conference is being planned as an in person event.

**GSCBA Update**

GSCBA has created a longlist for next year’s awards. Voting is open for this year’s award and ballots can be found here: <http://njlamembers.org/content/voting-ballots> Votes are due by early January. GSCBA is in the process of looking for a speaker for the annual luncheon.

**Young Adult Services Section**  
Please join the NJLA YASS committee in selecting our 28th Garden State Teen Book Award nominees.  Titles are chosen in three categories: 6-8 grade fiction, 9-12 grade fiction, and 6-12 grade nonfiction, and then NJ Teens vote for their favorite in each category! For more info about the GSTBA and to find ballots for teens to vote in the 27th annual please visit <http://njlamembers.org/content/voting-information-ballots>. Voting runs through December.

If you are interested in reading and reviewing, please add your name to the Google Sheet linked below, for titles you have already read. Please try to fill this out ASAP. You can choose to read in all three categories, or just one or two.

Shortly after, you will be assigned to read and review titles that you have not read (Usually 3 from each category).  The more readers, the less books you will be assigned, so please join!

Assigned titles must be read by these virtual deliberation dates (if you can't make deliberations, there will be a form provided so that you can send your input and have a proxy vote on your behalf).

January 8th: 6-12 Gr. Nonfiction

February 26th: 6-8 Gr. Fiction

March 12th 9-12 Gr. Fiction

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HKMpSemNID9Jho92TpWbz_uKLiPoIAJs3ZoBpDDki4c/edit?usp=sharing>

**Talking Book & Braille Center**

TBBC is continuing to promote the changes made to the certifying authorities list, which makes it easier for those with a reading disability to sign up for services.  Formerly, only doctors of medicine or doctors of osteopathy were able to certify an application for an individual with a reading disability.  Now certified reading specialists, educators, librarians, and school psychologists can certify the eligibility of applicants with reading disabilities such as dyslexia.  We will be presenting on this at the upcoming NJASL conference.

**Performer’s Showcase**

There are no updates from Performer’s Showcase.

**NJSL Report for CSS Meeting, October 22, 2021**

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

**2021 Summer Reading Statistics**

I am still contacting public library staff to get them to submit their final statistics from the 2021 summer reading program. The multi-state survey’s deadline was September 17, 2021. I created a separate survey for anyone who missed the deadline. The link is: <https://forms.gle/FZnd1G71zmcJrR5eA>. Libraries are asked to submit their statistics **as soon as possible** so I can complete the final report by the end of October.

**New Jersey State Library Selects 14 Libraries to Host Digital Literacy Training and Certification Program for Adult Residents**

The New Jersey State Library (NJSL), an affiliate of Thomas Edison State University, has selected 14 public libraries to participate in its Hub & Spoke Libraries pilot project, an initiative that will provide uniform digital literacy training and credentialing for adult residents across the state. Through a competitive grant process, the State Library has selected three hub libraries that will serve as regionally-based training labs, and 11 spoke libraries that will provide additional digital literacy support. The goal of the project is to create a standardized and replicable library-based digital literacy certification program to assist New Jersey’s workforce.

Hub and spoke libraries will connect with their local Workforce Development Boards and American Job Centers, as well as other libraries in the area, to create a referral and sending system that accounts for client intake, record keeping and data sharing. Participants will have access to free, high quality training materials, videos, classroom aides, and mini lessons. The program will be facilitated by the [**Plainfield Public Library**](http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info/Departments/Literacy/lit_main.html) (PPL), and will model PPL’s proven system for providing literacy programming.

To see the list of libraries selected and for more information, visit: <https://www.njstatelib.org/press-releases/new-jersey-state-library-selects-14-libraries-to-host-digital-literacy-training-and-certification-program-for-adult-residents/>

**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 your TAB groups 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 is January 14, 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.

**If your library is interested in participating by encouraging the youth you work with make a film for this 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival, please fill out this survey:**[**https://forms.gle/bgnLRHfaDXc2Yvkd7**](https://forms.gle/bgnLRHfaDXc2Yvkd7)

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/>.

**CSLP Updates**

**Theme and Slogan Voted on at CSLP Annual Meeting, Sept. 23, 2021**

I attended the virtual CSLP Annual Meeting as the State Representative for CSLP.

After surveying youth services and adult reference library staff to have them pick their favorite slogan for CSLP’s 2024 summer reading program theme of Adventure and for the theme for the 2025 program, I voted on behalf of NJ at the meeting. The winning 2024 slogan and 2025 theme for all ages are: “*Adventure Begins at Your Library*" and Art.

**CSLP Website & Access Code for Online 2022 Manuals**

The 2022 manual is ready online. Here is the link for the access code for all NJ public libraries:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-Online-Manual-Code-New-Jersey.pdf> Please don’t share it with the public. The store has updated the products for 2022 and you can shop online now:  <https://www.cslpreads.org/cslp-store/>

You will be getting a printed catalog as well – by the end of October through the statewide delivery service.

**CSLP Soliciting Ideas for the 2023 Manual with the Theme for All Ages of Friendship & Kindness Until October 29, 2021**

If you’re a staff member in a NJ public library, the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) welcomes your ideas and suggestions for the 2023 theme for the summer program for all ages of *Friendship & Kindness!*The form is open to submit your program ideas for children, teens, and adults! CSLP’s annual collaborative summer programming manual is created using the suggestions from public library staff like you. Submit your ideas here for the manual with theme of Friendship & Kindness:  <https://www.cslpreads.org/submit-a-programming-idea/>

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

**Tweens Read 2021 – Virtual Event, Oct. 18-23, 2021**

Visit the [website](https://tweensread.com/index.html) to see the **Schedule/Event tab for the date and time (all CT)**  each panel of authors will speak.

Monday – Friday – Sessions at 11:00 am and 2:00 PM ET

Saturday: Keynote Speaker Session at 12 noon ET

Panels will be live with the opportunity to ask authors questions.

All panels will be recorded and available to watch for 2 weeks after the Festival on the [Blue Willow’s YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8OowPlp4YJndxnE8UOLDoQ)Channel

**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.

[**Carnegie-Whitney Awards up to $5,000 for Guides to Library Resources**](https://connect.ala.org/pla/communities/community-home/digestviewer/viewthread?MessageKey=20a69a58-31a6-4efb-927f-1446b54c9816&CommunityKey=97ed89fc-2d42-422d-a2b6-a996d4274add&tab=digestviewer#bm20a69a58-31a6-4efb-927f-1446b54c9816)

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to $5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. Funded projects have ranged from "A Resource Guide about Disabilities, Disability Theory, and Assistive Technologies" to "A Bibliography for Queer Teens" to "Graphic Novels & the Humanity of Mental Illness" to "Web Accessibility Resources for Libraries".

**Applications must be received by November 5, 2021. Recipients will be notified by February 2022.**

For more information and guidelines, visit [www.ala.org/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/...](http://www.ala.org/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/carnegiewhitney) or contact Mary Jo Bolduc, Grant Administrator at mbolduc@ala.org.

**Latinx Kidlit Festival, December 9-10, 2021**

The Latinx Kidlit Book Festival is a virtual celebration of Latinx KidLit authors, illustrators, and books for all students, educators and book lovers everywhere being held for the second year. The festival will open its virtual doors from December 9-10, 2021, and present two free days of panels, craft sessions and illustrator draw-offs with your favorite Latinx authors and illustrators of picture books, middle grade, young adult, graphic novel, comic books and poetry. The sessions are geared towards ALL schools, educators, students and book lovers, not just those identifying as Latinx. Everyone is welcome! Students are encouraged to send questions to panelist and will be entered into a giveaway for classroom sets of books. Here’s the [schedule](https://www.latinxkidlitbookfestival.com/festival-schedule-2021) if you want to see the who’s participating.

*Here is a* [*link to their social media graphics*](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uMGULBpQWXogD_ptSLSwDrMsaUUUjzQW) *for the festival that are targeting educators.*

*Here is a* [*link to their posters*](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LSiCUElbAjsSVk02GhbmS_xtk4ZUUxzB) *that can be shared and printed out.*

**Apply for the 2022 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries**

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. [**Learn More & Apply Here.**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001iGyVEf5C3Od9u-SYxJ2spnnqQEBliywKmop4ua6Q_Z7kJ2cYfQSR4IWeoTJe_4h_4n56gWRhQ8imEHTXarcTGzuQDPBMNLusWW5U5tFFzQ5K_9IkrgjeUFSGKaiYgI1D6ChpRAwPPBq5By30PXnNVscjuiDcmA8M1wkgBjm-Azk=&c=3vwTkcIReG6p6kYvL50IjzyGfhLk0vGo5XGwy9jIa5rUJBtJX4DQKQ==&ch=2eLHbmVmBUeyTzEUdirCeGy4Fw10ImvEs9_lrKCxZ3CHj2ewxtg_uw==)

**2022 Elections**

If anyone is thinking of running for a seat next year, or know of anyone who would be a good fit, please contact Lynnette Fucci at lfucci@Monroetwplibrary.org

**In attendance:**

Lynnette Fucci

Becky Osowski

Heather Kristian

Gina Vacarro

Karen Jarzabski

Cynthia Becker

Dana Skwirut

Kate Jaggers

Melania Squicciarini

Lanora Melillo

Teresa Carlton

Kitty from Edison Public Library

Jen Apgar

Sharon Rawlins

Maureen Herman

Emily Macleod

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with YASS. If you any question/discussion topics please add to the google form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRQDVI9DhSbduTeiOrohj7_D0qy1n2YkXDMfsb4yqSNM0Tkg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

**The next meeting will be on**

**Friday, November 19**

**9:45 a.m.**

**Happy Halloween!**