**NJLA Children’s Services Section Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2015 @ 10:00am**

**Meeting Held at Piscataway Public Library, Kennedy Branch**

**In Attendance:**  
Darby Malvey, President

Colleen Affrime , 1st Vice President Ocean County Library, Toms River

Jennifer Schillig, 2nd Vice President Monroe Township Library

Peggy Wong, Member-at-Large #1 Piscataway Public Library

Doug Poswencyk, Member-at-Large #2 Watchung Library, SCLS

Theresa Foster, Secretary/Treasurer Ocean County Library, Barnegat

Sharon Rawlins NJ State Library

Cassie Runkel, GSCBA Chair Ocean County Library, Brick

Amy Behr North Plainfield, SCLS

Claudia Flores Plainfield Public Library, SCLS

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Old Business
   1. NJLA Wikis are over, please visit our new Drupal site at  
      <http://njlamembers.org/chisection>
4. Reports
   1. Summer Reading Committee
   2. State Library
   3. Garden State Book Awards
   4. NJLA Executive Board
   5. Books for Kids
   6. Public Policy
   7. Performer’s Showcase
5. Elections
6. Conference 2015
7. Good of the Order
8. Adjournment

**Call to Order:**

Darby Malvey started the meeting at 10:06am.

**Minutes:**

The previously posted minutes of February 13, 2015 were approved. Colleen approved, Theresa seconded.

**Introductions:**  
Everyone introduced themselves.

**Old Business:**   
The NJLA Wiki is no longer being updated. All new information is on the Drupal site at <http://njlamembers.org/chisection>

NJLA is no longer using ListServ for e-mail updates and conversation. Instead invitations were sent out to join Google Groups. Invitations have to be accepted and will expire. If you missed the deadline to accept, contact NJLA to be included to a group. CSS members were reminded that Google Groups can be used to facilitate discussions and answer questions, not just for Committee and Section members to send out updates.

**New Business:**  
The Reference Section is having a Library Maker’s Toolkit on Tuesday, March 10th at Monroe Township Public Library and they are seeking co-sponsors. YASS has already agreed to co-sponsor. CSS was supposed to have a spring workshop at the Cherry Hill Public Library in May; however we would lose a lot of attendance because it is the same day as Ocean County Library’s required Professional Development Day. It was suggested that we can cancel our Spring Workshop and co-sponsor the Maker Workshop. This way CSS would also be able to network with Reference and YA librarians.

Anyone who would like to present can contact Darby with their ideas. [darbymalvey@gmail.com](mailto:darbymalvey@gmail.com)

**Reports:**

**Summer Reading:** Submitted by Chrissie McGovern, Co-Chair NJLA Summer Reading Committee

**Workshops**

This year the committee is hosting four workshops throughout the state. (We have completed three at the time this report was written.) For the past five years, we have only offered three workshops- one each in the northern, central, and southern parts of the state. We normally exceed capacity at our northern location and constantly receive requests to open up more spots for registration. Unfortunately, due to space limitations we cannot open up more spots. However, this year, we did not receive any communication even asking for a waiting list! Having two central locations has really balanced out our registration. (We have also seen many new faces this year- always a good thing.)

This year we offered an optional brown bag lunch portion to the workshop following our morning presentations for any librarians that wanted to ask further questions or wanted to share ideas. The response has been pretty positive. We’ve been sitting around tables having an informal discussion about all sorts of topics. (So far only one person has brought their lunch, so we may change the name next year!)

There is still room in the Monday, March 30th workshop in Monroe if anyone is interested. Following the Monroe workshop, all content presented at the workshops will be available on the NJ Summer Reading website. You can also follow us on Pinterest and Facebook for more ideas and updates.

**Summer Reading:**  
**NJLA Conference**

The committee is sponsoring the program “Heroes on Your Bookshelves” which will be a double session on Tuesday, April 21st in the afternoon. The 2015 overall theme for all ages is heroes, and a panel of authors/illustrators has been put together to discuss the theme of heroes in their literary work. Panelists include authors and illustrators of literary works that appeal to a variety of age groups. A book signing will follow the program. The panel includes:

* Joan Holub, author - *Goddess Girls series, Heroes in Training series, Mighty Dads, Zero the Hero, Little Red Writing*
* Bob McLeod, author/illustrator - *Superhero ABC*, and illustrator of numerous Marvel comics
* Kevin Pyle - *Take What You Can Carry, Katman, Blindspot, Prison Town, LAB USA*
* Eric Cooper - *Knight Seeker, Knight Seeker III*

**NJ State Library:**NJSL Report for CSS Section Meeting, March 27, 2015  
Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

The NJ State Library is visiting libraries all over the state. They will complete this project in June. Libraries are asking for more regional programs.

**SAVE THE DATE: 2015 Youth Services Forum, October 8, 2015**

The Youth Services Forum will be held on Thursday October 8 at the Monroe Public Library. For more information, please contact Project Manager Emily Moore, [emoore@camdencountylibrary.org](mailto:emoore@camdencountylibrary.org), 856.772.1636 ext. 7321, or Project Consultant Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609.278.2640 ext. 116. Please send ideas for programs you are interested in seeing at the Forum.

**Active Shooter Training for Library Staff**

The New Jersey State Library is offering free active shooter training sessions for library staff at these libraries:

• May 5, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm at the New Milford Public Library

To register go here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-shooter-training-tickets-16239372400>

• May 7, 9:30 am -12 noon at the Sparta Public Library

To register go here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-shooter-training-tickets-16239412520>

Have questions? Contact Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer at [kpeiffer@njstatelib.org](mailto:kpeiffer@njstatelib.org) or 609-278-2640, ext. 152

**Baker & Taylor CATS TitleTalk – Summer - Fall Publisher Previews – Deadline to register is April 29th**

The free publisher previews for youth services librarians sponsored by Baker & Taylor will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 9 am – 3:30 pm at Ocean County Library in Toms River. RSVP by April 29, 2015 at the link provided below. The guest author is Jason Reynolds (The Boy in the Black Suit (2015); and When I Was the Greatest (2014), the 2015 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent Award winner.)

Metered parking behind the Municipal Building IS FOR 3 HOURS ONLY! Please park at the FREE Ocean County Parking Garage 129 Hooper Ave (1.5 blocks), or at the FREE lot at West Water and Irons Streets (about 2.5 blocks).

To register <http://btcats.celebrations.com/FALL15>

**ALSC Items of Interest**

• May 6, National Library Legislative Day, [www.ala.org/nlld](http://www.ala.org/nlld)

• June 26- 30, ALA Annual Conference, <http://alaac15.ala.org/>

**Other Items of Interest**

Charter schools less likely to have libraries - Survey from National Center for Education Statistics

Charter schools are far less likely than traditional schools to have libraries or librarians, surveys show. During the 2011–2012 school year, 49% of public charter schools reported having a library media center compared to 93% of traditional public schools in the United States, according to a survey by the National Center for Education Statistics. Nationwide, one-third of libraries in public charter schools had full-time, paid, state-certified library media center specialists, compared to two-thirds of traditional public schools. See full survey here: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2013/2013315.pdf>

**IMLS Public Libraries in the United States Survey: Fiscal Year 2012 Report –Released Jan. 26, 2015**

The Public Libraries in the United States Survey (PLS) examines when, where, and how library services are changing to meet the needs of the public. These data, supplied annually by more than 97 percent of public libraries across the country, provide information that policymakers and practitioners can use to make informed decisions about the support and strategic management of libraries. According to new research by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), in 2012, Americans made 1.5 billion trips to public libraries in the United States—the equivalent of more than 4.1 million visits each day. The research indicates there is still a high demand for the resources and services of the nation’s approximately 9,000 public libraries.

Other highlights of the findings include:

• There were 1.5 billion in-person visits to public libraries across the United States, similar to FY 2011 levels. This was a 10-year increase of 20.7 percent.

• The public invested over $11.5 billion in revenue to public libraries. This was similar to FY 2011 levels, after adjusting for inflation. Revenue has declined after a peak in FY 2009, but is up 7.2 percent over 10 years.

• More than 92.6 million people attended the 4.0 million programs at public libraries. Attendance showed a 1-year increase of 5.2 percent and a 10-year increase of 54.4 percent.

To see the full report, go here: <http://www.imls.gov/research/public_libraries_in_the_us_fy_2012_report.aspx>

**James Patterson’s Public School Superhero, First Book Donation**

In 2015, James Patterson will donate 100,000 copies of his new urban kid superhero book to under-resourced public schools. The books will be distributed through First Book, a nonprofit social enterprise that provides new books for kids in need. First Book is a nonprofit social enterprise that has distributed more than 125 million books and educational resources to programs and schools serving children from low-income families in the United States and Canada. By making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis, First Book is transforming the lives of children in need and elevating the quality of education. For more information visit firstbook.org

<http://www.kidlitfrenzy.com/kid-lit-frenzy/2015/3/18/public-school-superhero-first-book-donation>

**National Storytelling Network Seeks Applications for Brimstone Award**

Grants of $5,000 will be awarded to support model storytelling projects that are service-oriented, based in a community or organization, and to some extent are replicable in other places and situations. Applicants who are not members of the National Storytelling Network will pay the current membership fee to become an NSN member. Application deadline is April 20. For more information, go to <http://www.storynet.org/grants/brimstone.html>

**Garden State Children’s Book Awards** – Cassie Runkel  
Their first meeting will be Friday, September 18th. The new Chair will be Ellen Pozzi from William Paterson University. They are hoping to have additional school librarians from NJASL and NJEA join GSCBA.

GSCBA is working on a more editable and printer-friendly ballot. They are limiting their print quantity to 500 to save costs and encourage downloading.

Ted Arnold, *There’s a Fly Guy in My Soup,* will be attending NJLA, he is NYC based. Jason will bring a video from Jeff Kinney to present on Jeff’s behalf. Cassie will contact the Conference Committee about showing the video and if they will need to have any equipment.

GSCBA will be stuffing folders on Thursday, April 16th at the Piscataway Public Library, Kennedy Branch.

YA is hosting the guest speaker, Sandy Hall. Her first novel, *A Little Something Different*, was released by Swoon Reads/Macmillan in August of 2014. The author of *Enchanted* (Grades 6-8 Winner) Alethea Kontis will be at the Luncheon as well.

**NJLA Executive Board** – Jennifer Schillig  
Jen could not make the meeting and the Minutes have not been posted at this time.

**Books for Kids**:  
This is not a busy time for Books for Kids. They will meet in September and most likely reuse posters from the past. Antoinette will discuss statistics at that time.

**Public Policy** – Peggy Wong  
NJLA Public Policy Meeting, Monroe PL, 3/6/15

Pat Tumulty led a general discussion about the budget. She said State budget was introduced with no extra money for libraries. Pat also said the strategy should be to focus on getting the word out there through Advocacy Month (don’t want current bills heard yet). After Advocacy Month will be a better time put certain bills on a ballot because bills may have more support if members are more aware of issues, and there are more voters in a Presidential election year. Goal is to get the pension issue done in the fall, passed in lame duck, and signed in January. Do not want pension issue on same ballot as construction bill. Need to explain bills to our members and get as many sponsors for the bills as possible.

Pat also reported that Kathleen Pieffer is leaving the NJSL in May to become the State Librarian of New Mexico.

There was a general discussion about Assembly Bill A4161, which requires certain CATV companies to provide Internet service at public libraries with business customer class Internet access bandwidth and circuit capacity proportional to public libraries’ needs. This bill amends existing law to require cable television 35 companies having a system-wide franchise to install free Internet 36 access at public libraries within its franchise area that has a business 37 customer class Internet access bandwidth and circuit capacity 38 proportional to the public libraries’ needs. Will need to define or set a base level for the bandwidth.

James Keehbler reported on training webinar and goals for Advocacy Month. Already covered 40 districts and training positively received. Chris Carbone reminded everyone that National Library Legislative Day is coming up in May.

Eileen Palmer discussed the influx of new directors replacing the increasing number of retiring directors. She expressed concerns regarding the importance of new directors having an awareness of public policy issues. She suggested a Public Policy workshop for new directors. Pat Tumulty suggested officially inviting new directors to the Public Policy Forum in June and possibly having a meet and greet before the Forum followed up with a phone call. Chris suggested developing a program of individual visits.

Eileen also reported on the Intellectual Freedom committee’s efforts to examine reader’s privacy legislation again to determine how to best work with legislators to get a bill that we really want.

**Performer’s Showcase:**  
The Committee is currently confirming with the performer’s regarding their participation. The Showcase will be Thursday, November 12.

**Elections:**  
CSS’s ballot has been submitted to NJLA. Our submission was a little late, but the Section ballots have not gone out yet, just the Executive Board. The NJLA year runs from June – September. Meetings do not typically happen in July or August.

**Conference:**  
Publicity is going out. Facebook, social media, and now Google Groups are being utilized. The switch from the listserv to Google Groups may have delayed marketing. Creative ideas for advertising Conference are being solicited.

Anyone who registers for NJLA will be invited to a Virtual Pre-Conference on Monday Morning.   
The following message is posted for Doug Baldwin on behalf of the NJLA Emerging Technologies Section...

I am excited to announce a brand new addition to the NJLA conference in 2015 : the Virtual Preconference!

As a pilot project for this year’s conference, we will be offering two full conference sessions hosted on the Adobe Connect platform the morning of Monday, April 20th.

These sessions will occur before the pre-conference sessions that afternoon at the Ocean Place Resort, and will be accessible online from any Internet-enabled computer, laptop or mobile device.

These sessions are FREE for anyone who has registered, or does register, for any part of this year’s annual conference. The sessions being offered are:

**10-10:50am S1 : The Inclusive Library: Building a Culturally Responsive Library Program for Youth**The "We Need More Diverse Books" campaign has raised awareness for inclusive library collections. Developing diverse collections, however, is only a starting point. Diverse collections must be housed in libraries that are inclusive and staffed by librarians who are culturally competent. In this presentation, participants will explore how to build culturally responsive library programs for youth. Ideas will be shared on culturally relevant teaching and program administration, as well as removing barriers that disenfranchise youth.

**11:10am-12pm S2: Successful Library Partnerships: You can do it!**Librarians who have worked in and with school and public libraries will talk about mutually beneficial partnerships. We will open up the discussion so others can share successful experiences and informative mistakes. Together, we'll develop a road map for collaboration that benefits schools and libraries.

More information about these sessions can be found here at at: <http://njlaconference.info/locations/virtual-adobe-connect>

Colleen is reaching out to CSS sponsored program presenters to see if they need anything. She will see who needs projectors and make the appropriate plans to inform presenters to bring projectors or supply projectors from her own library.

Colleen plans on moderating all sessions. She will also send out a Doodle poll requesting volunteers to sit at the CSS table during the 2-days of NJLA. <http://doodle.com/p68mfpw965bsw5kz>

CSS wants to distribute bookmarks at our table and at CSS sponsored programs. Claudia volunteered to work on the bookmark. Theresa will send her the original file to update, since the old bookmark reflects the Wiki and not the Drupal site.

Doug Baldwin is looking for presenters for the Lightening Lunch on Wednesday, April 22.

The Conference is April 20 – 22 in Long Branch, at Ocean Palace. <http://njlaconference.info/>

**Good of the Order:**  
The group decided to cancel the April CSS meeting, Friday April 24th. Since the meeting is the same week as Conference the group felt it would be too hard for members to get out of their libraries for an additional day.

Our next meeting will be Friday, May 15th at 10:00 am in Cherry Hill. It will be a joint meeting with the YA Section.

**Adjournment:** 11:05am