**NJLA Children Services Section Meeting**

**March 27, 2017**

**Monroe Township Public Library**

**Attendance:**

Candace Worrell, President Cherry Hill Public Library

Lanora Melillo, 1st Vice President Scotch Plains Public Library

Jessica Bauer, 2nd Vice President Hillsborough Library, SCLS

Melissa Mitchell, Member-at-Large Franklin Township

Theresa Foster, Secretary/Treasurer Barnegat Branch, OCL

Colleen Affrime, Past President Jackson Branch, OCL

Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist NJ State Library

Jen Apgar Talking Book & Braille Center

Saskia Kisneluv Princeton Public Library

**Welcome/Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm following the Summer Reading Workshop.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Candace approved, Jessica seconded.*

**Old Business**

**Conference *(Report from Lanora Meilllio)***

*Moderators are set for all CSS panels. Laptops have been arranged. There should be a projector in each room, but presenters should have a back-up plan in place. There was a question about speakers being in the room for the GSCBA Luncheon. Lanora will check to see if speakers are available and will contact Doug Baldwin if need be.*

*Rosie (YASS) and Lanora still have to chat about the Brown Bag Lunch. Anyone can come and participate in the Brown Bag Lunch. There will be informal introductions to all CSS & YASS Committees (Summer Reading, Garden State Book Awards, Performer’s Showcase, etc.).*

*Lanora will give Candace the contact information for Chris Grabenstein’s Publicist for the Escape the Library panel. Skype visits can be a little tricky and they would like Chris to go first during the panel. Lanora has a couple Skype accounts and can Friend him in advance, so skyping in will be easier at the panel.*

*Book-signings will take place directly following panels near the NJLA store.*

*Baker & Taylor will bring 75 swag bags to give out at their panel on a first come, first serve basis.*

*The CSS table at Conference will be unmanned, but Colleen Affrime is working on posters to advertise all the CSS panels happening at Conference. The table will also have GSCBA information.*

**New Business**

**Elections *(Report from Amy Behr)***

*The election results are in! Our new Vice President/President Elect is* ***Pham Condello,*** *Old Bridge Public Library!*

*Our new Second Vice President is our second vice-president is* ***Lisa O'Shaughnessy, East Orange Public Library!***

*Our new Member-at-Large is* ***Dana Skwirut****, Bernards Township Public Library!*

*\*CSS had lots of applicants, which was exciting news for the Section, when many other Sections had a hard time getting more than one applicant per position*.

**Reports from subcommittees**

**Summer Reading Committee (*Report from Natalie Cheetham)***

*The Summer Reading Committee has been busy bringing inspiration throughout the state. A combined total of 125 people have attended our first three workshops, and the vast majority of the feedback has been positive. The committee members have all done an outstanding job of presenting a wide variety of great ideas, and we are taking the participants feedback into account to make next year even better. All of the program ideas that were presented will be available on our website (njsummerreading.org) after April 1st. Our Pinterest board (*[*www.pinterest.com/njsummerreading*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=nJ-3_PPekjBcB58qLOtqschsOQ1x8_v6Mu9raubg_-tRufM5bXTUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.pinterest.com%2fnjsummerreading)*) will also make our 2017 Make-It boards public within the next week. We also encourage people to follow our Facebook page (NJLA’s Summer Reading) for info and other fun stuff throughout the year.*

*With workshops now complete, our attention can shift to promoting our NJLA program: Beyond the Books with David Macaulay, which will be on Tuesday, April 25th @ 11:30am. We are really hoping to get a good crowd for David’s presentation and book signing.*

*Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 12th @ 10am at the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset. This meeting will be a wrap-up of our 2017 season, as well as an introduction to 2018. It is a great opportunity for interested people to learn whether this committee is right for them. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact me at* [*njlasummerreading@gmail.com*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=F7PaJBDGS3RBZEr1Hq_eO-pKjSsZLTADui57ebCmL71RufM5bXTUCA..&URL=mailto%3anjlasummerreading%40gmail.com)

*\*Be advised the Summer Reading website, (njsummerreading.org) is having technical difficulties and may be hi-jacked. Do not check the website while on a public service desk.*

**State Library *(Report from Sharon Rawlins)***

***Seeking Volunteers for the Planning Committee for the annual Youth Services Forum***

*Have you attended the Youth Services Forum in the past and felt the desire to have more of an impact on the programs offered? The Youth Services Forum, an annual conference for youth services librarians, is looking for volunteers for the Forum’s planning committee (you must be a member of NJLA). You would be working closely with Jennifer Schureman, Project Manager and Sharon Rawlins, Project Consultant, to plan and organize the Forum, sponsored by NJLA, the State Library, and NJASL. This popular annual event, now in its 27th year, is organized and presented by NJLA and NJASL members. The majority of the planning meetings are held via teleconference or email but it is essential that you be present at the Forum, usually held in October each year. For more information about this position, please contact Jennifer Schureman, Gloucester County Library System,* [*jschureman@gcls.og*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=40iJ44i4bo1HpmEKKTl1ZsXQHKBi8jr-OdJZby1HXSznEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=mailto%3ajschureman%40gcls.og)*, or Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library,* [*srawlins@njstatelib.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=9LEfyeRkHzGS3_3dNXnG-WBymJyJaPgl9GqJ9pli6fPnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=mailto%3asrawlins%40njstatelib.org)*, 609-278-2640 ext. 116.*

*\*YS Forum attendance is expanding and next year could go back to Monmouth County Library, which has more space. Planning meetings will be scheduled soon.*

***Libraries Selected to Host Math and Science Story Time (MASST) Program Series***

*The NJ State Library and the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University are collaborating to offer ten public libraries the opportunity to participate in the Math and Science Story Times (MASST) Series:Bringing math and science to life through reading and art for preschoolers in a community-based setting, a STEM initiative that serves the Spanish-speaking community. The public libraries selected to host this series are:*

*· Elizabeth Public Library*

*· Fairview Free Public Library*

*· Palisades Park Public Library*

*· Summit Free Public Library*

*· Twin Rivers Branch of the Mercer County Library System*

*· Union Public Library*

*· Van Buren Branch of Newark Public Library*

*· Nilsa Cruz-Perez Branch of Camden County Library System*

*· North Plainfield Memorial Library of the Somerset County Library System*

*· Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, South Amboy*

*They will receive resources kits, training, and a Spanish-speaking presenter, if needed.*

***2017 Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards***

*Three libraries out of eight submissions have been selected to receive the 2017 Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards. Staff from these winning libraries have been notified and invited to attend the NJLA Conference to accept their checks for $1,000 and certificates of appreciation. Brochures with descriptions of their winning programs will be distributed to attendees at the NJLA Conference in Atlantic City.*

***NJ Summer Reading and CSLP on Pinterest, Facebook and Twitter:****Just a reminder that the NJ Statewide Summer Reading Program is on Pinterest:*[*https://www.pinterest.com/njsummerreading/*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=fmNevzJYPHHLvETeAhoExUhKKF4aFDtMT0FhtFoCWTTnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.pinterest.com%2fnjsummerreading%2f)*And Facebook:* [*https://www.facebook.com/njlasummerreading/*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=_UbEvJC0dc3WzY4r0bf43b7Fyf7SOw5ltk919PR7hVrnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fnjlasummerreading%2f)

***Please feel free to post your library’s photos or summer reading ideas on the Facebook page***

*The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is also on:*

*Pinterest:*

[*https://www.pinterest.com/cslpreads/childrens-2017-cslp-summer-reading-build-a-better-/*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=X10Jd57FnaiqFgAEO7Jcle_IFEYJ7YDaY0vb5FmALyfnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.pinterest.com%2fcslpreads%2fchildrens-2017-cslp-summer-reading-build-a-better-%2f)

*Facebook:* [*https://www.facebook.com/cslpreads*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=DI1WVUEZF7nVna5rPUI45u68LacTGVS5yS021Jb7vN_nEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fcslpreads)

*and Twitter:* [*https://twitter.com/hashtag/cslp*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=mBFDJwakc8DOpo26UZABBgSTWugbDnQxBJl3D6FQlBnnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2ftwitter.com%2fhashtag%2fcslp)

*Please check out all the information on these sites!*

***Soliciting for programming and craft ideas for the 2019 CSLP Summer Reading Program - Space Theme***

*If you have any programming or craft suggestions for early literacy or children for the 2019 summer reading program – the theme is SPACE - please send them to Sharon Rawlins,* [*srawlins@njstatelib.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=9LEfyeRkHzGS3_3dNXnG-WBymJyJaPgl9GqJ9pli6fPnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=mailto%3asrawlins%40njstatelib.org) *by April 7, 2017. The 2018 music themed manuals are already finished.*

*I am looking for more than just a brief idea, but more detailed/complete directions for a craft or program or an online link to a program or craft. Space does not just mean outer space, either. It can mean space as in a small area or as personal space, etc. This theme is open to broad interpretation. Thank you for your suggestions!*

***2017 Summer Reading Manuals:***

*All public libraries should have received their incentives (children’s banner, children’s, teen and adult posters and children’s, teen and adult bookmarks). They were shipped directly from Demco/Upstart recently. Only libraries that submitted their 2016 summer reading statistics received these incentives. Public Libraries should have also received their 2017 Summer Reading Manuals that were shipped in late October/early November. Libraries not on the delivery service had their manuals sent to the main library in the county where they are located. That library should make arrange to get the manual to your library. Libraries received print with one DVD, or a USB, or the manual online only. Not every library got what they wanted as indicated in the summer reading survey. I will be using those survey results to purchase the manuals for 2018. Each purchase of any manual gives you access to the online version as well. Here are the steps to accessing the online manual:*

*· Go to:* [*http://cslpreads.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=wy1UpDrGq0_rQBd1dBWgyCWpSKSpskE95MnH9Qgg3GfnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fcslpreads.org)

*· You must have a CSLP login and password. If you are not registered on the CSLP website, please create an account by clicking on Login/Register in the upper right hand corner of the CSLP website.*

*· Once you are logged into the site, click on* [*Proprietary Downloads*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=_eK9ampSM1505Gmh5ltes-al2-382ttqGYetsnxuFkbnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cslpreads.org%2fmembership-sponsorship-2%2fmember-libraries%2fproprietary-downloads%2f) *located on the tool bar.*

*· The first time you enter this section, you must request the on-line manual access code by clicking on the Online Manual Request, located in the left hand column of the page.*

*· Choose your STATE code.*

*· Complete the request from with your: City, Library Name, first and last name, and email address and then click the Submit button*

*· The 2017 manual access code will appear on your screen and an email confirmation will be sent to you. You should only share this code with those staff members in your building who have a CSLP website account.*

*Once you have the building access code, go back to the CSLP website****Proprietary Downloads*** *and click: Online Manual Access. From here, you will be able to see each of the four manuals to download or print any part in which you are interested.*

*If you have any problems accessing your manual, please contact the CSLP office at* [*contact@cslpreads.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=x_cE7zthdv_h0HV58awNsiY3jhz_0Z_GeZPrfcilxCfnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=mailto%3acontact%40cslpreads.org) *or by phone: 866-657-8556.*

***BookLinx Book Evaluation Group Looking for Reviewers****BookLinx Book Evaluation Program’s next meeting is* [*May 16*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)*, 2017. They continue to recruit new reviewers.* *Please find below their participant information. The next meeting announcement listed below is also on their website (*[*booklinx.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=bh-kGsCr8aV5eQ9S9QsDTRt_kIbUbM8hjbw3WZd2Nq7nEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fbooklinx.org%2f)*):*

[*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx) *at Rahway Public Library,* [*2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, 07065*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)

*(Between E Milton Ave and Main St), (732) 340-1551*

*~Preview* [*4:00*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)

*~Reviews/Selections* [*4:30-6:00*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)

*You may participate two ways with BookLinx:*

*· As a reviewer who attends the meetings and selects her/his own books to review.*

*· As a reviewer who cannot attend the meetings but wishes to receive books for review.*

***When you attend meetings:***

*We have two meetings each year, usually October and May; held* ***at the Rahway Public Library****. Check our website for meeting dates and updated information,* [*booklinx.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=bh-kGsCr8aV5eQ9S9QsDTRt_kIbUbM8hjbw3WZd2Nq7nEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fbooklinx.org%2f)*.*

*Our meetings are quite nice – at a lovely facility with free parking, refreshments, a chance to network and meet new colleagues – and get free books for your library. CEU/PD hour certificates are also available for participants attending. Bring a strong bag or two to carry your books ☺*

*·* [*4 – 4:30*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx) *Preview Books – See all the latest books that our participating publishers are sending.*

*·* [*4:30 – 6:00*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx) *– Books selected at the previous meeting will be reviewed and new books will be selected to be reviewed for the next meeting.*

***When you choose to receive and review books sent via LibraryLinkNJ delivery:****Please let us know (*[***booklinx@gmail.com***](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=P_8Z7XBH8nMi-dW5RPxyj1jn8mgF5P5G7-DLoI0XsIbnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=mailto%3abooklinx%40gmail.com) *or* [***info@booklinx.org***](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=_BQq40tu9GQ37b9aFPayMS0mGb0myIgHHudEDLa9wtnnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=mailto%3ainfo%40booklinx.org)*) before our meeting which types of books you would like to review (YA, Picture, Board, Graphic Novels, Easy Fiction, Junior Fiction, Junior NonFiction, Junior Biography). Publishers have been sending lots of YA books and we would appreciate it if you would review at least two YA books.* *After the meeting date, 5-10 books will be delivered to your designated school or public library via LibraryLinkNJ delivery service authorized route.*

***Other Items of Interest:***

Take the "Path to Youth Library Leadership" Survey

*ALSC's Emerging Leaders Team invites you to take a short survey to help them in studying the potential for new pathways to library leadership for youth and school librarians. Leadership for this survey is defined as the career roles of manager, director, supervisor, etc. The team will present its research and findings in a paper to be released in late June. Hurry!* ***The survey submission deadline is April 7****.*

[*Complete the survey*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=OvJ9MoPYFgEfv8vivXr80GxCCXlvPxLnGziun42pBinnEOY-a3TUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fala.informz.net%2fz%2fcjUucD9taT02Mzk4MTg3JnA9MSZ1PTEwMzYwMzQ1NjgmbGk9NDIwNDA5MTk%2findex.html)*.*

**GSCBA *(Report from Jenna Galley)***

*We met on Friday, February 24, 2017 at the Old Bridge Public Library. The primary tasks at this meeting were planning conference details, setting up meeting dates and officers for next year and finalizing our ballot for 2018.*

***Meeting dates for next year:***

* *Friday, October 13 (all day meeting)*
* *January 26, 2018 (half day meeting) snow date February 2*
* *February 23, 2018 (full day meeting) snow date March 9*

***Regarding the conference:***

*We have reached out to Ellen Pozzi to confirm she will be speaking at the Brown Bag Lunch at NJLA but I haven’t heard back from her yet.*

*Jeff Kinney and Mo Willems created videos for us to share at the luncheon and we have permission to post them on the GSCBA page and social media after the conference. We are working out logistics for projector/flash drive etc.*

*We are following up with other winners to confirm if they are attending the conference or not.*

*Our ballot titles for the 2018 ballot have been selected and they are attached. Our online voting ballot will be completed at the time of the conference so our display board will promote that.*

*Our Chair for next year is Dawn Zeig and Amy Behr has volunteered to be Secretary. Vice Chair is still open at this time.*

**NJLA Executive Board *(Report from Jessica Bauer)***

*Jessica gave a report at the last NJLA Executive Board meeting about all CSS does and has to offer. She discussed how our meetings are growing in size. How we had many panels approved for Conference. That we are excited about what the Professional Development Committee is working on and that we will be able to host CSS professional development. The NJLA Executive Board was excited about our use of Facebook to post CSS updates. CSS has to forward all our new leaders for the CSS Executive Board to them after Conference.*

*There was a lot of political discussion at the NJLA Executive Board meeting. They encourage everyone to attend National Library Legislative Day* [*http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld*](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld) *Bussing may be being organized.*

*They also discussed National Library Worker’s Day.*

**Public Policy *(Report from Melissa Mitchell)***

*No report.*

**Performer’s Showcase *(Report from Jessica Bauer)***

*The Performer’s Showcase website is out of date:* [*http://njlamembers.org/content/performers-showcase*](http://njlamembers.org/content/performers-showcase) *The Executive Board approved updates to be done to the website. An e-mail address just for Performer’s Showcase will be created.*

**Good of the Order**

*A general discussion about setting dates for 2017-2018 occurred. Rosie from YASS would like to set one joint meeting with YASS and CSS. CSS would like to continue with virtual meetings as well. It is not always good to pair CSS meetings with paid or limited registration offerings throughout the state because it doesn’t guarantee everyone interested in attending can participate in the meetings. However, our attendance at in-person meetings has more than doubled from the previous year. There have also been requests to have meetings near locations that have access to public transportation. Adding a virtual/video component to in-person meetings hasn’t been successful for other Sections and may prove too tricky to incorporate. It may be good to reach out to BCCLS. Sometimes meetings have been scheduled at Board Members home libraries to spread the meetings around the state. Setting meeting dates will be further discussed after Conference.*

**Adjourned**

*1:50pm.*

*See everyone at Conference!!!*