**NJLA Children’s Services Section**

**Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2014 @ 10:00am**

**Meeting Held at Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill Branch**

**In Attendance:**  
Darby Malvey, President Gloucester County Library, Glassboro Branch

Colleen Affrime Ocean County Library, Toms River

Jennifer Schillig, 2nd Vice President Monroe Township Library

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

Theresa Foster, Secretary/Treasurer Ocean County Library, Barnegat

Chrissie McGovern Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library

Loretta Lisowski Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill Branch

Sheila Mikkelson Heggan Library

Maureen Moffit Atlantic City Public Library

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Old Business
4. Reports
   1. Summer Reading Committee
   2. Garden State Book Awards
   3. Youth Services Forum
   4. State Library
   5. Executive Board
5. Around the table
6. Adjournment

**Call to Order:**

Darby Malvey called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

**Minutes:**

The previously posted minutes of June 13, 2014 were approved. Chrissie approved, Darby seconded.

**Old Business:**

**Google Site** - No one currently has full permission to edit the Google Site where all our By-Laws and Minutes are posted, so there is a lot of outdated information. NJLA has sponsored sites and Darby will look into James setting up a CSS page through NJLA. Theresa will continue to post on the Google site and will merge everything over when we have a new location.

**Facebook** – As 2nd Vice-President it is Jen’s job to post regularly on Facebook. The group would like to see at least 2 posts a week.

**Budget** – The budget is reset for the new year with $1000 in GSCBA, $300 in Miscellaneous Supplies, and $200 in Books for Kids. Last year GSCBA went over budget, but Darby will check with the Conference Planning Committee to see whose responsibility the Speaker’s Honorarium is because Conference Committee approved the GSCBA speaker. The new GSCBA Chair Cassie Runkel intends to be active in our CSS meetings.

**Meetings/Workshops** – We are planning workshops along to be held at our December (Jackson) and May (TBD) meetings. We will be joining the YA Committee meeting in November at the South Brunswick Public Library and they will be joining our meeting in May.

**Reports:**

**Summer Reading Report** - Chrissie McGovern, NJLA Summer Reading Committee Co-chair

After chairing the committee by myself the past year, I am happy to announce that Mary Ecklund from the Cape May   
County Library has stepped up to co-chair the 2015 NJLA Summer Reading Committee.

All CSLP artwork must be removed from online locations by October 1st. If you used any of the clip art from any of the   
CD’s received with your summer reading manuals, anything that has been uploaded with that clip art pictures, flyers,   
blog, PDFs- must be removed.  The contract that CSLP has for the artwork is only for one year running October 1st-September 30th. You can still use your print versions in house.

The committee met on 9/5 with several new members. We are in the process of scheduling four workshops: one north, one south and two central; we are currently finalizing locations.  Theses workshops will be in the morning, with a brown bag option for those interested in staying and asking questions, getting more information, etc. We are also in process of putting together a possible panel of authors/illustrators for ALL ages for NJLA conference.

The deadline to submit 2014 summer reading statistics is October 10th. This is a firm deadline and if libraries don't submit statistics by that date, they will not receive next year's incentives.

The 2015 general theme is heroes.  Slogans are:

Kids: Every Hero Has a Story

Teens: Unmasked

Adults: Escape the Ordinary

Look for information about the 2015 Teen Video Challenge to be posted in early November.

The committee will meet on October 21st at the state library to pack manuals. Libraries should start to see them in early November.

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**NJ State Library Report** – Sharon Rawlins

**NJ State Library Report for CSS Executive Bd Meeting Sept. 19, 2014**

**Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library**

**Youth Services Forum – Deadline to Register is Today! (September 19, 2014)**

The NJ State Library is partnering with NJLA and NJASL for the annual Youth Services Forum for youth services librarians and staff on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Monroe Township Public Library in Middlesex County from 8:45 am – 2:30 pm.

The sessions include:

• Story Time Shake Up

• ‘Un’Common Core: Finding Fabulous Nonfiction

• 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

• Challenging LGBTQ Teen Homelessness Head-On: Going From Forty To None

• Home-Schoolers in Your Library Panel Discussion (with Home School Families)

• Controlled Chaos: Rules, Respect, Teens, and Staff

• Non-Traditional Holiday Programming

• Teen Advisory Board Summits

• Off the Spectrum: Serving Customers with Disabilities Other than Autism

The program descriptions/registration form is posted on the [NJLA website](http://www.njla.org/) and the Youth Services page of the [NJ State Library website](http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/consulting_services/youth_services/forum/).

You may register online or by mailing in your printed registration and program choice forms to NJLA (forms are attached on the websites). You may also

fax it to NJLA at 609-394-8164. Do not forget to select a lunch option and choose which programs you wish to attend.

**If you register online, you will be asked to provide these answers when you receive your emailed confirmation.**

In between sessions shop at the NJLA Store! Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Continuing education credits will be available and raffle prizes will be awarded.

For updates, check out our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/events/1438203233093634/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming). Questions? Contact Project Manager Emily Moore, [emoore@camdencountylibrary.org](mailto:emoore@camdencountylibrary.org), (856) 772-1636 ex 7321 or Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

**Submit Your Summer Reading Statistics – Deadline Oct. 10, 2014**

To complete the SurveyMonkey questionnaire go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NHV9Z9K>

Books read should be converted to number of books read, not minutes, hours, etc. If your library doesn’t count books, please use this formula to convert the total to numbers before filling out the survey:  1 book = 1 hour or 60 minutes or 100 pages.

You can also preview the survey before answering the questions here <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?PREVIEW_MODE=DO_NOT_USE_THIS_LINK_FOR_COLLECTION&sm=%2fLmQ8DGqS%2fdlOGPO2X3C7mM2dfnTyjNIx7Avg5UAk%2bU%3d>

The link to the survey is also on the main page of the summer reading website ([www.njsummerreading](http://www.njsummerreading)).

Questions? Contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, 609-278-2640, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)

**2016 Early Literacy and Children’s Summer Reading Manual – Call for Ideas**

The Collaborative Summer Library Program is in the process of writing the 2016 manuals, and we’d love your ideas!  Our theme for the Children’s and Early Literacy manuals is “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”

Our Children’s manual, which includes activities for children and families, is divided into five chapters with the following sub-themes:

·      Sports and Games Around the World and Throughout History

·      Out of the Ordinary: Extreme and Unusual Sports, Games, and World Records

·      Fueling Your Engine (nutrition, staying healthy)

·      The Science of Sports (including how sports/games work and how the body works)

·      Motion Commotion

 Our Early Literacy manual (babies, toddlers, and preschoolers) is divided into eight chapters with the following sub-themes:

·      Yummy! (Food, etc.)

·      Let's Play! (Playing, games, etc.)

·      All About You (Body parts, etc.)

·      Back to Nature (Nature/outdoors)

·      Move it! (General exercise)

·      1, 2, 3! (Numbers)

·      Round and Round We Go (Wheels, bikes, etc.)

·      Move and Groove (Music/Dance)

We would love your ideas for activities, crafts, books, music, and more for either manual!  **We’re always interested in STEAM activities and materials that feature diverse characters.**   Feel free to send a brief description or a longer write-up; be sure to include the intended age group.  Contributors’ names are listed in the manuals.    
**Please respond by September 30, 2014.**

Please send your ideas to:  
Amanda Struckmeyer   
[amandacmoss@gmail.com](mailto:amandacmoss@gmail.com)

**Snapshot Day 2014!**

The goal of this year's Snapshot Day on October 1 is to highlight the role of libraries in communities across the state - but in addition to numbers, we'll be using pictures and videos, too.

We challenge NJ libraries to surprise the world with what we have to offer and what makes us unique -- show that NJ Libraries are in the forefront and on the edge. Throughout October, use the following hashtags when posting anywhere on social media: **#SnapshotNJ #Librariesontheedge #Gatecount** (for number of visitors). If you can't post, send your pictures, videos and reports to Peggy Cadigan at [pcadigan@njstatelib.org](mailto:pcadigan@njstatelib.org)

Here's what you can do now in preparation for Snapshot Day:

This week: Get your social media accounts in order:

1. Like the official NJ Snapshot Day Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/njlibrarysnapshot>
2. Find and follow your federal and state legislators, your mayors, local press and local organizations - click for a list of   
   [NJ State legislators](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RvbUdC5pfbCpHvze6tKf1bDPu45aIS_2tNur6EsATQMd0NQbZNO9kzz5mMpCsy4fEYQ04BYzkM6I2K_UZNXzJstjbWzqwWuB3Cm-fOPvHf47Ub-VDEqmBexCYJ63YqkJs8NeLds_XB0D-pPMd3jd4gZsaV9CshBMZo0JzXJJUyk1kNqClSkl8PDty4QpXtwg29IYhhR0OnfhR32GmOmT5_XzxgEs_Xo4vUwqFMBeDnFvWj1TrZvz_VLdLEWGtGIG&c=Iy4Uz7gTEytdfz_ojaHY8frpWPqUku1P-nlS3MU-9hNz0f3ury20Eg==&ch=o4IkVKNZrefSqwl1MWl09AXFZ9_S-aChlUS-GROKzPCdD1AWoQ1Dpg==) and [NJ federal legislators](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RvbUdC5pfbCpHvze6tKf1bDPu45aIS_2tNur6EsATQMd0NQbZNO9kzz5mMpCsy4fjPGFfOsgFIhg-C7DKNsBR4csVquy64nej0dCmVgoWAXwlB8i8ti-ihTR3EI5LR_7PlQrZdcAyfw4xc8Exz6qJ1NtRe_SJ7zsJK_hrFJrGZgIMTWipnSaKASSWUInU3exiJfRE4An6qEtr20IquZDbBvE4xaaq-bIEYgTXBUIT5Kg_2tgTtWkuAj8CpQVrJ2S&c=Iy4Uz7gTEytdfz_ojaHY8frpWPqUku1P-nlS3MU-9hNz0f3ury20Eg==&ch=o4IkVKNZrefSqwl1MWl09AXFZ9_S-aChlUS-GROKzPCdD1AWoQ1Dpg==)
3. If your library doesn't have a social media presence, now is the time to start one. You'll be surprised who starts following you! If you don't remember how to upload photos and videos to social media sites, take a few minutes to review.

**October is Blindness Awareness Month! Visit TBBC for an Open House**Want to see the inner workings of the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC)? We invite you to join us for an open house on Tuesday, October 7th from 11am-2pm. TBBC members and all visitors are welcomed! Staff will answer questions about our services, introduce you to assistive technology, and give you a tour of the building. All are invited to join us as we kick off Blindness Awareness Month! Questions? Call TBBC at 800-792-8322.

**Other NJ Library Events:**

**NJ Center for the Book to Celebrate State’s 350th Birthday at Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ   
October 18 @ 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

The New Jersey Center For the Book (NJCFB) will be celebrating the 350th birthday of the great state of New Jersey on Saturday, October 18, at Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, from 1-4:30 p.m. In addition to showcasing its 12 grant-winning NJ libraries and those libraries that have been designated NJCFB/Library of Congress Literary Landmarks, the NJCFB will be hosting a New Jersey authors’ alley of 50 selected NJ children’s and adult authors.

As an honorary members of the NJCFB, all NJ libraries are invited to attend, and may have a table to chat with visitors and showcase your library. Admission to the park, when you identify that you are participating in this NJCFB literary program, will be waived.

The program will begin with guest speaker, world-renowned artist, sculptor, author and founder of Grounds for Sculpture, Seward Johnson, who will receive the 2014 NJCFB Literary Lion Award in a presentation by eminent American novelist, Joyce Carol Oates, and Dr. John Cole of the Library of Congress. The author and exhibit area will then be open for the rest of the afternoon to visits by attendees. A crowd of more than a thousand people is expected, as well as state officials, the NJ Historical Association, the Department of the Humanities, and library professionals and administrators from the state. Two auditorium spaces will be presenting programs throughout the afternoon. There will also be an area for craft demonstrations, book art displays, and educational workshops.

RSVP attendance to [njcenterforthebook@gmail.com](mailto:njcenterforthebook@gmail.com) ASAP, if you plan to join this major statewide literary event. Let them know at that time if you would like to have a display table.

Read the Aug 6, 2014, *U.S. 1* article about Seward Johnson at: <http://princetoninfo.com/index.php/component/us1more/?Itemid=6&key=8-6-14johnson.>

**From the NJ Association of School Librarians:**

**Nominations Being Accepted for Miss Rumphius Award – Deadline September 26, 2014**

The NJCFB reminds you to consider nominating yourself or someone you know who meets the criteria listed below to be awarded the New Jersey Center for the Book Miss Rumphius Award.  **A monetary amount of $200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient.**

**NJ Center for the Book Seeks Award Nominees**

**The Miss Rumphius Award**

Do you know a creative school librarian, media specialist, or public librarian?

The New Jersey Center for the Book is currently seeking nominations for its Miss Rumphius Award.

Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney’s wonderful book, Miss Rumphius, which won the National Book Award in 1983, this award honors librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are stellar in spreading ideas and literacy.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is**[**Friday, September 26, 2014**](x-apple-data-detectors://1). The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian or certified educator, and must have developed creative activities using Internet resources for learning and literacy.  The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and able to be replicated by other librarians and educators.

The nominee must be willing to help produce his or her program for other classrooms and/or libraries. A monetary amount of $200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient at the New Jersey Association of School Librarians Fall Conference (NJASL) at Ocean Place Resort and Spa, Long Branch, NJ[on Sunday, October 26, 2014](x-apple-data-detectors://3).

The nomination shall include: the full name of the nominee and the place of employment; shall describe the activity or program in complete detail; shall describe the setting in which it takes place; shall indicate the collaborative aspects; shall indicate the innovative aspects of the program or activity and indicate how it can be replicated; shall include the full name and title of the nominator with address, email, phone number and fax number; shall include a letter of support from an administrator, from a former or current student, from a client or patron, or from a member of the staff.

**Nominations will be accepted**[**until Friday, September 26, 2014**](x-apple-data-detectors://4). **Either mail or PDF files are acceptable for submission.    
Check  [http://www.njcenterforthebook.org/content/view/142/72/](http://lists.njstatelib.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/njyac/958252666821/srawlins/njstatelib.org/)  for updates.**

Send to/Questions: Carol Phillips, [51 Winton Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816](x-apple-data-detectors://6)

[carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com)

**Miss Rumphius Award Winners**2007 Jacqueline E. Gould, Clearview Regional School  
2008 Michelle Marhefka, Clearview Middle School  
2010 Dana Sheridan, Cotsen Children's Library, Princeton University  
2011 Kim Zito, Crossroads Middle School, South Brunswick  
2012 LaDawna Harrington, Millburn High School, Millburn, NJ

**NJLA Executive Board –** Jennifer Shillig

Jennifer was unable to attend the meeting, so she requested their Minutes. NJLA did not have to take money from its endowment this year. A “Friends (of the Library) Task Force” was discussed which would be a way for Friends of the Library across the state to network and share ideas They are hard at work on the NJLA Conference which will return to Long Branch and take place April 20 – 22.

**Garden State Children’s Book Awards**

Cassie Runkel from the Cherry Hill Public Library is the new Chair of the GSCBA. The GSCBA Committee is larger than ever and Cassie asked Darby for permission to expand the size of the committee that has a maximum of 8 members as per CSS By-Laws. Darby approved the request.

There was a brief discussion about amending the By-Laws to change the number of members, but currently the President will accept requests to increase the size as long as the number of members slightly exceeds 8.

**Performer’s Showcase**

Performer’s Showcase will be on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the Monmouth County Library

**YS Forum**

The Youth Services Forum will be October 1st at the Monroe Township Library <http://monroetwplibrary.org/location>  
The last day to register is September 19th.

**NJLA Public Policy Meeting, Monroe PL, 9/5/14 –** Peggy Wong

There was a general discussion about the Johnson Legislation, which would enable libraries receiving funding of less than 1/3 mil to ask the public for an increase of up to at least 1/3 mil. If voters rejected the increase in the tax rate, the rate would remain unchanged. Governor has not signed the bill yet—need to get as many sponsors on the bill for funding libraries.

There was also a brief discussion about the Voluntary Tax Contribution Bill, which would allow New Jersey tax payers to make voluntary contributions/donations on their gross income tax returns to fund public libraries in the upcoming tax year.

Libraries are watching to see if Northvale PL, an associate library, will be able to be reinstated as a municipal library. Northvale PL closed its doors in 2011.

James Keehbler discussed plans on developing a “Friends (of the Library) Task Force” which would be a way for Friends of the Library across the state to network and share ideas (raising funds through book sales, library advocacy, etc.).

There was also a discussion about the need to improve relations between public and school libraries. Patrons are paying double taxes for databases (duplication of services in public and school libraries). Public and school libraries should find a way to partner the provision of databases services. NJLA will be advocating for school libraries.

Intellectual Freedom Policy Committee – Eileen Palmer asked CSS to submit any topics of interest.

**Around the Table**  
There was a general discussion about Internet Policies.

Ideas for outreach and Back to School Nights was solicited:

* Have teen volunteers at Back to School nights (Is this a liability?)
* Connect with kids, not just parents
* Have stickers, bookmarks and other giveaways
* Jokes to read and answer

General Outreach:

* Invite Media Specialists to have their meetings at the Public Libraries
* Utilize databases and make them necessary for assignments teachers are assigning
* Go to Kindergarten registration and bring Library Card applications
* Have an assembly for either whole school or whole grade
* Go to PTA/PTO meetings
* Visit the library during lunch periods, “Lunch Bunch”
* Flyers distributed through teacher, though office
* Puppet Show first to engage students
* Go to Book Fairs

Reaching out to parents who don’t speak English:

* Have TAB kids who are multi-lingual help them at the library
* Offer English Conversation Groups for them to build English language skills with volunteers. Have their children attend with them.

Conference ideas will go to Colleen Affrime, 1st Vice-President.  
Some ideas were discussed:

* Disciplining in different cultures, stereotyping, and recognizing bias – partner with Adult Services, OCL had a fantastic speaker for their In-Service.
* Autism Spectrum Disorder and Special Challenges
* Behavioral Disabilities
* Meeting our special needs patrons where they are (State Library offered Mental Health First Aid – attendees said it was 50% useful because it discussed families, but not just children)
* Bridging Children to Tween

Bring Conference ideas to the Next Meeting!

There was a discussion about sending out the Minutes to the CSS List Serv. They need to go out to the Executive Board members first and then if there are no changes they can be sent out to the ListServ.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by Darby at 11:20am.