

Diversity and Outreach Section Minutes

January 28, 2016 10:00 am

Toms River Branch/Ocean County Library System – Toms River, NJ

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of Minutes from December 2015 meeting
- III. Reports from
 - a. Executive Board – Jill D’Amico - Not much to report. At the next meeting a discussion will take place about the draft of the structural reorganization proposal.
 - b. State Library – Mimi Lee - Best practices in early literacy award -- four recipients will receive \$1000. The multicultural award application will be announced soon. The last session of Literacy Boot Camp was very successful. NJ Association for Lifelong Learning promote adult literacy in NJ. Community colleges, literacy centers and other non-profits are involved. Mimi is on their board this year. Their annual conference is on April 8 at Brookdale Community College, registration is \$100. Focus will be teaching literacy classes. Two library focused programs - Literacy NJ will talk about partnerships with libraries and Literacy Volunteers of America. Second is ESL and literacy best practices in public libraries. Below is the link to register for the conference.
http://www.njall.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=158&Itemid=1
- IV. Active:
 - a. Conference
 - i. Selwa and Mary’s outline - A draft was passed around for review and comments. Jill will contact the conference committee to see what is already in place to accommodate participants that have special needs. Selwa will work on compiling a resource list of libraries throughout the state that already offer programs for people with special needs.
 - ii. Registration opens February 1
 - iii. Promotional timeline - Can start promoting now.
 - iv. Artwork
 - v. What other organizations should we reach out to? NYC librarian crowd? Disability advocates, etc.? TBBC people should share this among their networks? - Reach out to Delaware and Philadelphia area.

- b. First Friends book donations – Kyle!
 - i. Regional drop off points - Need two drop off points, one in south and central Jersey.
- c. Other People’s Holidays calendar - will be covered next meeting
 - i. Thanks, Allan!
- V. New Ideas/Topics
 - a. Other conference ideas
 - i. Info table?
 - b. Collaboration with other sections
 - i. PR’s Outreach Kit - NJLA has a new table cloth!
 - 1. NJALL Conference 4/8
 - a. What to have on hand?
 - 2. Suggestions for other places to go/Help with calendar – Jill will share
 - ii. Joint meeting with UL Section in Feb
 - 1. Topics for discussion?
 - a. How to better serve economic diversity
 - b. Public library/school library coalition
 - c. Others? - Serving undocumented immigrants
 - iii. Urban Libraries Summit? March?
 - c. Planning ahead – what issues will we focus on this year, and what can we do?
 - i. Economic diversity
- VI. Good of the Order - White Privilege Conference in Philadelphia in April [insert link]

Upcoming meetings:

- i. February 18, 2016 – joint meeting with UL Section! (note date change) North Plainfield Memorial Library
- ii. March 24, 2016 -