



**Young Adult Services Section (YASS) 2020-2021
Combined with Children Services**

ZOOM: Meeting February 26, 2021

Note: The Zoom meeting was not recorded.

9:45 am: Login & Introduction | 10 am: Business Meeting

Section Leadership:

Kate-Lynn Brown, President

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Attendance: Kate-Lynn Brown, Katie Salerno, Jenise Sileo, Emily Mazzoni, Michael Bode, Mo-middlesex, Moria Whittington, Sharon Rawlins, Erica Deb, Kristen Crepezzi, Jen Apgar, Heather Kristian, Carolyn Aversano, Theresa Foster, Mary Catherine, Mary Jean, Jamie Dunn, Robin Rockman, Jen Fitzgerald, Emily Mazzoni, Liz Kennedy, Kirsten Churchill, Jenna Ingham, Akiema Buchmann, Moira Whittington, Maureen Herma, Heather Marque, Teresa, EBPL youth services

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, Feb 26, 2021- Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library. Some items are repeated from previous reports but the information remains relevant.

Transforming Teen Services: A Train-the-Trainer Approach (T3) trainings

Sharon is one of the state leadership trainers for this program. If your library staff is interested in having the state leadership team provide a virtual training on this, please let me know, at srawlins@njstatelib.org. Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach (T3) trainings are for public and school library staff who work with teens and tweens who want to learn more about how to apply Connected Learning (CL) and Computational Thinking (CT) to provide youth with more agency in determining library programming and engage them in the library community while helping them gain valuable life skills.

CSLP related information

2021 Incentive Catalog: <https://www.csllpreads.org/csllp-store/>

(Your library will automatically receive a banner, posters and bookmarks for children/teen/adult that will be shipped to your library directly from the CSLP vendor in the spring)



2021 Summer Reading Online Manuals now available: Link to access code to log into them (Please do not share this link with the public): Here's the document that has the code:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/191AtTgjDMpiUyXe-96UUSXRDYMMVuYn6mOe-o6kYC4U/edit?usp=sharing>

READsquad Partnering with Page Turner Adventures

READsquared online registration software platform is partnering with Page Turner Adventures. Combining a Page Turner Adventures subscription (which you'd have to pay for yourselves) with your READsquared program (paid for by the State Library for this summer) allows participants to complete special Missions and Activities to earn points toward their reading program goal. I don't know if all of you are using READsquared or not but if not, you can still register to use it for free this summer as well. Here's the form to complete your registration: <http://www.readsquared.com/NJ>

If you have questions, contact: support@r2stg.zohosupport.com or call (602) 776-6012.

They created a multi week program for this past summer and I shared the information on the NJYAC discussion list. They look like a pretty good program and have expanded their virtual content for this summer. Here's a link to a video with more information about them:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?mc_cid=4f2e00c44b&mc_eid=1580c438d8&v=8iE6jJPVfmY&feature=youtu.be I've also attached an overview of their program that they provided. Some of the guest authors and performers they have this summer include Candace Fleming, Kate Messner, Donna Gephart, Tammi Sauer, and Bobby Norfolk.

READsquared Training Webinar for NJ Libraries, March 31, 2021, 11:30 am ET

READsquared is offering a webinar on March 31st from 11:30 am -12:30 pm just for NJ library staff who are using READsquared, the online reading registration/tracking software paid for by the State Library that you can use for 2021's summer reading program. This webinar will cover the 2021 theme, how to import programs, how to update the theme for 2021 to simply replace last year's graphics and more but keep your customizations, and the opportunity to ask any other questions you might like. This webinar will be recorded if you cannot make it.

Join the meeting: join.me/READsquaredTraining

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US & Canada)



To dial in by phone: United States - Los Angeles, CA [+1.213.226.1066](tel:+12132261066)

Conference ID: 518-509-521 #

[Download the app](#) – I've found it easier attending this if you download the app before joining. In the past, dialing in by phone worked better than using your computer's audio.

READsquared National Training Webinars February – May 2021

All library staff in states that are using READsquared have the opportunity to join a bi-monthly onboarding/training. Please see the agenda for these trainings and dates/times to choose from below. Webinar attendees can go to the following site on the date/time of their choosing <https://join.me/READsquaredTraining>. There is no need to register for these webinars. These webinars are also open to any library needing a refresher on navigating the control room before summer reading.

Wednesday, February 3rd @ 11:30am EST

Wednesday, February 17th @ 2:00 pm EST

Wednesday, March 10th @ 11:30am EST

Wednesday, March 24th @ 2:00pm EST

Wednesday, April 7th at 11:30am EST

Wednesday, April 21st @ 2:00pm EST

Wednesday, May 12th @ 11:30am EST

Wednesday, May 26th @ 2:00pm EST

Onboarding/Training Agenda:

- Overview of features in control room to customize pre-packaged programs
- How to Test Programs
- Pulling statistics with READsquared Reports
- Advanced Features
- Q&A

Other Organization Resources/Grants/Events/Webinars

Covid-19 Slide Study-How Kids Are Performing-Tracking the Impact of COVID-19 on Reading and Mathematics Achievement www.renaissance.com/performing

Updated Publisher Permissions – As of Feb. 15, 2021

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=remote-learning-still-the-norm-publishers-extend-permissions-for-read-alouds-COVID-19>

Mini Grant opportunity funded by the *National Library of Medicine*, to help increase awareness of and engagement in [Citizen Science Month](#) events and supplemental



programs. 13 libraries across the US will be awarded \$5,000 Mini Grants. The link to apply and to learn more about this opportunity and Citizen Science Month is in this [blog post](#) featured on SciStarter.org.

BLOSSOM! Building Life-long Opportunities for Strength, Self-Care, Outlook, Morale, and Mindfulness – March 24 – 26, 2021, Sponsored by NNLM

A free virtual symposium for library staff focused on their health and wellness. This free three-day virtual symposium will bring together experts on morale, invisible services, vocational awe, burnout, and self-care in libraries. The symposium will provide library staff at all levels, including management, with key takeaways to improve library staff's health and wellness. This event is open to all library staff regardless of employment status and to library science students.

[Visit this website to register for the symposium](#) and select the presentation, panels, and virtual networking events you want to attend.

For questions or comments regarding the event, including technical issues, please email nnlm-blossom@uiowa.edu.

2021 Talk Story Grant: The American Indian Library Association (AILA) and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) are now accepting applications for the '*Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture*' grant.

Talk Story is a literacy program that caters to American Indian, Asian, and Pacific Islander families, celebrating their stories through books, storytelling, and art. Once again, AILA and APALA have partnered on this grant program to allocate funding to libraries and community organizations to help them implement *Talk Story* programs. The 2021 *Talk Story* Grant is funded through the generous support of Toyota California Community Foundation. Two grant winners for each organization will receive \$750 to fund a program that meets the criteria of the grant. Planned programs can be in person or virtual.

Applications are due by *April 1, 2021*. Eligibility details and past winners can be found at www.talkstorytogether.org/grants.

TeachMe TV

[TeachMeTV](#) is an educational website for kids ages 5-12 and their caregivers. It's a learning platform for kids that also aims to assist parents by highlighting how they can help their kids in school and how they can support their learning in general. They have a lot of downloadables on their website, that's a bit like Sesame Street, but with an



emphasis on music. They haven't launched the site yet because they need families to try it out first and have picked NJ to be the test area. Author/website creator Carolyn Sloan is providing a promo logo and a link to a survey for families to fill out an evaluation. None of the information from families will be shared in any way. But, the first 100 families who do complete the survey will receive a free book mailed directly to their homes. If they are interested in that, they do have to provide an address. I'm attaching a copy of the [promotional logo](#) and a [letter](#) that Carolyn hopes that the library staff can share with families. Ideally, it would be best if the logo could be posted on your library's website. Then, when a parent clicks on the "register here" button on the promo logo, they will be directed to a survey to try out the website. The survey link for the register button is: <https://members.teachmetv.co/member/plans/d9bc91b756>

If you don't think your library would be willing to put the logo and survey link on your website, the [letter](#) includes the links to the website and evaluation too.

NJ Talking Book and Braille Center: Jen Apgar.

TBBC is excited to announce that the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) has officially updated their certifying authorities list, making 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 reading specialists, educators, librarians, and school psychologists can certify the eligibility of applicants with reading disabilities such as dyslexia. The eligibility requirements officially now read as follows and is the same for anyone who qualifies for NLS/TBBC services: "Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian)." This now makes it even easier for children and teens to borrow audio and large print books.

- TBBC is participating in a pilot program with NLS to loan electronic refreshable Braille displays out to library patrons. If you have patrons who read Braille, or know someone who does, and they are interested in participating in the Braille eReader pilot program, please have them contact TBBC.
- TBBC is still closed to the public, but we are continuing to fulfill and send out book requests



NJLA Executive Board:

1. NJLA awards a number of scholarships for anyone currently enrolled or have applied to an ALA accredited program for a Master's Degree or PhD in Library Science. If you are an eligible candidate, please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for the coming 2021-22 academic year. If you know someone who is eligible, please encourage them to apply and even previous winners may apply. <http://www.njla.org/scholarship>

Contact Emily Moore emoore@camdencountylibrary.org or emilymoore@gmail.com

2. NJLA Executive Board has the following openings: Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, three Member-at Large seats. To view the expectations for the NJLA elected positions [click here](#). We expect to announce the results of this election at the 2021 NJLA Conference. If you have any questions about this election or the role of a Member-at-Large, please contact Nominations and Elections Committee Chair Leah Wagner at lwagner@monroetwplibrary.org
3. YASS & CSS: leadership opportunities available for both sections.

Children's Services Section (CSS): no report

NJASL: no report

Library Consortiums and Systems:

LMXAC/contact Moira Whittington mwhittington@lmxac.org - working on putting together a list of books for YA to read before college. She will share with the group once the list is compiled.

YASS Business

GSTBA: voting for the 6-8 th Non-Fiction and if you would like to read for the 9-12 grade please contact Emily or Moira. They could always use more teen readers.

NJLA Conference & Youth Services Forum:

Proposals so far we are submitting as sponsored by the YA Services Section :

- Teen Volunteering in the Virtual World (regular program)
- Where Have All the Teens Gone? Using Connected Learning to Engage Teens in Programming (double session)
- Agency, Connection, and Empowerment of Teens through Connected Learning and Computational Thinking (preconference)



- Supporting & Empowering Our Young Patrons with Culturally Responsive Research Initiatives (regular program)
- In, Out, and In-between: Serving LGBTQIA+ Youth (regular program)
- “Let it Go!”: Weeding and Collection Management for Youth Services (regular program) (co-sponsored with CSS)
- YA Books for Adults and Adult books for YA (regular program) (co-sponsored with RA Roundtable)
- Special Services to Children and Teens with Developmental Disabilities (regular program) (co-sponsored with CSS)
- Maker luncheon (co-sponsored with CSS)

Social Media updates: if you have any suggestions please let Akiema know. She is busy reposting from library Instagram accounts and would like any suggestions.

Member Updates & Hot Topics:

Poster House Museum- Brooklyn, NYC offers YA programs perfect for the library. They are wanting to work with libraries in NJ. Contact: [Sierra Van Ryck deGroot <sierra@posterhouse.org>](mailto:Sierra.Van.Ryck.deGroot@posterhouse.org)

Nichols House Museum- Boston, MA offers library programs. Contact: [Kelsey Brow <director@kingmanor.org>](mailto:Kelsey.Brow@kingmanor.org)

Important Information:

- Last day to submit your name for the YASS Executive Board Ballot is TODAY! Email Kate-Lynn if interested kbrown@piscatawaylibrary.org
- **ANNOUNCEMENT! We have a GSBA Luncheon speaker! Jerry Craft author of New Kid and Class Act Graphic novels! Feel free to share this on your social media and if you use Twitter- tag him! He loves the library and we are proud to have him. His website: <https://jerrycraft.com/>**

11am GSTBA Nonfiction 6-12 Deliberations

- Proxies needed

Thank you everyone!

Next ZOOM meeting is, Friday, March 12th @ 10 :00 AM. This will be our GSTBA 9-12 Fiction Deliberations. Happy Reading!



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