**NJLA Young Adult Section Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2012**

**South Brunswick Public Library**

**Members in attendance:** Natalie Cheetham, Rosy Henderson, Kate Vasilik, Pat Vasilik, Pham Condello, Jen Servello, Amanda Schiavulli, Tyler Rousseau, Erica Solomon, Sophie Brookover, Colleen Affrime, Christina Roest, Carolyn Aversano, Julie Tozer, Emily Crowell, Linda Tripp, Sharon Rawlins, Samantha Marker, Lynn Mazur, Karen Mitchell, Katie Bojanek, Karen de Wilde, Ann-Marie Aymer, Terri Coss, Fran Housten, Christi Aldellizzi, Megan Pehanick, Laura Beth Davis, Kristin Nelson, Rebecca Klein, Laura Leonard, Laura Bultman, Kathleen Breitenbach, Lanora Melillo, Karen Klapperstuck, Saleena Davidson, Emily Chornomaz, Sue Grotyohann, Jen Schureman, Liz Burns, Michelle Petrasek, Sandy Hall, Sandi Cronce, Danielle Larca

**Updates from Around the State**

**NJ State Library Report**  
Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library

**SAVE THE DATE – Shake Up Your Library: Using Hip Hop and Rap to Attract Teens and New Adults: A Symposium for Youth Services Librarians (AKA Bad Rap @ Your Library) – Friday, June 1, 2012**

This all-day event that will provide an overview of hip hop and rap music culture and its appeal to young people by experts in the field will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012 in Newark, either on the Rutgers-Newark or Essex County College campus.

It will feature Keynote Speaker Chuck D, leader and co-founder of the legendary rap group Public Enemy; Dr. James Petersen, Director of Africana Studies and Associate Professor of English at Lehigh University; Martha Diaz,  Founding Director, Hip-Hop Education Center and other exciting speakers. More information is forthcoming.

**SAVE THE DATE – NJ Statewide Children’s & Teen Author Conference**  
The NJ Statewide Children’s and Teen Author Conference will be held on Friday, May 4, 2012 at the Woodbridge Public Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, N.J. from  9:30 AM (coffee), 10 :00 AM start until 4:00 PM.  We will have an exciting array of authors scheduled, including Sheela Chari author of the middle grade book *Vanished*, the 2012 Asian/Pacific American Honor Book for Children’s Literature. More information is forthcoming.

**Libraries invited to participate in collecting funds for Book Wish Foundation to build libraries in Darfuri refugee camps**

The New Jersey State Library is encouraging all public and school libraries to participate in a statewide campaign through the State Library from March 15 – April 15, 2012 to collect money for Book Wish Foundation. The Foundation is working with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to build libraries in Darfuri refugee camps in Eastern Chad in Africa, where an estimated 285,000 Sudanese refugees live without access to libraries.

Book Wish Foundation ([www.bookwish.org](http://www.bookwish.org/)) is an all-volunteer 501 (c) (3) public charity providing high-impact reading aid for people in crisis; currently focused on refugees from Darfur. Created in 2007 by a mother-son team in response to a Washington Post article about the lack of books in a Darfuri refugee camp in Chad, Book Wish has provided requested books, reading glasses, and solar-rechargeable lighting to the refugees.

The New Jersey State Library encourages New Jersey school and public libraries to join this campaign:

•Let the State Library know that you are participating. Contact Gary Cooper at [gcooper@njstatelib.org](mailto:gcooper@njstatelib.org) or Sharon Rawlins at [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org).

• Design a creative donation container and send in pictures for posting on the State Library website. Either post the photos to your Flickr account and send Gary Cooper the link or send us the digital photos and he’ll post them for you. ([gcooper@njstatelib.org](mailto:gcooper@njstatelib.org))  
• The libraries collecting the most money will be recognized at the end of the campaign.

To be eligible for this contest, libraries should collect the money, make a check made out to “New Jersey State Library” and send the check to the State Library by May 1, 2012.

Send your check to:  
Sheri Shafer, Chief Financial Officer  
NJ State Library  
PO Box 520  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0520

Checks must be received at the State Library by May 1, 2012.

Media Inquiries: Gary Cooper email: [gcooper@njstatelib.org](mailto:gcooper@njstatelib.org)  
Contact for Libraries: Sharon Rawlins email: [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org).

Book Wish Foundation also organized a short story collection written by renowned children’s and teen authors, that was published in September 2011 called *What You Wish For: Stories and Poems for Darfur.* Proceeds of the sale of the book will go to the UNHCR to help develop libraries in the refugee camps. You can purchase the book from Better World Books ([www.betterworldbooks.com](http://www.betterworldbooks.com)). The company gives a portion of their proceeds to literacy charities and has agreed to donate all the profits from the book to Book Wish Foundation.

*What You Wish For* includes stories by talented and well-known award-winning authors such as John Green, Karen Hesse, Marilyn Nelson, Joyce Carol Oates, Francisco X. Stork, Cynthia Voigt, Jane Yolen, Meg Cabot, Jeanne DuPrau, Cornelia Funke, Nikki Giovanni, Ann M. Martin, Alexander McCall Smith, Naomi Shihab Nye, Nate Powell, Sofia Quintero, Gary Soto, and R. L. Stine, with a foreword by Mia Farrow.

**Announcing the 2012 Nationwide Teen Library Lock-in...**

[This program was first done last year by the California Library Association and the California Summer Reading Program. They are looking for more states to get involved this summer.]

Connect your teens with peers across the country!

August 3rd, 2012

After hours

Theme = Zombies!

How it works:

* Participating libraries will plan a lock-in at their location the night of August 3rd, 2012.
* Programs should be after hours, but you choose your own times.
* We'll all work together to develop activities that teens can do together via technology.
* Minimum technology needed = internet connection. Preferable = webcam.
* Each site will choose which activities they will/can participate in.
* Activities may include: visit with Zombie author, online gaming tournaments, online scavenger hunt, and more!

Beware, looks like the moon will be 99% visible on the night of the 3rd!

Please contact Jennifer Lawson, Program Services Librarian at the San Diego County Library, at [jennifer.lawson1@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.lawson1@sdcounty.ca.gov) for more information and with questions.

Want to take part? It's easy! Send the following information to [pgarone@cla-net.org](mailto:pgarone@cla-net.org) and **please cc Sharon Rawlins** at[srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org) by March 15th:

Your name

Job title

Library name and/or branch

Email

Phone

Address

Library system (if applicable)

Approximate age of participating teens

Approximate number of participating teens

**Evanced Summer Reading Webinar Trainings to Be Offered in March and April**

We have scheduled 2 online webinars for anyone who wishes to take the trainings. The dates are Thursday, March 29 from 10 – 11:30 AM and Wednesday, April 4 from 1 – 2:30 PM and Friday, April 13 from 1 – 2:30 PM. The content of the trainings has not been determined yet because I wanted to find out from you want you wanted to cover. Evanced offers a basic training, Summer Reader 201; a more advanced training, Summer Reader 301 or Manage Summer Reading the Following Year. Or, they can also just have a Q&A session to discuss any questions you might have. Please let me know what type of training you might be interested in. I will send out the sign up information based on your suggestions.

**CSLP Summer Reading Program “Single Slogan” Survey**

The Collaborative Summer Library Program has asked its state representatives to distribute a survey for all public librarians. A proposal has been brought forward that CSLP offer a single slogan for all age groups in future summer reading programs. For example, if this were in place now, the 2012 CSLP summer reading program slogan might be “Dream Big – Read” for all age groups, instead of “Dream Big – Read” for children, “Own the Night” for teens, and “Between the Covers” for adults. The CSLP solicits your opinions on this possible change to their annual program. This survey also asks, if the CSLP moved to a single slogan each year, whether you would want to continue to have different artwork for each age group.

The link to this national survey is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OneSlogan>.

This survey is open until March 30, 2012. Survey results go directly to the CSLP Board of Directors. Thanks in advance for your participation.

**Youth Services Coordinators/Supervisors/Directors "Meet and Greet" at PLA**

You are invited to attend a "Meet and Greet" gathering for Children's and Youth Services Coordinators/Administrators/Directors as the PLA Conference opens.  This will be a nice opportunity for anyone attending the PLA Conference to chat, catch up on what's been happening, and compare PLA schedules.

This informal networking session will be held at:

The Free Library of Philadelphia - Parkway Central Library

1901 Vine Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Children's Department Story Hour Room - Ground Floor

10:30 am - 12 noon, Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Coffee and light snacks will be served.

Please RSVP to me, so I can make sure to get enough refreshments.

I look forward to seeing you!

Best wishes,

Chris

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**CSS Executive Board**

Lauren Oliver is confirmed as the speaker for the NJLA Conference Garden State Luncheon.

**NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**   
Liz Burns will be moderating a junior book buzz panel at PLA on Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 10:00.

**NJLA Executive Board**

Susan O’Neal has asked a committee to explore options for virtual reference to replace Q&A NJ. There will also be a funding committee to explore options for funding virtual reference.

The Urban Libraries Section is planning a one-day conference on April 19 at Plainfield Library. The conference is open to anyone, regardless of whether you work at an urban library or not. They will discuss mental health issues, urban literature, Fresh Start program, hip hop, the homeless, and more.

**LibraryLinkNJ**

* Archived webinars are available under the “CE” section, including Liz Burns’s webinar on TBBC and Kim and Rob Cullin’s webinar on Creating a Thriving 21st Century Library.
* March 24 at Middlesex County College: UnConference on Handheld Devices in School Libraries; $20 includes breakfast and lunch.
* April 4 and 18 (Webinars), 10:00 to 11:30: Helping Homeschoolers in the Library. Part one is about homeschooling laws and different types of homeschooling communities; part two is about policies that your library can enact, programming, and collection development. There is one registration, but it’s OK to attend just one session if you can’t do both.
* Are you using Pinterest? Find Sophie Brookover on Pinterest; she is exploring ways this tool can be used in a professional capacity.

**Member Updates**

Michelle Petrasek is organizing a prom dress drive at Paterson Library. The program is for girls who cannot afford dresses. Last year, 40 girls participated, and this year they are hoping to provide dresses for 150 girls. The girls will get dresses and accessories and will get their makeup done. Michelle will be collecting dresses (all sizes) at the next meeting, if you have any prom or bridesmaid dresses you’d like to donate.

Saleena is happy to announce that the teens of South Brunswick Public Library have finished their mural for the YA section!

**On-Going Business**

**NJLA Conference   
June 4-6, 2012 in Atlantic City**

Registration should open March 6. Many of the programs are already listed at njlaconference.info. The conference committee will be organizing bus service from a number of locations around the state.

The conference committee is offering tables to local organizations/authors at a lower price than exhibitors.

YA Programs:

We have four panel discussions, so wiki spaces have been created so people can collaborate. At our March meeting, we’ll take volunteers for moderating/facilitating programs.

We will be asking for pictures of your teens for our digital picture frame to put at the YA table.

**TAB Forum**

Dates:

Livingston Library—Mar 3

Tom’s River Branch, Ocean County Library—Mar 3

South Brunswick Public Library—Mar 10

Paramus Library—Mar 10

Mullica Hill, Gloucester County Library—Mar 24

If you haven’t registered your TAB group to go, there’s still space! You can use the talking points for parents and teens Saleena emailed out.

**New Business**

**Booze for Books**

YALSA is coordinating a fundraiser; the profits go to providing books for teens. If you are interested in participating/organizing a local event, talk to Samantha Marker at smarker@mtlaurel.lib.nj.us. The events will take place on or around April 12, but the date is flexible. Get more information at http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2012/02/09/booze-for-books-dont-miss-it/.

**Executive Board Elections**

Think about running for YA Executive Board! The duties are listed on the wiki at http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/21157860/About%20the%20YA%20Section%20Executive%20Board.

No previous experience or commitment is necessary to run for Member-at-Large or Secretary, which are one-year commitments. You need to have previously served on the Executive Board to run for Vice President, which is a three-year commitment (Vice President, President, Past President for one year each).

If you are interested, email Saleena at [saleenadavidson@yahoo.com](mailto:saleenadavidson@yahoo.com) with a short blurb about yourself and why you would like to run for Executive Board.

Elections will be held close to our May meeting.

**GSTBA Fiction 9-12 Ballot Deliberations**

The following books were selected as our top 20 and 2 alternates. Names of volunteers to write annotations are in parentheses. Please keep annotations short (one to two sentences) and write them as if you are encouraging a teen to read the book. Send annotations to Kathleen Gruver at [kgruver@bcls.lib.nj.us](mailto:kgruver@bcls.lib.nj.us) before our next meeting on March 30. If you have not sent in your Fiction 6-8 annotations, please do those before the next meeting as well.

* *Ship Breaker,* Paolo Bacigalupi (Liz B.)
* *The White Cat,* Holly Black (Sue G.)
* *Hush,* Eishes Chayil (Saleena D.)
* *Stolen,* Lucy Christopher (Sophie B.)
* *Matched,* Ally Condie (Katie B.)
* *Revolution,* Jennifer Donnelly (Liz B.)
* *Incarceron,* Catherine Fisher (Karen D.)
* *Will Grayson, Will Grayson,* John Green and David Levithan (Sandy H.)
* *A Love Story Starring My Dead Best Friend*, Emily Horner (Colleen A.)
* *Harmonic Feedback,* Tara Kelly (Sharon R.)
* *Please Ignore Vera Dietz,* A.S. King (Kate V.)
* *Girl in Translation,* Jean Kwok (Pat V.)
* *Rot and Ruin,* Jonathan Maberry (Christina R.)
* *Finnikin of the Rock,* Melina Marchetta (Sharon R.)
* *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer,* Lish McBride (Saleena D.)
* *The Sky is Everywhere,* Jandy Nelson (Christina R.)
* *Before I Fall,* Lauren Oliver (Kate V.)
* *Sorta Like a Rock Star,* Matthew Quick (Sandy H.)
* *The Things a Brother Knows,* Dana Reinhardt (Ann-Marie A.)
* *Nothing,* Janne Teller (Karen M.)
* Alternate: *Amy & Roger’s Epic Detour,* Morgan Matson (Sue G.)
* Alternate: *Not That Kind of Girl,* Siobhan Vivian (Sophie B.)

We will vote for Nonfiction 6-12 at our March 30 meeting. Don’t forget, if you can’t attend, be sure to send in an email of your review of the assigned books to any board member. If you offer to read and don’t send in your reviews or attend in person for two years, you will be banned from the GSTBA voting.

**Next meeting: March 30 at Piscataway Public Library. Coffee and snacks at 9:00, meeting at 9:30. GSTBA Nonfiction 6-12 ballot deliberations following business meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Klein, Young Adult Services Section Secretary