

Garden State Children's Book Award Committee Meeting/CSS Meeting

February 1, 2019

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Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Introductions/CSS joint Meeting
 - a) Attendees: Jen Fitzgerald (Old Bridge - CSS/GSCBA), Amy Behr-Shields (SCLS - GSCBA), Karin Finnegan (Bradley Beach - CSS), Jordan Bilodeau (Haddonfield - GSCBA), Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick - CSS), Vicki Wright (Cape May Co. - CSS/GSCBA), Dana Skwirut (Bernards Twp Lib - CSS/GSCBA), Lauren Antolino (Cranford - GSCBA), Jackie Kulesa (Old Bridge - CSS), Nancy O'Grady (Woodbridge - GSCBA), Lisa O'Shaughnessy (East Orange - GSCBA), Stephanie Smith (GCLS - CSS), Ann Kershner (Mt. Olive - CSS/GSCBA), Brie Mintz (Springfield Free Public - CSS), Candance Worrell (Cherry Hill PL - CSS, GSCBA), Sharon Rawlins (NJ State Library - CSS), Jen Apgar (NJSL TBBC - CSS), Liz Burns (NJSL TBBC - CSS), Robin Rockman (Oradell - GSCBA)

- 2) Approval of Minutes from last meeting - September 28, 2018 (GSCBA) and Last CSS Meeting
 - a) GSCBA - Change Vicky to Cape May / Lauren Antolino to Cranford
 - i) Motion to approve: Dana
 - ii) Second: Jordan
 - iii) APPROVED.
 - b) CSS – tabled for approval at next meeting in March

- 3) GSCBA Membership List and Personnel Updates
 - a) Karen Bilton has moved positions and is now at the Franklin Township PL working with teens
 - b) Antonette D'Orazio has retired and now owns a yoga studio!

- 4) Next meeting date - March 8, 2019 (snow date - March 15) (GSCBA) - Thursday, March 14 at the Cape May Court House Library(CSS)
 - a) GSCBA
 - i) Hospitality Volunteers: Dana & Martha
 - ii) March 8 is FULL DAY meeting! Reading MUST be done. Everyone reads ER. For Fiction, print out covers of books. For NF, bring a copy of your books. Bring \$5 for pizza lunch!
 - b) CSS
 - i) March 14 is toolbox presentations. It is the penultimate in-person meeting for the year. Additional meetings to be held virtually. Check calendar here: <http://njlamembers.org/content/meeting-schedule>

- 5) GSCBA Updates
 - a) NJLA - Submitted a program with the Teen committee on promoting the award.
 - i) It did not get accepted. We will be re-submitting for YS (which would allow for it to be a bit more interactive). It will include how to promote the book awards, as well as make them fun and interactive.

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- b) We had a presence at the Youth Services Forum on October 29th at Monmouth County PL.
 - i) Performer's Showcase November 1
 - (1) Vicky was present and brought ballots (couldn't get a table).
- c) Follow up with CSS on increasing membership
 - i) This was approved. Will be increasing our membership to 25.
 - ii) With increased membership, we could potentially give everybody two (or more) back-up readers
- d) Encourage School Media Specialists to be involved in the committee when they can not attend meetings
 - i) Teen has a feedback form - we could use that to have them submit for the final meeting.
- e) New Logo - image submitted recently to SCBWI NJ; They will post to their members, but was told they do not encourage/promote non-paid opportunities generally. If we get submission, will need to promote heavily throughout the state.
 - i) Back-up plan? TBD
 - (1) Would NJLA be willing to put some \$ towards it?
 - (2) Send something to high schools?
 - (3) Contest at an art college?
 - (4) Promote it at libraries for patrons to submit? Similar to library card art contest. Also promoting book awards which would be great!
- f) Follow up with CSS on approval to revise how we count voting.
 - i) Online votes are not represented as equally as votes submitted by libraries.
 - (1) One library submitted their votes as one online vote.
 - (2) Online voting was strong. The strongest category was Early Readers with 439 responses (3 votes allowed per voter)
 - (3) Last year, 94.8% of votes came from school libraries. This year was closer to 90% from school libraries.
 - ii) CSS is fine with however GSCBA wants to count online voting. How do we want to balance this?
 - (1) Discussion:
 - (a) What does teen do? It is online, but you can download paper ballot.
 - (b) Most school librarians have the students do it individually.
 - (c) Should libraries not report and just encourage patrons to go online? But will the little little kids do it then? Schools that do report as a whole may say it takes up too much time.
 - (d) Is it too much to have them count their offline votes?
 - (e) Should we be using circulation numbers? Someone can check-out a book and not like it.
 - (f) Can we weigh the online votes differently?

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(g) Should we only count circulation in tie-breaker situations?

(h) This year there was a big difference for paper vs. online for fiction.

(2) Decision:

(a) Libraries will be submitting number of notes

(b) New formula: 1-1 vote

(c) Market online voting more!

(d) Next meeting: Visit the idea of a new ballot

g) CSS Report - Updates

i) NJLA: Ten programs approved! (over 100 submissions)

(1) There is some overlap in children's programs times, but the plan is to have rooms that follow certain tracks (i.e. bigger picture themes).

(2) Programs Include:

(a) Feast on This: Show and Make Luncheon -- Thursday, 5/30, 12:30pm-2:00pm, Wildwood 3

(b) Preconference: Exclusively Inclusive: Tips and strategies from Professionals outside Libraryland -- Wednesday, 5/29, 2:00pm-5:00pm, Wildwood 12&13

(c) Wa[i]ve Goodbye to Fines! -- Friday, 5/31, 11:30am-12:20pm, Wildwood 10&11

(d) Ready, Set, School! Joyful Early Childhood Programming - - Friday, 5/31, 2:30pm-3:20pm, Wildwood 22&23

(e) In Be(Tween): program planning for tweens -- Friday, 5/31, 3:40pm-4:30pm, Wildwood 22&23

(f) After school with Middle School -- Friday, 5/31, 2:30pm-3:20pm, Wildwood 24&25

(g) COUNTDOWN: From sketch to (illustration) space launch! -- Thursday, 5/30, 9:00am-9:50am, Wildwood 22&23

(h) Curriculum Standards 101 for Public Librarians - The Roadmap to Collaboration -- Thursday, 5/30, 4:10pm-5:00pm, Wildwood 22&23

(i) Discover ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books -- Friday, 5/31, 3:40pm-4:30pm, Wildwood 14&15

(j) Libraries for All: Inclusive Library Services for children with disabilities and their families -- Friday, 5/31, 11:30am-12:20pm, Wildwood 22&23

(k) Building Kindness and Compassion: Resources to Help Children Address Social and Emotional Learning -- Thursday, 5/30, 3:10pm-4:00pm, Wildwood 22&23

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- ii) NJLA Web Page: Changes are being made so it will be easier to access info; renew membership online; etc. It is not going to roll out before conference - but should be ready to go by conference time!
- iii) NJLA Strategic Plan is also going to be rolled out
- iv) College and University Section in September that had a meeting open to members and prospective members of NJLA - had a lot of success. Had representatives of all of the subsections present to learn about each. And they had an escape room set-up!
- v) Other sections mentioned that they are interested in more members - even if the section title does not sound as though you are a participate. For example - management section is not just for directors!
- vi) NJLA Newsletter is coming out today. They are looking for a new editor
- vii) Public Policy Forum was in December. Discussed per capita state increase; information literacy curriculum bill; Advocacy Month is April.
- viii) Emerging Technologies Section is now just Technologies Section. Will have a tech week camp on April 30 in Somerset. FREE FOOD! All about cyber-security and privacy. They are looking for librarians to present.
- ix) CSLP Group sent an email (Summer Reading Committee). You can begin to register Monday, February 4. Four meetings, four locations (Wayne, Mullica, Franklin, Monroe) @ 9:30AM - 2PM. Do you have old prizes? Bring them and there will be an incentive swap.
- x) CSS Section stills needs a Secretary (2 year appointment) - Email Pham Condello (phamcondello@gmail.com) if you are interested. CSS also needs one more candidate to run in the elections for President - Email Dana Skwirut (dana.skwirut@gmail.com) if you are interested.
- xi) Leadership Committee discussed drastic changes to some of the structures. Floated merging YASS and CSS groups. Potentially consolidating some things and pulling some things out.
- xii) State Library
 - (1) SAVE THE DATE: Early Literacy Consultant Betsy Diamant-Cohen (Mother Goose on the Loose) will be conducting a free early literacy workshop for children's library staff on Wednesday, May 8th at the Old Bridge Public Library. Registration information is forthcoming.
 - (2) Information will be forthcoming on soliciting for a Project Manager and planning committee volunteers the Fall 2019 Youth Services Forum (DATE/LOCATION TBA)
 - (3) See below for more updates from the State Library.***
- h) NJLA Conference 2019 programs (5/29 - 5/31 at Harrah's in AC)
 - i) Note: Garden State Luncheon is Friday (same day as Book Expo again)
 - (1) Do we want to do buffet instead of a sit-down lunch? Will look into cost, contract, format, space, timing, etc.
 - ii) YA in charge of speaker.

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- (1) Lisa Lucas (not an author) from National Book Foundation
- iii) We are in charge of publicity.
 - (1) Volunteers to create images?
 - (2) Send to sections and promote within NJLA
- iv) Conference volunteer tasks/assignments - will need help setting up display for table.
 - i) Promoting the Award - (Post notifying publishers): Facebook, NJASL, NJLA, Website update, social media
- 6) GSCBA winners announced
 - a) Winners were announced, but cannot yet be shared. An announcement email will follow.
- 7) GSCBA citations created and read aloud
- 8) Around the Table

*****NJSL Report for CSS Meeting, February 1, 2019**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library

Saturday Feb. 2 is **Take Your Child to the Library Day**, [#TYCLDAY2019](#)
[#takeyourchildtothelibraryday](#)

Apply for the 2019 Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards

The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast at the 2019 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. **The deadline to apply is March 8, 2019.**

To apply, please complete and submit the [application form](#) after consulting the [award guidelines](#).

Please visit the following [webpage](#) and click on Award Brochures, then under New Jersey State Library Awards (for 2017 and 2018 winners) or under Best Practices in Early Literacy (for older years' winners). Those who applied last year but did not win can re-apply with the same program as long as it was held within the past two years. Libraries who have won twice previously are not eligible to apply. Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, at srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640 ext. 116 if you have any questions

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Statewide Database Survey

The New Jersey State Library will soon be releasing an RFQ for statewide electronic resources for the next three years. Prior to NJSL and the Database Advisory Committee making recommendations to the State Librarian. We would like to know what is valuable to those you serve. This survey will be open through **February 13 at 5 pm**. Thank you in advance for the time that you spend helping to inform our decisions. Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F7DXQB6>

Statement on Statewide Services from the State Library

This statement has been posted to our website here:

https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/statewide_services/librarylinknj/

You can access it by hovering over 'Services for Libraries' and then 'Statewide Services' from the top navigation on our homepage. The page is called 'Statewide Services Managed by LibraryLinkNJ'.

NJ Summer Reading Workshops – Registration Opens Feb. 4th

Registration for the workshops will open on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 10am on our website:

www.njsummerreading.org. Access to our website requires authorization, so if you do not currently have a user name and password, make sure you sign up for one before February 4, 2019!

The workshop dates are:

- Monday, March 11th at the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 15th at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library System
- Monday, March 18th at the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 25th at the Monroe Township Public Library

Each workshop runs from 9:30am-2:00pm and is full of inspiring ideas for all ages presented by our committee members. Have some old prizes that you just cannot get rid of? Participate in our Incentive Swap! Bring your old prizes and walk away with something new.

Questions? Please email njlasummerreading@gmail.com

A Few updates from January 2019 CSLP Newsletter:

Be sure to check out this year's tutorials on utilizing your CSLP resources:

<https://www.csllpreads.org/2019-a-universe-of-stories-tutorials/>

The CSLP website is undergoing some changes to make it easier to navigate. You will now find the online manuals under the toolbar tab that says MANUAL DOWNLOADS, instead of Propriety Downloads on the website's home page.

CORRECTIONS: Errors were discovered on the "Book/Audio Review" handouts found on page 60 and 61 of the Adult Manual. Updated pages can be found here, or on the "2019 Program Corrections" section of the CSLP website.

[Page 60 Book/Audio Review \[pdf\]](#)

[Page 61 Critica de libros/audio \[pdf\]](#)

[**If you want to find out more and to subscribe to the CSLP Newsletter register here**](#)

Other Organizations & Events:

Bookapalooza – Deadline to apply Feb. 1, 2019

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is now accepting applications for its Bookapalooza Program, an opportunity for 3 libraries to receive an assortment of newly published books, videos, audiobooks, and recordings for children's book publishers. The deadline is February 1, 2019.

For more information: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/bookapalooza-program>

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Apply for the 2019 Miss Rumphius Award! - Deadline Feb. 15, 2019

The New Jersey Center for the Book is seeking nominations for its 2019 Miss Rumphius Award. Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's book, *Miss Rumphius*, winner of the National Book Award in 1983, this Award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are stellar in spreading ideas about literacy. The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian, library staff member, certified educator, or teacher assistant, and must have developed creative activities to enhance learning and literacy. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and replicable by other librarians and educators. The nominee must be willing to help produce her or his 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 in 2019.

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.

Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the Miss Rumphius Award to Carol Phillips (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com). If you have any questions, email Carol, or visit the NJCFB website: www.njcenterforthebook.org

Thinking Money for Kids: A traveling exhibition to U.S. public libraries

Public libraries, apply by Feb. 8, 2019, to be part of a national tour for the traveling exhibition [Thinking Money for Kids](#).

We all need to master the knowledge and skills to make smart financial choices and prepare for whatever the future brings. *Thinking Money for Kids* strives to teach children ages 7-11 and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial literacy topics—like saving, spending and budgeting—in a way that is not only understandable, but fun.

Thinking Money for Kids is a museum-quality exhibition that is traveling to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2019 and 2021. Through a bustling community market-themed storyline, digital interactive content and other fun, hands-on activities, the exhibition explores:

- What is money?
- How do we earn money?
- Saving and spending
- Money values such as fairness and charitableness
- Making responsible financial decisions

For more information, including how to apply: <https://apply.ala.org/thinkingmoneykids>

Thinking Money for Kids is brought to communities nationwide by the [FINRA Investor Education Foundation](#) and [the American Library Association \(ALA\) Public Programs Office](#).

SLJ's Middle Grade Magic! Virtual Summit on March 27th

Join *School Library Journal* for our inaugural Middle Grade Magic Virtual Summit, a free, day-long virtual celebration and exploration of one of the burgeoning—and most important—areas of publishing for young readers: literature for children ages eight through 12—and beyond on March 27th! Author talks, panel discussions, and librarian-led sessions will take a deep dive into the books, authors, and themes that define excellence for upper elementary and middle school readers.

Register here: <http://vshow.on24.com/vshow/MiddleGradeMagic/registration/15799>

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Network online with other librarians and explore our virtual exhibit hall where you'll hear directly from publishers about their newest books and engage in live chats with featured authors, hear about forthcoming titles, and receive prizes and giveaways.

Middle Grade Magic is a free, completely virtual summit—no traveling and no cost! We look forward to 'seeing' you on March 27, 2019. Can't make the live date? No problem! All the sessions will be archived, and the virtual environment will be accessible for up to three months.

The NJ Center for the Book's *The Jersey Trackers and the Greatest Mystery in All of History E-Serial*

Did you know Charles Dicken published his books in serial form? His books appeared over a period of many weeks or months. Eager readers had to wait impatiently for the next installment to find out what happened next.

The NJ Center for the Book's second e-serial entitled *Jersey Trackers and Greatest Mystery in All of History* is just like Dickens' stories! Each of the eight chapters in this e-serialized story will be posted every two weeks on their website. Each exciting chapter is set in a different historical time-period. You will probably recognize many of the historical events referenced by each chapter's NJ author or illustrator. Don't miss checking out this fact filled and fun e-serial that will appeal to readers of all ages – although its target is elementary ages kids.

Go here to read this weekly e-serial on <http://www.njcenterforthebook.org/>

Click on E-Book from the menu at the top of the page. Chapter 1 was posted on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 and chapters continue to be posted every other week. The first e-serial from 2016 called *The Jersey Trackers and the Imagination Tree Mystery* is archived on the site too. Our main characters are a children's librarian and his book club, consisting of six curious, inventive and adventurous young readers named THE JERSEY TRACKERS. The Trackers travel to different historical time-periods to learn about historical events. Enjoy reading this historical adventure!