



**Young Adult Services Section (YASS) 2020-2021
Combined with Children Services
ZOOM: Meeting March 12, 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, Allison Ryan, Susan Lazzaro, Rachael Guerrero, Theresa Foster, Jen Fitzgerald, Maureen Langley, Katie Salerno, Jenise Sileo, Emily Mazzoni, Janis, Moria Whittington, Sharon Rawlins, Erica Deb, Kristen Crepezzi, Jen Apgar, Carolyn Aversano, Mary Catherine, Mary Jean, Jamie Dunn, Kirsten Churchill, Jenna Ingham, Akiema Buchmann, Maureen Herma, Heather Marque, EBPL youth services

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, March 12, 2021- Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library (Some items are repeats from previous reports but the information remains relevant.)

Remote Assist

The State Library's JerseyConnect is excited to announce a new free service called Remote Assist available to all libraries across the state, to help reach remote patrons or provide services in the library while maintaining social distance.

Here are some of the key features available:

Remote assistance lets you connect with patrons anywhere, from anywhere, to assist them with using library resources. Patrons just need a session code to join.

Remote access lets you manage your library's PCs from anywhere, to assist patrons sitting at a public PC or perform administrative tasks like updates and restarts.

Chat support lets you interact with patrons from your library's website, with no software for visitors to install. There's also a WordPress plugin for easy integration with your library's website.

There are no limits to the number of staff users, managed PCs, or sessions. And this service is here to stay, so you can count on it no matter what the future holds.



For more information including quick start guides for staff and patrons, check out our info page at: <https://www.jerseyconnect.net/services/cloud/remote-assist/>

We launched this service late last year, but feedback from our recent customer survey showed many people didn't know about it.

If you'd like to share your thoughts on JerseyConnect services, or your library's technology needs, we invite you to fill out our short survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCFY21>

And if you have any questions about Remote Assist or would like to get started, just contact us at by email at support@jerseyconnect.net or through the JerseyConnect helpdesk at <https://helpdesk.jerseyconnect.net/>

For other resources that the State Library purchased with CARES Act funding, please visit: https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/cares-act-investment/. There are also links for technical assistance for these products.

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.

Statewide Summer Reading Program and CSLP related information Summer Reading Workshop, March 5, 2021

If anyone missed the summer reading workshop that the statewide summer reading committee presented on March 5th, here is the link to the recording on Youtube:

bit.ly/NJSRCWorkshop

2021 Incentive Catalog: <https://www.csipreads.org/csip-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

Webinar: What's Essential When Serving Youth and Families in Crisis Times?

Date/Time: March 23, 2021 (Tuesday) at 12 pm ET/ 11 am CT/ 9 am PT. Speakers: Dr. Mega Subramaniam (University of Maryland) & Linda W. Braun (LEO Online)



Description: In the summer of 2020, 137 library staff from across the U.S. participated in a co-design process focused on how public libraries can serve non-dominant youth and families during times of crisis. This work led to the publication of a [Field Guide](#) designed to help public library staff prepare for crises by carrying out four essential tasks: learning about community, co-creating with community, assessing and iterating with community, and designing structures for community. In this webinar, the facilitators of the co-design work, Dr. Mega Subramaniam and Linda W. Braun, will discuss what they learned about how libraries have been responding to current and past crises. They will explain the essential tasks library staff must engage in order to serve their communities successfully during times of crisis and prepare for crises that may occur in the future. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions about the Field Guide and the steps libraries should take to successfully serve their communities before, during, and after emergencies arise.

Registration Link:

https://umd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oALf9HULTTGoWtHCNLozuA

Article about libraries, Amazon, and ebooks:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2021/03/10/amazon-library-ebook-monopoly/>

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. Applications must be completed by 5:00 PM EST on **March 5, 2021**. Applicants will be notified of decisions by March 15, 2021.



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.

NEW: Federal Funding for State Library's has been approved. The New Jersey State Library will receive an allotment of \$3,935,345 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) ARPA budget. We just received the news, and are starting to plan for spending. If you have thoughts, suggestions or ideas on how we can best benefit the state with this influx of resources, please drop me an email. Additional information is posted on the State Library's website [here](#). Jen Nelson NJ State Librarian jnelson@njstatelib.org



NEW: State Governor increased the indoor capacity up to 50 %, but it is not a requirement. Libraries can make the determination on how to handle this new update.

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 fo 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 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 for NLS to loan electronic refreshable Braille displays out to library patrons. If you have a patron who reads 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:

- Honors and Awards: Nominations are open until April 1st! Please consider nominating someone using [this form](#).
- Poster Sessions for Conference are open! Submit an idea for a virtual poster session [here](#). Submissions will be accepted until March 16.

News Alert March 12, 2020- Please note that the NJLA mailing address has changed:

NJLA
PO Box 6467
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
New Phone Number: 609-482-1282

Children's Services Section (CSS): Ellen Ryan

- Youth Services Forum Planning Committee: If you are interested in being on the planning committee for the Youth Services Forum, please email Ellen Ryan at eryan@bernardslibrary



-First meeting will be March 17th at 3 pm after the CSS business meeting. We want to have strong YA representation at this event, and joining the committee is a great way to be involved!
-In addition to our regular business we will talk about: Planning and brainstorming for the next Youth Services Forum. Meaghan Darling will be Project Manager and we could use a few more volunteers. As more libraries begin to open and try to get back to normal, what are we doing in our children's areas regarding toys, tablets, computers, etc. Please let Ellen Ryan know if you would like to add a topic to the agenda.

NJASL:

Library Consortiums and Systems: no updates

YASS Business

GSTBA: voting for the 9-12th fiction. Emily & Moira will email the final list of titles and book jackets for voting. Everyone, thank you for reading.

NJLA Conference & Youth Services Forum: Katie Salerno

1. If you did not get a welcome email from no-reply@pheedloop.com with the subject line "Your Speaker Portal" please reply immediately to this email and we'll get you sorted out.

Unfortunately, the conference platform does not allow you to enter your co-presenters yourselves; we have to do this manually from the administrator's side. And because we don't actually have the email addresses to go along with the names you submitted, we are relying on your assistance to get this done as soon as possible.

2. If you have not already done so, please [fill out this google form](#) asap so we can get all co-presenters set up with their own speaker portals in a timely manner.

Due Mar 12, 2021: Add your co-speakers

Due Mar 19, 2021: Add your contact links

Due Mar 19, 2021: Update your profile

Due Mar 19, 2021: Upload your photo

Due Apr 23, 2021: Upload Recording of Your Presentation

Due May 14, 2021: Upload Session Supporting Documents

- Teen Volunteering in the Virtual World (regular program)
- Where Have All the Teens Gone? Using Connected Learning to Engage Teens in Programming (double session)
- Supporting & Empowering Our Young Patrons with Culturally Responsive Research Initiatives (regular program)



- [Serving LGBTQIA+ Youth in Virtual Spaces](#)
- “Let it Go!”: Weeding and Collection Management for Youth Services (regular program) Co sponsored with CSS
- Makers Showcase
- YA and Adult Bookswap (co-sponsor with RA Roundtable)

All of the sessions will be pre-recorded, but the luncheon will be live on June 4, 2021 from 12:30- 2:00 PM. The guest speaker, Jerry Craft- author of New Kid and Class Act Graphic novels, will be joining the LIVE luncheon at 1:00 PM. More information to follow about YA being able to join the luncheon event.

Social Media updates: Akiema is busy reposting from library Instagram accounts but look for NEW updates on Twitter!

Member Updates & Hot Topics: Fun ideas for Makers Day

Kate-Lynn Brown- library is doing a Candy Taxonomy program.

Erica Deb- library is doing a STEAM Baby Yoda program. In the kits are all the materials to make their own light up piece of art. <https://chibitronics.com/>

Katie Salero- library is doing an art project (paint a volcano)

Allison Ryan- library is doing a penny challenge. Make a floating raft from objects around the house and see how many pennies it can hold before it sinks.

Jenna Ingham- library is doing a Book Garden, three book titles bundled up in ribbon and decorated with flowers, ready for immediate check out. The YA missed the blind date with book, so they are trying this with great success.

Bookquette. Check out her instagram to see posting of the books.

Maureen Langley- new library office is at the BoundBrook Branch.

Thank you everyone! **Next ZOOM meeting is, Friday, April 30th @ 10:00 AM.**

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