**NJLA Young Adult Section Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2012**

**South Brunswick Public Library**

**Members in attendance:** Kathleen Breitenbach, Sue Grotyohann, Emily Crowell, Emily Chornomaz, Jen Servello, Kathleen Gruver, Karen Mitchell, Carolyn Aversano, Rebecca Klein, Sharon Rawlins, Lanora Melillo, Rosy Henderson, Sandi Cronce, Michelle Petrasek, Ann-Marie Aymer, Saleena Davidson, Sandy Hall, Natalie Cheetham, Kate Vasilik, Samantha Marker, Mary Ecklund, Karen deWilde

**Updates from Around the State**

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

[**Shake Up Your Library: Using Hip Hop and Rap to Attract Teens and New Adults**](http://ldb.njstatelib.org/ldb_events/2012/jun/01/shake_up_your_library_using_hip_hop_and_rap_to_attract_teens_and_n)

June 1, 2012 (8 am - 5 pm)

Register Here:

<http://hiphop4yalibrarians.eventbrite.com>

Are you a public librarian who would like funding to enhance or start a hip-hop/rap collection in your public library?

You might be a one of the winners if you attend this all-day event! We will be raffling off money for public librarians to help them develop their hip-hop/rap collections. Registration is only $20! Chuck D, leader and founder of the rap group Public Enemy will be the keynote speaker!

This event, sponsored by the New Jersey State Library, LibraryLinkNJ and NJLA is for youth services librarians, including those in school libraries, and other library staff in libraries and afterschool organizations who work with teens and new adults, or millennials. This program will provide an overview of hip-hop and rap music culture and its appeal to young people by experts in the field and will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012, at Rutgers-Newark, in the Paul Robeson Campus Center. The goal of the program is to encourage youth services librarians and others working with afterschool programs to incorporate this type of popular music into their library collections and programs so that the libraries and organizations will truly reflect the interests of the young people they serve. Full details can be found in [our brochure for the event](http://ldb.njstatelib.org/ldb_files/Shake%20Up%20Your%20Library%20-%20June%201%202012.pdf)

Questions? Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

**A Conversation with the State Librarian**

**Monday, May 14, 2012, 10:00 am - 11:00 am EDT**

If you missed State Librarian Norma Blake;s interview with NJ's Library Goddesses Joanne Kares, Michele Reutty, Joanne Roukens and Arlene Sahraie, the podcast is posted on the NJ State Library website. In it, they revealed everything from their retirement advice for the State Librarian to what makes them happiest about being NJ librarians.  Find out what makes a Library Goddess a library leader!  Visit the Library Goddesses online at <http://www.njlibrarygoddesses.com>     
  
**Library Sustainability & Funding Issues to be Discussed at Conference May 23, 2012**

The New Jersey State Library, LibraryLinkNJ and the New Jersey Library Association are hosting *Keeping the Vision While Keeping the Lights On* Wednesday,May 23, 2012, that will help plan the future of libraries in New Jersey.  Joan Frye Williams and George Needham have been invited to lead the discussion of the issues facing NJ libraries, including making hard choices and sustaining the services that are of most value to our customers.

Library staff from all types of libraries, trustees, Friends and foundation members are invited to attend this FREE event at the Sheraton Eatontown, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Morning coffee and a full lunch will be provided.

For more information: <http://ldb.njstatelib.org/ldb_files/Sustainability%20and%20Funding%20Issues.pdf>

Registration is required at: <http://fs19.formsite.com/njla/vision>

**Retirement Celebration in Honor of State Librarian Norma Blake**

Princeton Marriott at Forrestal  
Friday, June 15, 2012  
5:00pm - 10:00pm

Cost: $40 (includes gift)

All are welcome, please join us!

Call Ruth Pallante at the New Jersey State Library, 609-278-2640 x151 with questions

**NJ Author Listing Being Compiled**

Sharon Rawlins is compiling an author listing of NJ authors or authors that have a connection to NJ. The list will include children’s, teen and adult authors and include a few books by them, a website and contact information, if available. It will be an ongoing list that will be posted on the NJ Statewide Summer Reading website ([www.njsummerreading.org](http://www.njsummerreading.org)), as well as the NJ State Library’s youth services page (<http://ldb.njstatelib.org/ldb_home/youth_services>), and on the NJ Center for the Book’s website ([www.njcenterforthebook.org](http://www.njcenterforthebook.org)). If you have any author suggestions, please email them to Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org). Thanks!

**CSS Executive Board**

No updates at this time.

**NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**   
No updates at this time.

**NJLA Executive Board**

No updates at this time.

**LibraryLinkNJ**

All webinars are archived and available at http://librarylinknj.org. Upcoming webinars and events can be found at http://librarylinknj.org/calendar.

**Member Updates**

Kate Vasilik thanked everyone who presented at or attended the LMxAC Teen Workshops. Slides from the programs are available on the wiki at <http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/12189969/YA%20Links%20of%20Interest>. The next workshop will be at Piscataway Public Library on September 18, moderated by Linda Braun. Registration information can be found at <http://lmxworkshops.pbworks.com>.

**Upcoming Events**

**NJLA Conference: June 4-6, Revel Resort Atlantic City**Find more information about our programs at <http://njlaconference.info/programs?tid%5B%5D=43> and select “Young Adult Services Section.”

**YA Section Table:** We are going to have a digital photo frame and a laptop with videos at the YA Section table. Send photos of your teens at events or colorful flyers to Saleena at saleenadavidson@yahoo.com. We also need members to staff the table throughout the conference. Saleena will be sending out more information on how you can sign up for a time slot.

**On-Going Business**

**Garden State Teen Book Awards**

The Executive Board met in April to discuss ways to streamline the voting process, and three main ideas came out of the meeting:

* We are looking at ways to make the list smaller, such as not including every starred review from every publication. We will try out some ideas on last year’s list to see how it might work in the future.
* We will change the voting guidelines so that 6/6 is not the required unanimous number of votes to add a book to the list. Instead, if a book receives “yes” votes from all of the assigned readers, even if that number is less than 6, it will be added to the list.
* We will use a computer and projector during the voting meetings to save time and paper.

The QR code and Facebook page are ready to use. Bookmarks with each separate list are also available to print. Go to our wiki page for more information: <http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/39674956/GSTBA%20Promotional%20Tools>.

We discussed ideas for promoting GSTBA in our libraries and schools. Karen deWilde had volunteers make a trifold poster with photos of all of the nominated book covers. She brought it to her local middle school, where students could just rip off a piece of paper from the book they liked and drop it in the ballot box. Rosy Henderson said at their library, if you read a GSTBA nominee during summer reading, you get an extra raffle ticket. For more ideas, click on the link above to go to our wiki page. If you would like to contribute your ideas to the wiki, send them to Kate Vasilik at kate\_thelibrarian@yahoo.com.

**Executive Board Elections**

* Vote for Executive Board 2012/2013 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YAExecBoard2012>. Deadline to vote is Friday, June 1, 2012.

**Open Discussion**

Michelle Petrasek thanked the group for donating prom dresses to their dress drive. They had more than 400 dresses and helped 40 girls and their families. Pictures are up on the Paterson Public Library Facebook page.

TAB Forum certificates are being printed. Saleena and Pham Condello are working on an article for VOYA.

Sue Grotyohann made bookmarks about the great free things at your library, designed for 20- and 30-somethings. The files are posted on our wiki at http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/12189969/YA%20Links%20of%20Interest.

The Executive Board thanked Saleena for a great term as President!

**Next meeting: September 28, 2012 at South Brunswick Public Library. Coffee and snacks at 9:30, meeting at 10:00. Next year’s meeting schedule can be found at** http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/12189972/Young%20Adult%20Services.

**See you at the NJLA Conference!**

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Klein, Young Adult Services Section Secretary