

NJLA Professional Development Committee

January 20, 2021 ~ 2 p.m.

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Attendance:

Welcome & Introductions

1. [Minutes from Dec. 16, 2020, meeting](#). Any questions or changes? Will be posted after this meeting, to the [NJLA PD site](#) under Committee Minutes.
2. **Professional Development Newsletter** (Theresa Agostinelli)
 - a. January issue being edited and about to be sent (or perhaps already sent) to all NJLA members. Table of contents: Coping During COVID-19: Robert Belvin; How Do We Keep Going?: Lena Gluck; Alternative Children's Programming: Danielle Cesena; Upcoming Events: Turning Tinted Pages: A Conversation & Celebration of Black Librarians & Library Workers; Community Partners: Literacy Volunteers; NJLA in the Spotlight: History & Preservation Section; Your NJLA Officers: Adriana Mamay; Inspiration Corner: Cassie Runkel-Mechler; Well, How Did I Get Here?: Susanne Sachetti; Mind, Body, & Soul: Enola Romano; Past Events - Virtual Library Toolbox: Courageous & Brave Spaces; Professional Development Opportunities.
 - b. (If sent already) Did everyone receive the newsletter?
 - c. Please contact Theresa with ideas and/or submissions for future issues @ agostinellit@gmail.com. Next deadline is in April. May distribution?
3. **Virtual Keynotes** (Theresa Agostinelli)
 - a. Friday, February 5, 10-11:30 a.m., "Turning Tinted Pages: A Conversation and Celebration of Black Librarians and Library Workers."
 - i. Description: "Gain a better understanding of the history and present state of library employment for Black librarians and library workers, and learn ways that each of us can promote and support diversity in library staffing. This presentation will include a slideshow on the history of Black librarianship, a moderated panel with question and answer period, and a break out session. Topics discussed will include barriers to employment and advancement for Black library workers, support systems, self care, and more."
 - ii. Co-sponsors: PD Committee, NJLA Diversity & Outreach section, NJLA LWoC Roundtable, NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Anti-Racism Taskforce
 - iii. Panelists: Jade Mapp, Literacy Specialist, Hoboken Public Library; Christal Blue, Branch Manager, Somerset County Library System; Lisa Richardson Hall, School Library Assistant, Lawrenceville High School;

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Ayoola White, Emerging Technology Librarian, Jersey City Free Public Library; Deadra Boardman, Youth Services Librarian, Somerset County Library System.

- iv. Co-hosts: Keisha Miller, Teen Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator, South Orange Public Library; Carina Gonzalez, Adult Services Librarian, Piscataway Public Library.
- v. To include a Q&A with the panelists answering questions posed by the moderators. Also, breakout rooms will be included for more collaboration.
- vi. [Register in advance](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

4. NJLA Conference Proposals

- a. Conference to be held June 3-4.
- b. Stuck in the Middle with You: Leading from the Middle (sponsorship)
 - i. Need other sections and committees to co-sponsor
- c. Podcasting co-sponsoring with Readers Advisory
- d. Double session: Recruitment, Retention & Advancement, co-sponsoring with Diversity & Outreach section
- e. Did anyone attend the virtual 2021 VALE / ACRL-NJ / NJLA-CUS Users' Conference on Jan. 6. Anything to learn from that format/experience?

5. Discussion: COVID-19 vaccine distribution (Eric Schwarz)

- a. [EveryLibrary Calls on State and Local Health Officials to Prioritize Librarians and Library Workers in Vaccination Plans](#) (Dec. 23, 2020)
- b. [NJ Department of Health update on vaccine eligibility](#) (Jan. 14, 2021)
- c. Vaccine Information Session for NJ libraries (Jan. 11, 2021). More than 800 people registered, but the limit was 500 attendees. Not recorded, but Deborah E. Cornavaca, Deputy Chief of Staff for Outreach in the Office of the Governor, has agreed to schedule a second information session for the library community. Did anyone on this committee attend?
- d. Thoughts on NJ library workers as being on the front line. Should the library community push for this recognition? Phase 1B includes certain frontline workers; no mention of library workers.
- e. Four of the six mega sites ([vaccination hubs](#)) had opened as of Jan. 15, 2021.

6. Upcoming Learning Opportunities

- a. 2020 NJLA Award Winners in the Public Relations categories (Thursday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m.): Panelists will discuss their ideas, projects, and approaches that were acknowledged at the 2020 NJLA Honors and Awards Reception. [Register now](#). Sponsored by the NJLA Public Relations Committee and Honors & Awards Subcommittee. Contact: Allen McGinley (mcinley@teaneck.bcccls.org)

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- b. (info only -- deadline to apply has passed). Emerging Leaders: Five sessions, third Thursday of the month, starting Jan. 21

7. Updates from other NJLA committees/sections/roundtables/board

- a. Juliet Machie (jmachie@njla.org) is the new NJLA Executive Director as of Jan. 4.
- b. New phone number for NJLA: 609-482-1282.
- c. [NJLA statement following the Jan. 6 attack on Congress.](#)
- d. Member Services Committee (Jan. 11, 2021) (Eric Schwarz): NJLA accepted MSC's proposal to offer \$35 annual hardship rate; may be used up to two years in a row. Online (MemberClicks and PDF form) have been updated. Upcoming meetings: Feb. 8, March 15. April 19. May 17. June 21.
- e. NJLA Executive Board meeting (Jan. 19)
- f. Conference Committee (to meet Jan. 21).
- g. NJLA History & Preservation Section seeking submissions for The Chronicle newsletter (deadline: Jan. 29). Colleen Goode (cgoode@theoceancountylibrary.org)
- h. All NJLA meetings listed on the [calendar](#).

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- a. Jennifer R. Nelson, new NJ State Librarian, starting in February.

9. Future Meeting Dates

- a. Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.: Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16. The Zoom login will remain the same for these meetings as this meeting.