

NJLA Professional Development Committee

Minutes: May 19, 2021 ~ 2 p.m.

Zoom meeting, 2 p.m.

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Attendance: Jen Fitzgerald, Eric Schwarz, Selwa Shamy

Welcome & Introductions

Professional Development Newsletter - Eric Schwarz is the editor

Spring Newsletter has been published! Thank you, Eric.

<http://njlamembers.org/content/njla-professional-development-newsletter-spring-2021>

Virtual Keynotes

1. NJLA Conference Sessions

- a. Conference to be held June 3-4
- b. Stuck in the Middle with You: Leading from the Middle (sponsorship)
 - i. Co-sponsored by Administration & Management section
- c. Podcasting co-sponsoring with Readers Advisory - Cancelled due to co-presenter moving out of state
- d. Double session: Recruitment, Retention & Advancement, co-sponsoring with Diversity & Outreach section

2. Upcoming Learning Opportunities

- a. **LibraryLinkNJ Skill Sharing Conversations**
 - i. Podcasts, Friday, May 21, 10-11 a.m. [Read More](#)
 - ii. Virtual Storytimes: Friday, June 11, 10:30-11:30am [Read More](#)
 - iii. Serving People with Low Vision, Physical Disability, or who are Deaf: Tuesday, June 22nd, 10am-11am [Read More](#)
 - iv. Creating Podcasts, Friday, July 16th, 10am-11am [Read More](#)
 - v. Practicing Linguistic Equity: Engaging International Learners Online: Monday, July 26th, 10:30-11:30am [Read More](#)
- b. LibraryLinkNJ Share Your Reads
 - i. June 16th: 7pm-8pm Children's & YA Reads [Read More](#)
 - ii. June 30th: 7pm-8m Adult & YA Crossover Reads [Read More](#)
- c. **ALA Annual Conference** will be held virtually **June 23rd–June 29, 2021**. Featured speakers currently announced are Stanley Tucci and Areli Morales. Register [here](#).

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3. Updates from other NJLA committees/sections/roundtables/board & LibraryLinkNJ

- a. Reference Section - Eric Schwarz
 - i. Theresa Agostinelli is the incoming president of the section.
- b. Member Services Committee - Eric Schwarz
 - i. Flyer for trivia contest went out today, it is free!
 - ii. May 6 there was a trivia contest that raised money for the NJLA Scholarship Fund
 - iii. Sponsor a Member program - there is a little funding for this. A letter will go out to library directors, then perhaps an email to NJLA membership.
- c. Children's Services Section - Jen Fitzgerald
 - i. Garden State Book Awards are a go this year. There will be a virtual keynote with Jerry Craft.
- d. Young Adult Services Section - Jen Fitzgerald
 - i. Garden State Teen Book Awards: A few teens will be given access to the keynote, they can apply using this form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefUfaPPg3hLjyrmTH8FwxSkDz25dkITXeeYN89UtN4eCseg/viewform>
- e. Executive Board - Selwa Shamy
 - i. Finances are in good shape
 - ii. Legislative Advocacy - Drafted a letter and will send it to library directors asking to get in touch with legislators to sign on to the library bills.
 - iii. Conference - There are currently 21 exhibitors and 3 nonprofit exhibitors, some of those are also sponsors. 591 registrants so far, there were barely 700 at the last in-person conference.
 - iv. NJ State Library updates from Jen Nelson
 1. ARPA Funds - have to go through a procurement process with vendors. Not looking to do anything different.
 - a. Homelessness training will be available for public, academic, and school libraries. To help staff feel empowered.
 - b. There will be small and large grants, information will be out on June 1 (target date).
 2. Statewide Literacy Project - Digital literacy and workforce development. Let Jen know if you want more information.
- f. All NJLA meetings listed on the [calendar](#)

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5. Future Meeting Dates

- a. Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.: June 16. The Zoom login will remain the same for these meetings as this meeting.