

NJLA Professional Development Committee

Minutes: June 16, 2021 ~ 2 p.m.

Zoom meeting, 2 p.m.

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Attendance: Jennifer Larsen, Theresa Agostinelli, Selwa Shamy, Eric Schwarz, Kate Jagers.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Professional Development Newsletter Update - Eric Schwarz

- a. Transferred some sections to the general NJLA newsletter.
 - i. NJLA spotlight, NJLA board member spotlight.
- b. Content for the fall newsletter is forthcoming.
- c. Newsletter may stay as an html document, NJLA has a Canva account that can also be used.

3. NJLA Conference Recap

- a. 743 total registrants included exhibitors, speakers, and attendees (almost 500).
- b. Almost 200 people responded to the survey, 95% were positive remarks.
- c. Moderation for sessions went well, Radwa gave very specific instructions.

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

- a. Reference Section - Eric Schwarz
 - i. Next meeting is June 28, 10-11 a.m. Theresa Agostinelli is the incoming chair. Members can host a meeting based on a topic of their choice. Meetings will most likely be hybrid. Will use a Google Jam Board.
 1. Information Equity Virtual Conference, LibraryLinkNJ is co-sponsoring with Diversity & Outreach and Library Workers of Color sections
 2. October 25 & 26, 25th for everybody, keynote is Rosy Henderson; 26th for school librarians. Three consecutive tracks.
- b. Member Services Committee - Eric Schwarz
 - i. Approached to help moderate conference sessions
 - ii. Sponsored a trivia contest the Thursday night of the conference, 15 attendees.
 - iii. Conference Virtual Room didn't see much action.
 - iv. Sponsor-a-Member program has been established. Donations are coming in, one past president donated \$1000. The next step is to offer applications for membership starting July 1.
 1. Next meeting is Monday, June 21.

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- c. Readers Advisory, Monday, June 21, 2 p.m. Discussion about moving forward. Getting 8-10 people virtually, will hopefully start to meet in person. The section is for adult and youth services librarians.
 - d. Committee appointment information will be available soon.
 - e. Executive Board - Selwa Shamy
 - i. NJ State Library Construction Bond closed with 106 applicants for a total of \$117 million. Grants totalling \$1.8 million will be awarded to applicants for small and larger grants. The bottom threshold to apply is \$5000.
 - ii. Access Navigator Grant: The NJ State Library awarded NJLA a grant of \$250,000 to implement a literacy project that will involve 15 libraries. The model that Plainfield Public Library uses will be shared via five part-time navigators (temporary positions) and one full-time coordinator.
 - iii. The FY22 budget was passed, it includes \$2000 for professional development activities for all sections and committees.
 - 1. The question remains, what is the process for sections and committees to apply for the funding?
 - 2. Theresa said the executive board treasurer needs to be involved in the process.
 - 3. Email the NJLA president and executive director if you want to be added to the agenda. If you have a proposal it may go to an appropriate committee to review first.
 - f. All NJLA meetings listed on the [calendar](#)
- 5. NJLA Leadership Orientation, June 23**
- a. Sections: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 - b. Committees: 2-5 p.m.
- 6. Upcoming Learning Opportunities**
- LibraryLinkNJ Information Equity Conference October 25-October 26**
- LibraryLinkNJ MentorNJ Meetups**
- a. Meetup Monday: June 21 & July 19, 2-3 p.m. [Read More](#)
 - b. Adventures in Administration: Directors & Administrators, June 24, July 8, July 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. [Read More](#)
 - c. Juggling Librarianship and Parenting: June 30 & July 28, 3-4 p.m. [Read More](#)
- LibraryLinkNJ Skill Sharing Conversations**
- If you have a skill you would like to share, contact Theresa Agostinelli.
- d. Creating Podcasts, Friday, July 16th, 10am-11am [Read More](#) - Jennifer Larsen conducted this, attendees came to learn more than share, it went very well.
 - e. Serving People with Low Vision, Physical Disability, or who are Deaf: Tuesday, June 22nd, 10am-11am [Read More](#)

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- f. Best Practices for HR and Staff Records in Your Post-Pandemic Library: July 20, 10-11 a.m. [Read More](#)
- g. Practicing Linguistic Equity: Engaging International Learners Online: Monday, July 26th, 10:30-11:30am [Read More](#)
- h. Patron Privacy in Your Post-Pandemic Library: August 3, 10-11 a.m. [Read More](#)
- i. Instagram for Libraries, August 10, 10-11 a.m. [Read More](#)
- j. Email Newsletters: August 24, 10-11 a.m. [Read More](#)
- k. Curating Library-Created Videos: September 14, 10-11 a.m. [Read More](#)

LibraryLinkNJ Share Your Reads

- l. June 16th: 7-8pm Children's & YA Reads [Read More](#)
- m. June 30th: 7-8m Adult & YA Crossover Reads [Read More](#)

LibraryLinkNJ Privacy Please Webinars

Best Practices for HR and Staff Records in Your Post-Pandemic Library

Join HR Specialist Jennifer Doderer of the Ocean County Library for a one-hour examination of best practices for library managers and supervisors as they navigate staff privacy, records, vaccines, and more in the post-pandemic library.

Tuesday, July 20th, 10-11AM

Online via Zoom [Read More](#)

Patron Privacy in Your Post-Pandemic Library

Join LMxAC Director and patron privacy enthusiast Eileen Palmer as she shares concerns, best practices, and practical tips for prioritizing patron privacy in the library's new normal. From virtual programming to contactless pickup, pandemic and post-pandemic library operations lead to unique concerns for front-line library staff and management alike.

Tuesday, August 3rd, 10-11AM

Online via Zoom [Read More](#)

- 7. **ALA Annual Conference** will be held virtually **June 23rd–June 29, 2021**. Featured speakers currently announced are Stanley Tucci and Areli Morales. Register [here](#).
- 8. Super Supervisor Training will be held in the fall and spring.
- 9. **Good of the order**
 - a. Possibly have a half day session in all three regions on implementing EDI.
- 10. **Future Meeting Dates**
 - a. The third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Next meeting July 21.