

NJLA Professional Development Committee Agenda

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 ~ 2 p.m.

Zoom meeting, 2 p.m.

Attendance: Neil Grimes (William Paterson University), Molly Hone (Montville PL), Katherine Kotacska (Middletown PL), Sarah Mason (Westminster Choir College Rider University), C. L. Quillen (Spotswood PL), Eric Schwarz (Clarence Dillon PL), Selwa Shamy (Montclair PL), Lisa Thornton (Scotch Plains PL), Rosary Van Ingen (Hoboken PL).

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Acceptance of minutes from July 21 meeting.**
3. **Goals for PD Committee for year**
 - a. Guidelines for funding of PD events.
 - b. Promoting NJLA and other events related to PD.
 - c. Publishing newsletter
 - d. Keeping website up to date.
 - e. Putting together programs for conference
 - f. Providing support for subcommittees (Conference, Conference Future Planning, Leadership and Education).
 - g. Keynotes online and possibly in person (Selwa).
 - h. In-person/online/hybrid PD sessions and meetings (Katie).
 - i. Core competencies/library job titles (Rosary). Rosary reported that she had started to gather titles for academic libraries, then would look at public library job titles, then school library job titles. C. L. suggested the the NJ Association of Library Assistants could help with titles.
 - j. Zoom meeting setups/form (Eric)
4. **Professional Development Newsletter/Website - Eric and C. L.**
 - a. Three times a year (Spring/May, Fall/September, Winter/January). Most recent was sent May 18, 2021.
 - b. Sections/Columns:
 - i. Welcome Message: Eric
 - ii. Feature Article(s): Neil Grimes (yes)
 - iii. Upcoming Events: Compiled by Eric
 - iv. Community Partners: Black Box PAC (Danielle MacMath)
 - v. Well, How Did I Get Here? Brianne Colombo.
 - vi. Mind, Body, and Soul.
 - vii. Past Events: Pham Condello re conference sessions
 - viii. Professional Development Opportunities
 - c. Editor/Editorial board: Eric, Selwa, C. L., Molly
 - d. For now, the newsletter will remain formatted as an html document. We also have the option to format it more like a printed newsletter through the NJLA's Canva account.
 - e. Discussion of value of newsletter and how it fits into the NJLA communications/newsletter strategy. Upcoming general NJLA Newsletter publication dates: Fall: September 27; Winter: December 27; Spring: March 28.

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Note from Kate-Lynn Brown, editor of general newsletter (8/18/21): "Let me know what comes from the PD Committee discussion- we can certainly start including a PD section. Right now my plan is to continue linking to the most current issues of the other NJLA newsletters, and highlighting one article from one newsletter as a pull-out each quarter. That could be shifted if you decide on a regular PD section instead of a PD Newsletter!"

5. Conference Updates

- a. 2021 conference sessions remain online until Sept. 30, 2021.
- b. 2022: dates, deadlines, virtual/in person (placeholder for when this info is available)
- c. Radwa: The first full Conference Committee meeting, planning for 2022, will be held in August.

6. Updates from other NJLA committees/sections/task forces/board

- a. Executive Board
Selwa: Jessica Trujillo is working on a committee to enhance communication between sections and committees.
NJLA has posted positions for coordinator and navigators for the Access Navigator program. Navigators visit libraries, training staff or providing services to the public.
- b. Reference Section
- c. All NJLA meetings listed on the calendar

7. Previous NJLA Events

8. Upcoming Learning Opportunities

9. Updates from LibraryLinkNJ (Eric for Theresa)

LibraryLinkNJ MentorNJ Meetups

- a. Meetup Monday.
- b. Adventures in Administration: Directors & Administrators.
- c. Juggling Librarianship and Parenting.
- d. School Libraries.
- e. Share Your Reads.

LibraryLinkNJ Skill Sharing Conversations

If you have a skill you would like to share, contact Theresa.

- f. Email Newsletters: August 24, 10-11 a.m. Read More
- g. Curating Library-Created Videos: September 14, 10-11 a.m. Read More
- h. Skill-Sharing Conversation: How to Pivot After a "Fail" - Sept. 28

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LibraryLinkNJ Share Your Reads

- i. [Share Your Reads: Adults & YA Crossover, July 27, 2021](#)
- j. [Share Your Reads Children's & YA, July 28, 2021](#)
- k. [Share Your Reads Children's & YA, Aug. 11 and 25](#)

LibraryLinkNJ Other Programs / News

- l. Patron Privacy in Your Post-Pandemic Library: August 3, 10-11 a.m. [Read More](#)
- m. [Super Library Supervisor Workshop FY2022, Fall](#), starts Sept. 17
- n. [Information Equity Conference](#), Oct. 25
- o. Other upcoming programs and initiatives.
 - i. September webinar: reprisal of “In, Out, or In-Between” from NJLA Conference
 - ii. October - Light! Camera! Action! Webinar on creating video for virtual programming: Karen Jarzabski, Highland Park Public Library (virtual storytimes); Melissa Hozik, East Brunswick Public Library (adult programming); Andrew Eason, Plainfield Public Library (OBS streaming software)

10. Old Business

- a. EDI (Selwa): “Juliet Mache and Jen Schureman Brenner will be meeting with Ralph Bingham about creating a blueprint for libraries in NJ to implement EDI work. It would make sense to coordinate any PD offering with them once planning is underway. My sense is that many of us are trying to reinvent the wheel and this would provide a framework and save libraries a great deal of time.” Possibly have a half-day session in all three regions on implementing EDI (Selwa Shamy)