

NJLA Reference & Adult Services Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2022; 2:00 pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Kate Russo, Deborah Blackwell, Janet Birkhead, Cynthia Lambert, Kate McGivern, Sherry Johnson, Sara Weissman, Eric Schwarz, Jennifer Larsen, Joe Louderback, John Wallace, Josh Melissari, Joy Robinson, and Tierney Miller, James Fahey

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Kate Russo and seconded by Deborah Blackwell.

Updates were given on the upcoming NJLA Reference & Adult Services section Forum being held on October 20, 2022 from 1pm-4:30pm at the Monroe Township Library. Members were encouraged to sign up early as spots are filling up quickly.

<https://njla.memberclicks.net/reference-and-adult-services-forum-2022?servId=9460#!/>

Additionally, it was announced that Deborah Blackwell attended the NJLA Conference Proposal Planning Meeting held on 9/22/22 and that more would be shared out later in the meeting.

Deborah then led an exercise in self-care for all members virtually present. The losses of Covid-19 were respectfully acknowledged. Then members were encouraged to reflect on any gifts that the pandemic may have brought. An exercise was completed where members compared life and work-life before and after the pandemic. Members discussed their experiences.

Recent survey results were shared out regarding meeting times and topics. Thursday afternoons and Friday afternoons shared the highest votes. There is also a great interest in programming for serving senior patrons and in ESL/ELA.

John Wallace shared that he is our Section Liaison with the NJLA Executive Board and how he can assist the Section this year.

The NJLA 2022 Conference was then discussed. Deborah shared the take-aways from the September 22nd proposal planning meeting. Potential proposal topics were then discussed.

The **adoption of the August meeting minutes** was moved to the next meeting to give members a chance to verify if they were included in the attendance. Members were asked to email Kate (kate@southriverlibrary) if they attended the 8/25/22 meeting but did not see their name in the minutes.

Our next section meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1st with the time of the meeting yet to be determined. No meeting will be held in November. The Reference and Adult Services Forum will serve as our October meeting. Conference Proposal Planning meetings will be held ongoing as needed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joy Robinson at 2:45 and was seconded by Janet Birkhead.