**NJLA Young Adult Meeting**

Friday, February 12

Warren Township Branch, Somerset County Library System

10:00 am

Coffee, Snacks and Networking at 9:30

**In Attendance:**

Katie Bojanek, President, Warren Township Library

Erica Krivopal, Piscataway Public Library

Beth Bouwman, Bound Brook Memorial Library

Sharon Rawlins, NJ State Library

Cassidy Charles, Madison Public Library

Maddy Santore, Paterson Free Public Library

Jen Apgar, The Talking Book and Braille Center

Joanne Halloran, Toms River Branch, Ocean County Library

Saleena Davidson, South Brunswick Library

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Member Updates**

* Warren Library recently hosted a Harry Potter Book Night to great success.
* Patterson Public Library and Bound Brook Memorial Library both recently moved books around in their teen spaces with great results.
* Joanne of Toms River is currently working on building a Maker Space at her library and looking for places to buy equipment from.

**Updates from around the state:**

·       Children’s Services Section

* CSS had the following programs accepted for NJLA Conference:
	+ It’s Always Been Done that way: The Conundrum of Us Versus Them (And What We Do About It Maybe) (Pre-Conference)
	+ Valuing a Diversity of Abilities: Creating Inclusive Children’s Programs
	+ NJ Statewide Summer Reading Committee Presents Tim Green
	+ “I Can’t Sleep Mommy, There’s a Book Under the Bed”: Darkness in Children’s Literature
	+ Special Olympics @ Your Library: How a Young Athletes Program Opens Doors and Minds in Your Community
	+ ALSC’s Notable (Outstanding!  Important!  Distinguished!  Just Plain Great!) Children’s Books
	+ Garden State Book Award Luncheon with Guest Speaker Rita Williams Garcia
* CSS is currently looking into restructuring meetings, with the possibility of joint meetings   with the YA Section

·       NJ State Library

* **See attached**

·       Statewide Summer Reading

* **See attached**

·       NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center

* Status quo

**On Going Business**

·     Garden State Teen Book Awards

* Our next deliberation meeting will be on Friday, March 18 at the South Brunswick Library
* Nominations for Executive Board and GSTBA Committee are now open

**Upcoming Events**

* NJ Maker’s Day- Saturday, March 19
* NJLA Conference- May 16-18 at Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center

**Open Discussion**

* Sharon- currently working with the Department of Agriculture for the Summer Food  Service Program and is looking for libraries willing to participate.
* Saleena- Teens in her TAB already have ideas for the next year’s summer reading theme which is Build a Better World.
* There is a suggestion to having a feedback form for teen feedback on the Summer Reading slogans and artwork.  Sharon is looking into implementing this.
* Katie- Looking for a name for intergenerational game day.  Suggestions included Game Fanatic and Get Your Game On.
* Star Wars: The Force Awakens is going to be available to show using the Movie Licensing USA license.   Movie Licensing USA is offering 25% a one time license for a limited time, Sharon has the code.
* There was a suggestion to keep have rotating meetings throughout the state for more inclusion.
* Beth- TAB problem with teens and low self worth.  Group recommended talking to teens and staff about this more broadly and talking about important issues with them.
* Please submit any pictures you want included on conference posterboard of you and your teens to Katie.

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**NJSL Report for YA Section Meeting, February 12, 2016**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library

**NJ State Library’s Multicultural Program Award**

The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for **3rd Annual Multicultural Program Award**. The award honors outstanding library programs that increase understanding and promote multiculturalism through creative and sustainable cultural programming. The award provides a $1,000 honorarium, a certificate and statewide promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. Three libraries will be honored during the NJLA Conference, May 16-18, 2016 in Harrah’s, Atlantic City. The application is due March 15th, 2016. Please visit the following website for more information:

<http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/consulting_services/diversity_and_community_engagement/2016-multicultural-program-award/>

If you applied last year but didn’t win, you are encouraged to re-apply. Programs will be accepted as long as they were held within the past two years. Please contact Mimi Lee, mlee@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640, x191 if you have any questions.

**NJ State Library Website update**: The website is currently being renovated and will be launching at the end of February! It will be a huge improvement, with a more appealing look and be much easier to navigate.

**Summer Reading Items:**

**2016 CSLP Teen Video Challenge –Deadline to receive the entry is March 11, 2016**

Teens from New Jersey are invited to participate in the 2016 Teen Video Challenge (2016 TVC). This national initiative, sponsored by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), encourages teens to create videos that promote reading, public libraries, and the 2016 CSLP teen summer reading slogan, “*Get in the Game -Read*.” The winning video from each state that participates will be named one of the CSLP 2016 Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide. $150 will be awarded to the creator or creative team of the winning state video and their associated public library will receive a gift certificate for prizes worth at least $50 from CSLP, Upstart and CSLP partners. The winners will be announced by CSLP in April 2016. Details on how to enter can be found on the State Library’s youth services page or on the CSLP website.For full details about the CSLP 2016 Teen Video Challenge and to find out how to enter, go to the NJ State Library’s website and see the attached documents on the summer reading page here:<http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/consulting_services/youth_services/summer_reading/> or visit [CSLP](http://www.cslpreads.org).

**Summer Reading Workshops:**

Registration opened on February 1, 2016, for the statewide summer reading committee workshops. They will be held at:

* Wayne Public Library on March 21, 2016
* Monroe (Middlesex County) on March 11, 2016
* Franklin Township Public Library (Somerset County) on March 14, 2016
* Gloucester County Library in Mullica Hill on March 7, 2016.

Registration and coffee begins at 9:30am and sessions start at 10am. Workshops will end at 1pm and all participants are welcome to stay for a brown bag lunch and Summer Reading Roundtable led by the members of the summer reading committee. Register by going to the summer reading website: <www.njsummerreading.org>.

**YALSA sponsored webinar**

* Feb. 18, webinar “Making the Leap from Summer Reading to Summer Learning” [www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars); free for YALSA members; otherwise there is a fee to attend; the archived webinar recording will be posted to the Members Only section of YALSA’s website within 24 hours of the live showing.

**NNLM- MAR Sponsored Summer Reading Webinar:**

**Summer Reading 2016 Playground: Resources for Children and Teens**

**When**: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 / Noon – 1pm ET

**Description**: Are you in charge of planning and organizing the summer reading program for childrenand/or teens at your library? Do you want ideas on how to use National Library of Medicine and otherreliable resources to enhance your library’s offerings? If so, then join us for this informative webinarwhich will provide you with an introduction to fun and interactive health resources for children andteens on nutrition, sports, and healthy living. The 2016 summer reading theme from CSLP is “Wellness,Fitness, and Sports” and for iREAD it is “Read-For the Win!” Come and learn about freely availablecurriculum and online health tools that can be incorporated into your summer reading program foryouth. Let NN/LM MAR help you prepare for a summer of reading, sports and wellness fun for youth inyour community.

**Presenter**: Lydia Collins, Consumer Health Coordinator, NN/LM MAR

Access the webinar above via: https://webmeeting.nih.gov/boost2/

**Other items of interest from the field:**

**YALSA:**

**Create It at Your Library!**

Join YALSA in celebrating Teen Tech Week March 8—12, 2015 with the theme “Create It at Your Library.”  Visit [www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek) for information, planning resources, free downloadable bookmarks and posters, free webinars, and online forums to help you plan and prepare for a great event.  Teen Tech Week offers library staff the opportunity to throw open their physical and virtual doors and show teens and their families all of the great digital resources the library has to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and careers.

# Apply for Funds to Attend the YA Services Symposium

# Now through June 1st, apply for up to $1,000 to attend the YA Services Symposium this Nov. 4 – 6 in Pittsburgh, PA.  The overall theme is “empowering teens to increase your library’s impact.  Registration opens in April, and the preliminary program will be available in March.  Anyone interested in attending is welcome to come to this event.  Learn more at [www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium)

**Get Involved in YALSA!**

Want to build leadership skills, meet new people and give back to the profession?  Volunteer to serve on a strategic committee, jury or advisory board, such as the Teen Read Week Committee or the Summer Learning Taskforce.  The work of these virtual groups begins July 1, 2016 and runs through June 30, 2018.  To learn more, or to fill out the volunteer form, visit <http://ow.ly/WbKLJ>.  For questions, contact Sarah Hill at gsarahthelibrarian@gmail.com