

NJLA Young Adult Meeting

Wednesday October 11, 2017

9:30am – 10:00am, coffee & networking,

10:00am – business meeting

Hosting Library: Gloucester County Library System (Mullica Hill Branch)

Meeting called to order at 10:08am

Introductions

2017-18 Executive Board

Rosy Wagner, President/Teen Librarian at Burlington County Library System
Keisha M. Miller, Vice President/ Teen Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator at South Orange Public Library
Kristen Churchill, Member-at-Large/Teen Librarian at West Orange Public Library
Jes Schneider and Maureen Langley – not present at this meeting

Attendants

Moderating online version: Shannon Fagan (+1 attendant)

1. Stephanie Smith – Gloucester County Library System (Mullica Hill Branch)
2. Shannon Fagan – Burlington County Library System (Bordentown Branch)
3. Paige Briglia – Madison Free Public Library
4. Melissa Brinn – Cherry Hill Public Library
5. Jonathan Amey – Gloucester County Library System (Glassboro Branch)
6. Cyndy Kramer – Margaret Heggan Library
7. Megan Dehmelt – Burlington County Library System (Maple Shade Branch)
8. Susan Starts – Pennsauken Public Library
9. Jen Apgar – Talking Book and Braille Center
10. Sharon Rawlins – NJ State Library
11. Keisha M. Miller – South Orange Public Library
12. Sandi Cronce - Willingboro Public Library
13. Christine Rambo – Mount Laurel Public Library

Total Attendees: 13 (+1 Google Meet)

Updates from the around the state

NJ State Library Updates for YA Services Section Meeting: Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist

Apply for the Miss Rumphius Award!

The New Jersey Center for the Book is currently seeking nominations for its Miss Rumphius Award.

Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's wonderful book, *Miss Rumphius*, which won the National Book Award in 1983, this Award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are stellar in spreading ideas and literacy.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, November 6, 2017. The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian, library staff member, certified educator, or teacher assistant, and must have developed creative activities to enhance learning and literacy. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and able to be replicated by other librarians and educators.

The nominee must be willing to help produce her or his program for other classrooms and/or libraries. A monetary amount of \$200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient in 2018.

The nomination shall include: the full name of the nominee and the place of employment; shall describe the activity or program in complete detail; shall describe the setting in which it takes place; shall indicate the collaborative aspects; shall indicate the innovative aspects of the program or activity and indicate how it can be replicated; shall include the full name and title of the nominator with address, email, phone number and fax number; shall include a letter of support from an administrator, from a former or current student, from a client or patron, or from a member of the staff..

Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the Miss Rumphius Award to Carol Phillips (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, contact Carol Phillips, (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com).

REMINDER: Deadline to submit your 2017 Summer Reading Program Statistics is October 13, 2017

Please use [Google Forms](#) to report your summer reading statistics for your public library summer reading programs. Don't forget to print a copy of your statistics for your own records before submitting it! The link for this survey is also posted on the main page of the [NJ Summer Reading website](#).

Our final report of all the public libraries' statistics requires only the total number of books read. If your library keeps track of reading using something different, such as hours or minutes, please convert them to numbers of books using this formula: 1 book = 1 hour (or 60 minutes), 1 book = 100 pages.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

REMINDER: Youth Services Forum, Monday, October 23, 2017 – Deadline to register is October 13, 2017

The *Annual Youth Services Forum: Libraries Evolve*, is a day of hot topics and issues in library services to children and young adults, sponsored by The NJ State Library, The New Jersey Library Association and New Jersey Association of School Librarians. It will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at the [Monmouth County Library – Headquarters, Manalapan](#) from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm. Along with an array of workshop sessions (see attached description), the keynote speaker is children's author Tara

Lazar (*7 Ate 9: : The Untold Story; Way Past Bedtime*; and others). She'll do a book signing after her session. There will also be an unconference in the afternoon. Please come with topic ideas or send them to Project Manager Jen Schureman jschureman@gcls.org, [\(856\) 223-6027](tel:(856)223-6027) ahead of time.

Registration is online only this year. To register and see the program descriptions go to the [NJLA's website](#). **The deadline to register is [October 13, 2017](#)** Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Continuing education credits will be available and raffle prizes will be awarded. Handouts and presentations from the sessions will be posted on the NJ State Library website after the Forum. The NJLA Store will be there too, so come prepared to buy lots of great merchandise!

Questions? Contact Project Manager Jen Schureman, jschureman@gcls.org, [\(856\) 223-6027](tel:(856)223-6027) or Project Consultant, Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, [609-278-2640 ext. 116](tel:609-278-2640).

SAVE THE DATE: Skill training workshop with **Flow Circus** for public librarians who work with teens on Friday, January 12, 2018 from 10 am – 4:30 pm at the Piscataway Public Library, 500 Hoes Lane. Look for more information soon.

Talking Book and Braille Center, submitted by Jen Apgar: TBBC and Grounds for Sculpture host Fall Festival, Oct. 14, at Grounds of Sculpture.

Rosy announced that we are having a joint meeting with CSS at TBBC on Wed. November 8, 2017. People from outside of the YA section are welcome to come.

NJLA Executive Board Updates, submitted by Chelsea Woods-Turner: provided updates on the executive board; discussed Library Construction Bond and provided 3 forms: FAQ (version for patrons), Fact sheet for Librarians and FAQ (version for Library Partners) – all of these will be available in a separate document on NJLA-YA section site. Members are encouraged to share interests and concerns about NJLA and can email Chelsea Woods-Turner: chelsea.joy.woods@gmail.com.

LibraryLINK Updates submitted by Sophie Brookover:

Networking Mixer at the Cherry Hill Public Library on November 2. Spend the morning learning about the new LibraryLinkNJ Strategic Plan and networking with colleagues. What's happening in your neck of the woods? Want to bounce ideas off your colleagues? Join us! We'll be holding a series of Networking Mixers around the state throughout the year - look for us in Central and North Jersey in the winter and spring. [Registration for this free, half-day event is open.](#)

Success-Sharing Workshop at the Monmouth County Library, Manalapan Headquarters Branch, on November 30. This is a half-day event designed to inspire you to think big, even when you have to start small. The team from community engagement firm **P'unk Ave** will join us for a lively morning dedicated to getting

beyond roadblocks to develop successful, meaningful projects to serve our communities. *Registration for this free, half-day event opens on Monday, October 30.*

NJLA Conference Proposals are due on Friday November 10. Please submit proposals to Keisha Miller by Monday November 6 (this will allow enough time for review and submission).

Youth Services Forum updates: there will be keynote and 2 morning sessions, followed by an unconference in the afternoon. People are encouraged to attend and can either send topics for unconference beforehand or bring topics to discuss.

Garden State Teen Book Awards deadline is October 11th (today). If you wish to email members of the committee: gstbanjla@gmail.com

Voting for the 23rd Annual ballot is open until December 31, 2017

Today's Teen Toolbox began shortly after and we discussed the following:

Planned topics for the Mullica Hill Toolbox:

- Online Forums for YA Lit: what they are and why they are worth it (we also touched on usage of other social media platforms for professional/personal use); Keisha Miller started discussion
- Best Practices for Hosting Large-scale Library Events; Melissa Brinn started discussion
- Reevaluating Programming Methods: how to reach teens; Rosy Wagner started discussion

Meeting adjourned at 1:42pm