**NJLA YA Services Section Meeting**

January 16th, 2014

**In Attendance:**

Erica Solomon, President, Piscataway Public Library

Katie Bojanek, Vice President, North Plainfield Library

Megan England, Secretary, Atlantic City Free Public Library

Rosy Henderson, Member At Large, New Brunswick Free Public Library

Michelle Yeager, Member At Large, Cherry Hill Public Library

Jen Shureman, Gloucester Public Library System

Stephanie Smith, Gloucester Public Library System

Karen Mitchell, Highland Park Public Library

Marisa Hall, Bergenfield Public Library

Maureen Donohue, Piscataway Public Library

Sue Grotyohann, Monroe Township Public Library

Sharon Rawlins, NJ State Library

Liz Burns, NJSL Talking Book and Braille Center

Jennifer Apgar, NJSL Talking Book and Braille Center

Tyler Rousseau, Monroe Township Public Library

Michelle Petrasek, Hawthorne

Karen Klapperstuck, Monroe Township Public Library

Katie Salerno, Bridgewater Public Library

Eileen Palmer, LMxAC

Shannon Fagon, Burlington County Library System, Cinnaminson

Carolyn Aversano, Ocean County Library (Jackson)

Laura Leonard, Hillsdale Public Library

Katie Nellen, Park Ridge High School

Sandi Cronce, Willingboro Public Library

Linda Tripp, Warren/SCLS

Saleena Davidson, South Brunswick Public Library

Chelsea Woods, NBFPL

Karen deWilde, Livingston Public Library

Colleen Affrime, OCL

NJLA – you should be a member! Lots of benefits! [Click here](http://njla.org/)!

[NJ State Library](http://www.njstatelib.org)

[Talking Book and Braille Center](http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/)

[NJLA YA Section new website](http://njlamembers.org/yasection)

**Member updates:**

* Saleena: First online book club, held on reddit
* Mo: Made crystals with the teens, most successful program ever!
* Teen podcast – [My Little Podcast: Friendship is Booktalks](https://soundcloud.com/bcls-podcasts). Burlington Co. – Cinnaminson
* Piscataway got another grant to fund the Summer of Make
* Atlantic City’s library is in major trouble. They’re facing a 70% budget cut. Check out the video Atlantic City teens made about their library on the NJLA YA Section Facebook page.

**Updates from around the state**

* Children’s Services Section
  + Programs accepted to NJLA conference: Heroes on your Bookshelves, Community Play Date, Nontraditional Library Collections, Diversity 102 and the We Need Diverse Books campaign
* State Library
  + Teen SRP videos due in March!
  + Multicultural programming grant award – deadline Jan. 23rd
  + Keep an eye out for Mental Health First Aid grant results from State Library
  + Ideas for 2017 for Build a Better World summer reading slogan and ANY theme for 2018 summer reading due by January 26th.
  + Summer Reading Workshops will be coming soon.
  + MentorNJ – [Click for details](http://librarylinknj.org/projects/MentorNJ). Building an online resource for libraries in NJ. Looking for project team members. Connecting people with NJ librarian mentors.
* LibraryLinkNJ
  + [About LLNJ](http://librarylinknj.org/about-us)
  + Many many webinars – register in advance to participate in realtime, or check them out on their website for FREE after the fact. [Click here for archived webinars](http://librarylinknj.org/ce/past-classes).
  + Full updates attached to the minutes e-mail.
* Another Toolbox is coming up in North NJ in February. Presenters needed. Get in touch with Michelle Petrasek for details.
* Let’s Get Comfortable with Coding: Jan 21, Feb 18, March 3.
* Annual conference, April 20-22, Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, [www.oceanplace.com](http://www.oceanplace.com)
  + GSTBA Luncheon
  + Book Buzz 2015
  + Nothing Passive About It
  + How to Host a Library Comicon
  + Best Fiction for YA
  + There will be a FIRST EVER [librarian fashion show](http://njlaconference.info/content/librarians-edge-fashion) on the first night! Hosted by Librarian Wardrobe.
  + Pre-conference: Is Your Library LGBTQI Friendly? Collection Development and Beyond
* Nominate people for [NJLA awards](http://njla.org/awards)! Voting closes on February 27th.
* Elections are coming! We need a secretary, two members-at-large, and a vice president. Click here for position descriptions and requirements.
* We need members for the GSTBA committee – see Erica and she will appoint you.
* More NJLA events
  + NJ Makers Day, March 21st
  + Maker toolbox at Monroe on March 10th – Registration opens Jan. 20th

**Ongoing Business**

* TAB Summits: connecting teens from around the state in big group meetings at central locations.
  + South Brunswick, Burlington County Main Branch, Montclair, Livingston
  + Most are on March 7th, South Brunswick on the 14th.
  + Check for e-mail from Saleena soon
* Garden State Teen Book Awards
  + RESULTS from 2014!
    - 2661 votes total! 750 were online. Every book got at least 12 votes. Vote totals up in every bracket by 2-300 votes.
    - Fiction 6-8:
      * Enchanted by Althea Kontiss (won by ONE vote!)
      * Drama by Raina Telgemeier
      * The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen
    - Fiction 9-12:
      * The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
      * Cinder by Marissa Meyer
      * I Hunt Killers by Barry Lyga
    - Nonfiction 6-12:
      * Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different
      * Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon
      * The Pregnancy Project
  + [What is GSTBA?](http://njlamembers.org/content/frequently-asked-questions)

**Guest Presenter on Privacy and Intellectual Freedom – Eileen M. Palmer**

* NJLA Statement on Library Confidentiality and Access to Children’s Library Records
* This will go before the board soon, so direct any opinions and additional considerations to Eileen and the committee: empalmer@lmxac.org
* Join the NJLA Intellectual Freedom Committee!

**GSTBA Fiction 6-8 Deliberations!**