**NJLA YA Services Section Meeting (Joint with CSS)**

May 15th, 2015

**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

Stephanie Smith, Gloucester Public Library System

Maureen Donohue, Piscataway Public Library

Liz Burns, NJSL Talking Book and Braille Center

Jennifer Apgar, NJSL Talking Book and Braille Center

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

Called to order at 10:13 a.m.

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:**

**Updates from around the state**

* State Library
  + 2015 Youth Service Forum date has been set: Wednesday, October 7th
  + Ideas for YS Forum can be sent to Emily
  + State Library will be holding a Mental Health First Aid for Adolescents workshop this year.
  + Sharon was elected to the CLSP national executive board! We are excited and overwhelmed on her behalf.
* Summer Reading Committee
  + Christie McGovern was also elected as CSLP Vendor Chair.
  + Joe Gasparo and Nathan Cheetham will be our new state summer reading chairs.
* YA Section Election Results
  + New Exec Board
    - Katie
    - Rosy Henderson & Jessica Schneider
* New Google Group mailing list
  + If you aren’t receiving e-mails, please contact Melissa at the State Library: mlena@njla.org
* 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.
* Conference Reactions
  + Next conference will be at Harrah’s in Atlantic City in May 2016.
  + This year’s conference had a great energy to it! Lots of relevant hot issues in the field, very immediately relevant and important, diversity was a focus, great topics.
  + More substance, less 101-level stuff
  + Weather was too cold! Fix that!
  + Everyone enjoyed the changed location and better lighting.
  + Future conference ideas:
    - Online programming (virtual book clubs, etc.)
    - Nick Bruel?
    - This One Summer – both Printz and Caldecott honor—one of the Tamakis lives in Brooklyn, so let’s try to get the one who lives close to come for the luncheon! Sophie will coordinate.
    - Next year the keynote is Jay Asher! \*gasps throughout the room\* We need to do something to make this an amazing experience for Jay, so he’ll love NJ and he’ll know that NJ loves him. Mo has ideas to share in September, but everyone else keep thinking! He’s doing a huge anti-bullying tour right now.
    - Costume party!
    - Conference buddies: a lot of people are new to conference/NJLA and don’t understand what’s going on or have anyone to hang out with. We should pair up conference veterans with newbies to guide them and have lunch. Too much overlap with NJ Mentors, or is that a great collaborative opportunity?
    - Get to know the YASS and CSS sections program. People can meet the exec boards and sign up to have lunch with other new people.
    - One of NJLA’s new goals is recruiting non-MLS people into NJLA
    - There’s no programs for heads of circulation, etc. There’s talk of starting a circulation section. NJLA is working on this.
    - What about streaming or video (or audio) recording NJLA conference programs? Perhaps the Emerging Technology section would be interested in tackling this idea.
* Summer Reading
  + Reading tracking systems
    - LitKeeper by Plymouth Rocket (less than $325)
    - Engaged Patrons (~$695)
  + Tracking library visits instead of titles/minutes/pages
  + Google Spreadsheets
    - Kids would go talk to teen volunteer listeners, who would enter their data into the spreadsheet
  + Kids get a star for every three books, get initialed by parent, posted on the wall, then at the end of the summer all the stars go into a raffle.
  + Everyone is so over prizes. Some people do weekly raffles. Some give candy or recognition only.
  + Bingo cards – get a column or row completed, get a raffle ticket and an extra computer time card. If they fill the card, they get something super awesome (a pizza party, etc.) [this is for teens]
  + Blog posts about doing away with summer reading prizes
  + 3D print some trophies!
  + Go to the local trophy shop and get a huge gold trophy; whichever local school has the most readers/books read, they get to hold the trophy for the year.
  + Talking Book & Braille Center also does a summer reading program, and they used to mail out little prizes throughout the summer. They eliminated, and no one has complained.
  + End of the summer pajama party only for kids who completed summer reading—VIP, invite only!
  + Point system—points are motivated, even if they don’t actually redeem them for anything. Competition aspect.
  + Zombies vs. Librarians! BYO Nerf Gun.

Adjourned at 12:05