

**NJLA Young Adult Meeting
Wednesday October 10th, 2018**

5:00 pm Networking

5:30 pm Business Meeting

6:00-8:00 pm Teen Toolbox and More

Hosting Library: Rutgers University School of Communication and Information

2017-2018 Executive Board:

Keisha Miller, President/ Teen Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator at South Orange Public Library

Maureen Langley, Youth Services Supervisor, North Plainfield Memorial Branch of the Somerset County Library System

Kate-Lynn Brown, Secretary/ Young Adult/ Programming Librarian at Cranford Public Library

Melissa Brinn, Member-at-Large/ Teen Librarian at Cherry Hill Public Library

Karen Jarzabski, Member-at-Large/ Young Adult Librarian at Highland Park Public Library

Attendants:

Keisha Miller

Mauren Langley

Kate-Lynn Brown

Melissa Brinn

Karen Jarzabski

Christina Steingele*

LuAnn Wright*

Susan Borbely*

Erica Deb

Laura Curry*

Total in attendance: 10 (*LIS students)

Welcome and Introductions

Updates from around the State

Children's Services Section

- See Sharon Rawlin's updates from the State Library at the bottom of these minutes

NJ State Library

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- Summer Reading stats are due 10/12/18!!!!

NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center

- No updates

NJLA Executive Board

- No updates

Library Link NJ

- No updates
- If LibraryLinkNJ cannot find \$370,000 to fill its current budget deficit, and find additional funding for the future, it will have to begin laying off staff after New Year's Day, with full closure scheduled for June 2019. The deficit is a result of years of flat funding while costs for all services have increased.
- If you would like LLNJ updates:
 - Online meetings are hosted monthly on Adobe Connect, but there is a limit of 100 registrants. Meetings are recorded and uploaded on their website. (Also shared at the end of this document).
 - Next meeting is 10/17/18

Library Consortiums

- Karen gave updates from the 10/10/18 LMXAC teen meeting
 - Thinking of buying a selfie printer and green screen

News and Ongoing Business

Youth Services Forum: Keepin' It Fresh

- 10/29/2018 at Monmouth County Library- Headquarters, Manalapan
- Registration is open now! - deadline is Friday October 12, 2018
- Reminder to park in the lower lot when you arrive
- Sharon Rawlins will send out a blast with the date registration will close

Diversity & Outreach: Do-It Conference

- 11/8/18 at Raritan Valley Community College, Conference Center
- David Perez shared that this conference will focus on serving patrons with disabilities.
- This conference is FREE!

2019 NJLA Conference

- Maureen will send out an email this week asking for suggestions for panels, etc. She will then go through the ideas to coordinate panels, work with other sections, etc.
- The call for poster proposals will happen closer to the conference. Remember: if your idea is rejected for a panel, you may submit it as a poster.
- Reminder: you do not need to submit your program through an NJLA section to be a part of the conference! Individual submissions are welcome.

Garden State Teen Book Awards

- Deadline to sign up as a reader is fast approaching! Friday October 26, 2018
- Deadline to submit ballots is Monday December 31, 2018

Teen Librarian Toolbox

- Next Toolbox will be held: December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Wyckoff Free Public Library
- Collaboration with BCCLS
- Sharon Rawlins will speak about Teen Competencies for Library Staff
- Keisha is waiting for confirmation from Maplewood Shop about doing a demo
- RSVP can be sent to any executive board member

Social Media Manager Position

- Keep track of YASS social media accounts and login information
- Update the accounts
- Promote YASS conference programs
- Promote other YA initiatives
- Vote will occur online as a Google Form

Sound Off!

YASS Member Updates

- Keisha has been accepted into the State Library's 2018 Leadership Academy!! Yay Keisha!!
- Maureen is eight days into her new job at North Plainfield Memorial Library Branch of the Somerset County Library System! She is the Youth Services Supervisor. Congrats to Maureen in her first supervisory position!!

YA Hot Topics

Self-Care and You: "Squad Goals"

- After success of the self-care session at the 2018 NJLA Conference, YASS has a continued commitment to self-care!
- Focus on taking care of yourself before there is an issue

Teen Toolbox and Guest Speakers

David Perez, Social Worker at Long Branch Public Library

- David is the only social worker hired directly by a New Jersey library.
- About 36 social workers are hired by libraries across the country
- There are some logistical roadblocks to this; needing an MSW to be an internship supervisor, etc.
- Although David is not a librarian, he has become very active in NJLA in the name of "Whole Person Librarianship"
 - Vice President of the Diversity and Outreach section

- Co-chair of the Member Services committee
- On a task force for PLA about social work in libraries
- Long Branch Public Library will become a reconnection/reentry center for the entire county.
 - Partnerships with other groups and organizations, such as the DMV, will make this possible.
 - Break the cycle of incarceration
 - The hope is that the State Library will promote this throughout the state; there is a proposed grant currently in process with the State Library and IMLS
- Fade to Books
 - David's internship project for graduate school, which involved putting bookshelves in five local barber shops.
 - Literacy levels for boys of color are low, population in prisons for men of color is so high.
 - When kids read ten books, they earn a free haircut
 - This has been rolled out statewide through a grant
 - Last year the grant deadline was May 5th; application is not yet available this year
- In addition to larger-scale social work projects such as these, David is available for off-the-street assistance for patrons.
- Keep your eyes out for a mini-conference at Monmouth University on libraries and social work

Marc Aronson, author and Professor at SC&I

- Nonfiction is his passion
- "Nonfiction is invisible," particularly in young adult literature and when it comes to awards and recognitions
- If nonfiction YA books are good, what's good about them? What is the way we describe good nonfiction, particularly for this age group?
 - Novelizations, pictures, interplay with text and images
- Dr. Aronson had been at the Asian Society of New York's Asian Game Changers award ceremony the previous evening
 - Urged us to tell these stories to our teens. There are amazing, inspiring, life-changing true stories happening that can be told through nonfiction!
 - We can incorporate into our collections, but also into programming and more.
 - Have an awareness of nonfiction and current stories, and pass that on to the populations we serve.

- Young children love nonfiction, and adults read more nonfiction than fiction; where is the disconnect with teens?
 - They think of nonfiction as textbooks, not narratives based on true stories
 - Pursuing other formats, such as online sources or documentaries, for this information
 - Adult blindness
- Suggestions:
 - Keep the YA nonfiction in the YA section
 - Writing should be passionate
 - Pair the books! When you give a teen a fiction book, give them a related nonfiction book. I.e, with *The Hate U Give*, give them a book on social justice.

Next Meeting: November 16th at the Newark Public Library, 10:00 am



NJSL Report for YASS Teen Toolbox, October 10, 2018

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

Library Construction Bond Act

The New Jersey State Library (NJSL) in coordination with our affiliate, Thomas Edison State University (TESU), is tasked with administering this new program, which is not modeled on the earlier public library construction program from the late 1990s and early 2000s, but rather is modeled very closely on the recent higher education construction program (*Building our Future Bond Act*). In addition to NJSL and TESU, there are also a number of other state government individuals and agencies with important roles to play. These entities include the Educational Facilities Authority, the Attorney General, and the Department of Treasury, among others. In addition, there will be a public comment window during the development of the final regulations prior to their publication. The latest estimate is that these construction funds may be available by Summer 2019.

Statistics for the 2018 Statewide Summer Reading Program Requested – Deadline Oct. 12th

All public libraries are asked to submit their 2018 summer reading program statistics using this [link](#). If your library keeps track of reading using something different from the

number of books read, such as hours or minutes, please convert the number using this formula: 1 book = 1 hour (or 60 minutes), 1 book = 100 pages, 1 day = 8 books. Please Note: Libraries will not receive summer reading materials for the 2019 program without submitting statistics for 2018's summer reading program. The deadline to submit the statistics is October 12, 2018. This is a FIRM deadline because the final report from the statewide program is due at the end of October. Questions should be directed to Sharon Rawlins, srawlins@njstatelib.org.

Registration open for 2018 Youth Services Forum – Deadline to register Oct. 12, 2018

[Register](#) for the *Annual Youth Services Forum: Keepin' it Fresh*, a day of hot topics and issues in library services to children and young adults, sponsored by NJLA, NJSL, and NJASL. It will be held Monday, Oct. 29, 2018 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan from 8:45 am – 3 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Project Manager Sandi Cronce, Willingboro Public Library, scronce@willingboro.org, 609-877-6668 or Project Coordinator Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

CSLP would love your suggestions for the 2020 summer reading manual (the 2019 manual on space is already completed). The theme for 2020 is Fairytales/Mythology/Fantasy and the slogan for all ages is "Imagine Your Story". Submit any great ideas you have here:

<https://www.csllpreads.org/2020-idea-submission/>

CSLP survey for public libraries on value of CSLP membership and materials

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is also asking every state to participate in a short national survey regarding the value of CSLP membership and materials. This survey does not concern materials and promotions provided by CSLP partner organizations, such as Demco/Upstart. The survey is open through the end of October. Here's the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cslp_value

Other Organizations & Events:

Poetry Indeed!

Based on the success the students of New Jersey have had in the Library of Congress *Letters about Literature* contest, the New Jersey Center for the Book will host an event, POETRY INDEED! on October 26, 2018, from 1 to 4 PM at the Livingston College

Student Center of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, in Piscataway. The event is free and open to the public.

POETRY INDEED! will showcase students' work in finding their voice through the use of poetry. By empowering the printed word students can better understand themselves and their global community. We will have a multi-level event, similar to *Letters about Literature*: Level I includes Grades 4-6; Level II includes Grades 7 & 8; and Level III includes Grades 9-12. The student poet may partner with a classmate to illustrate the poem. The illustration can be in any media – photograph, collage, etc. If the student artist uses materials from the internet, they must be free of copyright. When submitting the student work, submit the pictorial content as a jpg, the poem can be submitted as a Word document. Both the student poet and the student artist will present the poem with illustration at the October event.

The registration and permissions release form that must be completed for each student poet and student artist can be found on the [NJ Center for the Book's website](#). The deadline for submission is October 15, 2018. Teachers and librarians may enter their students or individual students may enter themselves. Both Snail mail or email submissions are acceptable. Because the deadline for submissions has been extended, we would appreciate an email heads-up if a submission is coming very close to the deadline. Submissions and/or questions go to Pat Morris, 10 Master Street, Franklin, NJ 07416, lacemaker.pat@gmail.com.

LibraryCon Live! 11-7-2018

Join *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal* for their inaugural LibraryCon Live! virtual conference. It's a day-long celebration with beloved authors of fandom stories and characters, from pulse-pounding sci-fi horror to innovative reboots of classic series to mind-bending speculative fiction across formats. You'll also learn from librarians and industry insiders on how to plan and host your own Comic Con-style event. Plus, network online with other fans and explore the virtual exhibit hall where you'll hear directly from publishers about their newest books and engage in live chats with featured authors. LibraryCon Live! is a free, completely virtual conference—no traveling and no cost! Register here: <http://vshow.on24.com/vshow/LibraryCon2018/registration/15486>

ALA's YALSA

YALSA 2018 Summer Learning Grants Now Available

Through generous funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, YALSA is excited to offer two types of grants, both worth \$1,000 each: a [Summer Learning Resources Grant](#) and a [Teen Summer Intern Program Grant](#). Twenty-five summer learning resources grants will be awarded to libraries in need and will allow them to provide resources and services to teens who are English language learners, struggling

in school and/or who are from socio-economically challenged communities. Twenty-five teen summer intern program grants will be awarded to libraries to support the implementation of summer learning programs while also providing teens a chance to build hands-on job skills.

Eligibility requirements apply. To learn more about the grants and to apply, please visit our [Summer Learning website](#). Apply by January 1, 2019.

Advanced Registration Deadline for YA Symposium Ends Oct. 13!

Advanced registration for YALSA's YA Symposium, which takes place in Salt Lake City, UT, Nov. 2-4, ends October 13! After this date, only on-site registration will be available. Want to save on registration? Join YALSA to receive membership pricing! The cost for joining YALSA and then registering for the symposium is similar in cost as registering as a non-member. Learn more about joining by calling 800.545.2433, ex. 5 or learn more about registration at www.ala.org/yalsa/registration.

Don't Forget to Vote in the 2018 Teens' Top Ten!

Voting for the [2018 Teens' Top Ten](#) ends October 13! Don't forget to encourage your teens to [vote](#) for their 3 favorite titles! The top ten will be announced the week of October 15. Check out and share the nominees [video](#) and find all voting info [here](#).

Apply for YALSA Awards

YALSA has two new [awards](#) available to members:

- [Innovation in Teen Services Award](#): \$500 award that aims to recognize a member who has brought a new idea to life through their library that has benefited the teens in their community. Apps are due Dec. 1.
- [Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship](#): Up to a \$3,000 award to cover research related expenses. The award aims to encourage research on teens, learning and libraries, specifically research that aligns with YALSA's [National Research Agenda](#). Apps are due March 1.

Don't forget that YALSA has many other [awards and grants](#) available. Most have a Dec. 1 deadline.