NJLA Young Adult Section Meeting Minutes - September 18th, 2015

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South Brunswick Public Library

**In Attendance**

Katie Bojanek, President, Warren Township Library

Megan England, Vice President, Atlantic City Free Public Library

Maureen Donohue, Secretary, Piscataway Public Library

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

Jessica Schneider, Member At Large, East Brunswick Public Library

Sue Grotyohann, Monroe Township

Stacey Shapiro, South River Public Library

Sharon Rawlins, NJ State Library

Jen Apgar, Talking Book and Braille Center

Stephanie Smith, GCLS Mullica Hill

Michelle Petrasek, Hawthorne Public Library

Katie Salerno, Bridgewater Public Library

Ann-Marie Aymer, Summit Public Library

Saleena Davidson, South Brunswick Public Library

Laura Rancani, Cape May County Library

Mary Eckland, Cape May County Library

Alanna Graves, Cape May County Library

Maddy Santone, Paterson Free Public Library

**Member Updates**

* Katie Bojanek is now at the Warren Township Library, still within Somerset County Library system.
* Stephanie Smith completed her MLIS this past August. CONGRATS!
* Saleena let the group aware of a job opening coming soon: Head of Information Science at South Brunswick. She suspects the job posting will go up at the end of the month.
* Glen Rock is hiring for a YA position.
* Summit Public Library is hiring for a 19hr Children’s position.
* Mary let us know that Alanna ran a (1st) Comic Con this summer and it was very successful. They asked hobby shops/gaming stores to come and there was a Magic the Gathering tournament as well as a cosplay contest of 30+ teens (3D printed trophies were given to winners.) Patrons had fun dressing up, Star Wars characters and Batman were in attendance.
* Alanna Graves is writing for TLT (Teen Librarian Toolbox) reviewing video games! Congrats Alanna! See her latest article:

<http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/2015/09/video-game-review-splatoon/>

* Saleena is doing less sedentary programs. Over the summer she did flag football with her teens and found a fitness trainer to help with an obstacle course. It was a great success! She hopes to do a youth strength training in the winter.
* Rosy is looking for suggestions for her drop in tutoring program that is held in the children’s room. She is interested in expanding the content to include SAT workshops. She is looking for recommendations. Some of the ideas were:
  + Contact local English teachers, SAT teachers (English teacher who is in charge of SAT at the schools)
  + Reach out to a subbing service
  + Reach out to Huntington or Sylvan learning for donated materials.

**Updates from around the state**

* CSS
  + In the middle of updating bylaws
* State Library **(see attached)**
* Statewide Summer Reading
  + 2016 - Get in the Game, Sports Health and Wellness.
    - 2016 Manuals will be coming in mid-October for 2016
  + 2017- Build a Better World
  + Don’t forget to remove all Summer Reading artwork off your websites by October 1.
* NJ Talking Book and Braille
  + Fall Festival on October 10th
* LLNJ
  + Mentor NJ: a professional/personal development event on Friday, October 2.  A great opportunity to network, learn what directors look for in candidates, have free headshots done, etc. Great event!!

<http://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/programs/networking-event>

**Upcoming Events**

* Youth Service Forum
  + October 7, Monroe Twp Library, 8:45-3pm
* New York Comic Con
  + 10/8-10/11
* Snapshot Day
  + 10/21 – share your photos across social media using #snapshotdaynj and then fill out a quick survey.
* NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month)<http://nanowrimo.org>
  + Megan is a regional contact – If you are planning on participating, you can make a free account on NaNoWriMo. If you have any questions feel free to contact Megan! You can designate your library as a “Come Write In” space.
  + For teens, 18 and younger (young writers) you can set your own goal for # of words so that it is less intimidating.
  + As a library, you can order classroom kits- these come with lots of goodies!
  + Do it ASAP. Let other colleagues know!
* Performers Showcase
  + November 12
* NJASL
  + Holding their annual conference 12/15-17 in Long Branch
* NJMD
  + Site registration begins Monday 9/21. Register ASAP!  http://njmakersday.org

**On Going Business**

* Meeting Additions
  + December 18, possibly in Mullica Hill. Confirmation will go out ahead of time.
* GSTBA
  + Awards ballots are created by readers (youth librarians in NJ)
  + The form to sign up to be a reader was sent out after the meeting. If you did not get it, please email Rosy or Jes.
  + More info:
    - 3 Categories:
      * Fiction Gr 6-8
      * Fiction Gr 9-12
      * Nonfiction Gr 6-12
    - Average assigned books per reader: 4-5 books
    - 3 deliberation meetings (after business meeting) (see meeting schedule)
    - 20 books per list
    - If you cannot attend the deliberation- you must proxy
    - PLEASE USE A VALID/CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS :)
* NJLA Membership-
  + RENEW ASAP
* NJLA Conference Proposals – Harrah’s Atlantic City, 5/16-18
  + Due 11/20
  + 2 Keynotes- Jay Asher & Cory Doctorow
  + Program Ideas
    - Conversations Starter
    - Like/Dislike w/ Liz and Sharon
    - \*Book Buzz (co sponsor with CSS)
    - \*Cosplay in Libraries, Fan fiction, Fandom- Liz Burns
    - Pre conference –YA adult crossover titles??
    - \*Jay Asher – Mental Health focus program (waiting to hear back from his publicist. Talk of including Maggie Stievfater. CUS collaboration?
    - \*Video Games for Libraries – Megan and Alanna and Jes– General Gaming Pre con:
      * Gaming and nerd culture, video game tournaments, trends in consoles, RPG’s
    - \*Jen Schureman – tailoring reference interview to be more helpful for teens- how to speak teen. Co-sponsor with Reference Section
    - Collaborative Summer Library Program is working with the Dpt. of Agriculture & Abbott district – possible program idea?
    - Best Fiction for Young Adults- edgier books, YA/Adult
    - \*Book Clubs- Genre based book club, some talk about what books they like.—co sponsor with Readers Advisory Round Table.

\* voted on programs that we will most likely submit

**Open Forum-Discussion of Summer Reading Program**

* Alternatives to Evanced
  + Engaged Patrons
  + Plymouth Rocket
  + Summer Learning Series (receive badges)
  + BINGO boards
  + Achievement trackers- ACFPL
  + Frequent visitor punch card
* East Brunswick Public Library
  + awesome teen volunteer program,
  + Teens suggested a Summer Eating Program- Jes baked or made something cool and invited teens to come and talk to her about what they are reading, got extra raffle tickets for end of summer reading party
* Katie did an Escape the Room program with logic puzzles.
* Stephanie did a 5 weeks Spy camp  with crime scene, forensics, Spy ID cards with pictures and fingerprints
* Piscataway Public Library held a Zombie Nerf Battle – idea from Marissa Hall – huge success.
* Saleena- Harry Potter Day Quidditch Game

**Next Meeting** – Friday, November 20, coffee and snacks at 9:30am, meeting at 10:am at the South Brunswick Public Library

**Snack Sign Up for next meeting:**

Jen A. – Munchkins or something sweet

Stephanie S. – Fruit

Michelle P. – TBD

Katie S. – Breakfast bars, possibly.

Ann-Marie A. – TBD

Saleena D. – TBD

**NJSL Report for YA Section Meeting, May 15, 2015**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

**From Lifelong Learning:**

**2015 Youth Services Forum, Wednesday, October 7, 2015 –Deadline to Register Sept. 28th**

The 25th Youth Services Forum will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015 at the Monroe Public Library. Marc Aronson, author and instructor at Rutgers University, School of Communication & Information, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. Complete program descriptions and the registration form are on [NJLA’s website](mailto:http://njla.org/content/youth-services-forum-25th-anniversary) and the [NJ State Library’s website](http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/consulting_services/youth_services/2015-youth-services-forum/). **The deadline to register is September 28, 2015. If you are registering by mail, it must be received at the NJLA office by this date**. Don’t forget to fill out your program and lunch choices in addition to the registration information. The registration information is under NJLA’s Events on the right-hand side of the main page. For updates, check out our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/events/938844362845701/). 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. For more information, please contact Project Manager Emily Moore, [emoore@camdencountylibrary.org](mailto:emoore@camdencountylibrary.org), 856.772.1636 ext. 7321, or Project Consultant Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609.278.2640 ext. 116.

**Statewide Summer Reading Committee Collecting 2015 Summer Reading Statistics**

Public Libraries that offered summer reading programs have been asked to submit their statistics from the children’s, teen and adult programs through [Google Forms](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xbBoDxf9Gbr2KDEOzGaVRjth4jiiDfI2LbVayrMtHBo/viewform?c=0&w=1) by Oct. 5. Any library that does not submit them will not receive the 2016 summer reading incentives.

**State Library Job Opening**

Jenn Podolsky, Lifelong Learning’s Technology and Training Project Specialist, is leaving NJSL to become the director of East Brunswick Public Library. A Librarian Consultant/Specialist position will be open; however, we are working to modify the description. Information will be sent out soon.

**From NJ State Library Innovation & Strategic Partnerships:**

**Career Online High School** launched in October 2015 and as of August 2015, all 125 scholarships have been awarded. There have been seven graduates from the program thus far, with over 60% of the remaining students more than halfway through with the program.

We have not yet heard about whether or not we have received the P3 grant; we are guardedly optimistic about our chances for success.

The **MentorNJ** program is thriving, with more than 70 people signed up who are ready, willing and able to act as mentors. [MentorNJ](http://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ) makes it easy to connect to a professional who can provide relevant, useful information to help as you grow in your career. To search for a mentor in your area of interest, simply peruse the [Mentors’ Directory](http://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/mentors) and reach out to one of our many mentors, at <http://librarylinknj.org/mentornj>

We will be hosting **MentorNJ’**s in-person meeting at Monroe Township Public Library on October 2, 2015 from 1:00-4:00. More than 50 people are signed up, and registration is still open. Please visit the LLNJ website to register – the event is free. It will feature a panel discussion on the importance of joining professional organizations, presented by Mary Chute, Cheryl O’Connor and Chris Carbone. You will also have the opportunity to have a professional headshot taken by a professional photographer for free!

**Department of Labor & Workforce Development Grant to Libraries**

We have been told that the grant announcement is still in progress at LWD. No date yet as to when the grant announcement will be made.

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

The Local Library Support Fund will be available on 2015 New Jersey State Income Tax forms as one of many options for charitable donations. Funds donated will be distributed according to the same process used for Per Capita State Aid. CMO will help publicize the new program, including possibly providing materials for local libraries to help get the word out.

**Walmart Community Grant Program**

The [Walmart Foundation](http://foundation.walmart.com/) is accepting applications through its Community Grant Program.

Through the annual program, grants of up to $2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organization serving residents within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Grants will be awarded in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities.

To be eligible, an organization must be tax exempt s under sections 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code;  a recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes;  a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, visit the Walmart Foundation website. The 2015 grant cycle begins **Feb. 1, 2015** and the application deadline to apply is **Dec. 31, 2015**. [Link to Complete RFP](http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving)