



**Young Adult Services Section (YASS) 2020-2021  
Combined with Children Services  
ZOOM: Meeting April 30, 2021**

Note: The Zoom meeting was not recorded.

9:45 am: Login & Introduction | 10 am: Business Meeting

**Section Leadership:**

Kate-Lynn Brown, President

Katie Salerno, Vice President

Jenise Sileo, Secretary

Akiema Buchanan, Social Media Manager

Emily Mazzoni, Member at Large

Moria Whittington, Member at Large

Maureen Langley, Past President

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Attendance: Kate-Lynn Brown, Katie Salerno, Jenise Sileo, Emily Mazzoni, Sharon Rawlins, Erica Deb, Jen Apgar, Heather Kristian, Jessica Gentile, Darby, Stephanie Smith, Robin Rockman, Jen Fitzgerald, Rachel Guerrero, Akiema Buchmann, Maureen Herma, MaryJean, Dana

**YASS Business Meeting**

**NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, April 30, 2021-** Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)

**SYNC: Free Audiobooks for Teens 13+ (Started April 29th)**

As audiobook popularity grows AudioFile Magazine encourages teen listening with a special summer program that provides participants two FREE audiobook titles per week starting April 29, 2021. Teens, librarians, club leaders, and educators must register for SYNC and download OverDrive's Sora app to their device of choice. The participants then use the app to borrow titles each week (titles roll over at midnight Eastern Time each Thursday). The first two titles are *Come on In*, edited by Adi Alsaid and *Disappeared (Illegal 2)* by Francisco X. Stork.

Included titles will be available to borrow for one week only but remain accessible to the registered user indefinitely within Sora. SYNC makes two thematically paired audiobooks available for checkout every week, at no cost, to every registered listener all summer. In 2021, 28 titles will be accessible through the 14-week-long season.

**CSLP Updates**

CSLP is looking for public library staff to volunteer for the 2023 Artwork Committee. Committee members will be expected to look at sketches for program year 2023 (Friendship and kindness, All Together Now, artist Frank Morrison) and



evaluate them from a culturally authentic viewpoint and provide constructive criticism to ensure posters and spot art are inclusive and reflective of the diverse communities we serve.

To apply, please complete the Artwork Committee application found at: <https://forms.gle/mYmFm9YLkqEYFbwY7>. Part of the application includes 2 images from children's literature. What feedback would you give the artist if these images were submitted? What sticks out or resonates with you? What might a child take away from these images? There is no right or wrong answer, we are just hoping to see your thought process in evaluating the artwork and providing thoughtful and constructive feedback.

CSLP has created sample posts, graphics, and PSA videos for your library to use on social media, which you will find in the 2021 Tails & Tales Social Media Toolkit: [https://bit.ly/CSLP\\_Toolkit21](https://bit.ly/CSLP_Toolkit21). The document is a living one, so the CSLP social media team will keep it updated as Summer 2021 approaches. Looking forward to seeing & sharing #TailsandTales posts from your libraries! Remember you can follow CSLP on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Pinterest: @CSLPreads. CSLP also offers two Facebook Groups for member library staff: Feeding the Whole Child and the Official Summer Library Programming group.

### **2021 CSLP PSA**

Full PSA English Youtube link: [https://youtu.be/3hJ5J7ay\\_t8](https://youtu.be/3hJ5J7ay_t8)

Full PSA Spanish Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/3fT2VBoyXHA>

The "base" files are available for you to add your own library's logo or text if this is something you want to do. These files can be found on the "Additional Program Tools" tab on the CSLP website, under the Manual Downloads drop down. Here is the direct link, although you do need to be logged in to access them:

<https://www.csllpreads.org/manual-downloads/>

CSLP will be releasing a handful of 15 - 20 second "shorts" cut from the PSA. These will be perfect for you to share on your social media accounts on a weekly basis, keeping patron's attention throughout the summer.

### **NJ Summer Reading Workshop, March 5, 2021**

If anyone missed the summer reading workshop that the NJ statewide summer reading committee presented on March 5th, here is the link to the recording on Youtube: [bit.ly/NJSRCWorkshop](https://bit.ly/NJSRCWorkshop)

**2021 Summer Reading Online Manuals:** Link to access code to log into them (Please do not share this link with the public): Here's the document that has the code:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/191AtTgjDMpiUyXe-96UUSXRDYMMVuYn6>



[mOe-o6kYC4U/edit?usp=sharing](https://portal.readsquared.com/r2kb/Article.aspx?id=10008)

**Recording of READsquared Training Webinar** that was offered for NJ Libraries, March 31, 2021, 11:30 am ET

READsquared has provided a recording from this webinar that can be accessed by anyone with a READsquared account by going to your control room HELP > Knowledge Base > Search Trainings. Here is the direct link to the knowledge base article with recordings and future trainings:

<https://portal.readsquared.com/r2kb/Article.aspx?id=10008>

You can also see shorter clips of help videos under HELP.

### **READsquared National Training Webinars May 2021**

All library staff in states that are using READsquared have the opportunity to join a bi-monthly onboarding/training. Please see the agenda for these trainings and dates/times to choose from below. Webinar attendees can go to the following site on the date/time of their choosing <https://join.me/READsquaredTraining>. There is no need to register for these webinars. These webinars are also open to any library needing a refresher on navigating the control room before summer reading.

Wednesday, May 12th @ 11:30am EST

Wednesday, May 26th @ 2:00pm EST

Onboarding/Training Agenda:

- Overview of features in control room to customize pre-packaged programs
- How to Test Programs
- Pulling statistics with READsquared Reports
- Advanced Features
- Q&A

### **Other Organization Resources/Grants/Events/Webinars**

#### **Youth Literacy Grants**

Dollar General Literacy Foundation is accepting applications for Youth Literacy Grants. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs. *Deadline: May 20, 2021.* Learn more



### **YALSA's 2021 Teens' Top Ten Nominees**

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, announced their list of 2021 Teens' Top Ten nominees on April 13th. The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books from the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups from sixteen schools and public libraries around the country who were selected by YALSA to participate. This year's list of nominees features 25 titles that were published between Jan. 1, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2020. See the full list of nominees [HERE](#).

*Resharing what NJLA previously sent out:*

*Field Trip Directory*, a commercial listing of children's programs across the US, with a focus on schools, includes:

#### **VIRTUAL SECTION**

- Virtual Field Trips
- Virtual Performances & Programs
- Educational Videos
- Kids Podcasts

#### **IN-PERSON OUTREACH PERFORMANCES & PROGRAMS**

- In-Person Performances & Programs
- Mobile Entertainment, Enrichment & Recreation

### *ALA announces \$125M emergency fund for libraries impacted by COVID-19*

The American Library Association (ALA) announced it will make available \$1.25M in emergency relief grants to libraries that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund invites public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the United States and US Territories to apply for grants of \$30,000 to \$50,000. These funds are intended to bolster library operations and services including broadening technology access, developing collections, providing digital instruction, staffing, and expanding outreach, as well as maintaining and amplifying existing service strategies or adding new ones to extend impact through the end of 2021. Grant applications are accepted online through May 20, 2021. Additional information and award guidelines are available on the grant application site.

**NJ Talking Book and Braille Center:** Jen Apgar. No new updates. They will be at the NJLA conference, *Audio, Large Print and Braille, Oh My- June 3 at 9:00 -9:50 A.M.*



**NJLA Executive Board:** <https://njla.org/committeechoice>

Kate Jagers feel free to join a committee and find out more using the website.

**Children's Services Section (CSS):** Ellen Ryan, contact her if interested in being part of the executive board section.

**NJASL:** Darby will be sharing new programs, one idea is for skill share, so if you want to be part of this conversation, contact her at [darby@librarylinknj.org](mailto:darby@librarylinknj.org) or [njla@njasl.org](mailto:njla@njasl.org).

Skillsharing Conversations are one-hour, virtual conversations on relevant library topics. Each conversation will follow an \*agenda and will be moderated by one of our talented colleagues, providing a great opportunity for the NJ Library community to learn and grow together. Registration is required and all LibraryLink members are welcome to attend.

### **Managing Online Databases**

Moderator: Alyssa Valenti, Library Chair, Electronic Resources & Web Services Librarian Evelyn S. Field Library, Raritan Valley Community College

Date: Tuesday, May 11th

Time: 11am-12pm [Registration](#)

### **Podcasts**

Moderator: Jennifer Larsen, User Experience/Adult Services Librarian, Sayreville Public Library

Date: Friday, May 21st

Time: 10am-11am [Registration](#)

Note: this discussion will be for sharing useful podcasts -- not for how to create podcasts.

**Library Consortiums and Systems: (LMXac, BCCLS, ect):** Moira Whittington [whittington@lmxac.org](mailto:whittington@lmxac.org) LMxAC was working on some vendor lists for various languages, but not sure how extensive it is for including youth services materials.

## **YASS Business, Important Information, and Reminders**

**GSTBA Updates- Emily & Moira- winners** 6-8 grade *New Kid* by Jerry Craft, 9-12 grade fiction- *What if its Us* by Becky Albertalli and tied for non-fiction, *Hey Kiddo* by Jarnett Krosoczka and *We are not Yet Equal* by Carol Anderson. Look for the poster and the marketing material with new list. Thank you for voting. See you at the conference.

**NJLA Conference- Katie-** there will be a YASS network room, June 3 at 10:00 A.M., enter a chance to win a free book. Chat with your fellow members. Teens



want to join the luncheon, with Jerry Craft, use this link for them to fill out this and allows them to attend. <https://forms.gle/Epg3jzhhsWCdqDPs7>

**Social Media updates-Akiema** - no new updates.

**Member Updates & Hot Topics:** summer reading planning is happening and ideas about doing activities outside. Akemia is working at putting together 1000 take and make kits per week. Some libraries are working on doing programs outside or virtually. Tie-dye, elephant toothpaste, collar ovens and painting are some ideas. Concern with location of the space near the road and other issue is the weather. Swim club story times does well if that is an option. Kits and not showing up, may add extra points for the ReadSquare in order to add incentive to join in. Don't put any information or instructions in the craft kit in order for them to join on the date and time. Zoom fatigue may be an issue this summer for teens. Summer might be better to have hands on crafts. How to ask for them to put on their camera, how to deal with that and maybe there is no camera for the computer. Ice breaker questions, wheel of questions for game to get everyone interested.

<https://wheelofnames.com/view/w82-uqq/>

<https://not.allbad.cards/>

**Updates for next year- Katie**

Thank you everyone and congratulations to new Board!

***YASS Executive Board for the 2021-2022 NJLA Year!***

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