



NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Minutes

Friday, April, 2023

Section Leadership:

Katie Salerno, President

Emily Mazzoni, Vice President

Dana Vocht, Secretary

Melissa Nemitz, Social Media Manager

Jenna Ingham, Member at Large

Kate-Lynn Brown, Past President

In attendance: Jason Weissman, Emily Mazzoni, Dana Vocht, Sharon Rawlins, Erica Deb, Kate-Lynn Brown, Jules Richards, Katie Salerno, Kaitlyn Wilson, Ayoola White, Melanie Bruchet, Emily Macleod, Devon Boyer, Maureen Herman, Jenna Ingham, Brett Bonfield, Nancy (?), Sloan Kazim, Heather Kristian, John Cambpell, Melaina Squicciarini, Danielle Pitter

YASS Updates from Around the State

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, April 21, 2023

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival

The inaugural 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival, sponsored by the NJ State Library, drew an enthusiastic crowd of about 85 young filmmakers and their families and friends on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 3 pm at the NJ State Museum's Auditorium. The festival was hosted by James Kennedy, founder of the 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival and author of the children's book *The Order of Odd-Fish*. The festival's co-host was Chris Grabenstein, author of such popular books for kids as *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, *The Smartest Kid in the Universe*, *Dog Squad*, *Shine* and many others. Sixty-three students from five NJ schools, including the Community Middle School (Plainsboro), Bernardsville Middle School (Bernardsville), Deerfield School (Mountainside), North Bergen STEAM Academy Middle School (North Bergen), and West Windsor Plainsboro School District (Plainsboro) created and submitted 13 short films, six of which were shown at the festival. The students based their films on such popular Newbery Award or Honor titles as *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, *Number the*

Stars by Lois Lowry, *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo, *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga, *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle, *Doctor De Soto* by William Steig, *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly, *Holes* by Louis Sachar, *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech, and *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan. Barbara de Wilde, owner of the Frenchtown Bookshop provided books for sale that the authors' then signed for attendees. The festival gives students the chance to be creative in bringing classic Newbery Award-winning books to life by putting their own spin on the book's plot and that's exactly what many of the students did! To see Mr. Kennedy's reviews of the films from this year's and previous years' Festivals, visit the 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival [website](#).

NJSL Digital Literacy Forum

The second annual NJSL Digital Literacy Forum will focus on the theme of Literacy Before Digital Literacy. This event on **May 11, 2023**, at the Monroe Township Library from **9:30am – 3:30pm**, will foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ libraries to expand capacity in response to literacy needs in their communities. [Click here to learn more and register](#)

CSLP Incentives Shipping Directly from CSLP to Your Public Libraries by end of week of April 21st

The CSLP incentives that all NJ public libraries receive each year for the CSLP Summer Reading Program (children's, teen, adult bookmarks, children's, teen, adult posters, and one banner per library system or individual library) will be shipped out by CSLP by the end of the week of April 21st. They should arrive at your library within a week. Please share this information with colleagues who aren't on NJYAC or NJLA discussion lists.

CSLP 2026 Slogan Wordsmithing Sessions April 27 or May 4, 2023

Any public library staff member participating in the CSLP Summer Reading Program is invited to join the conversation to refine the 2026 slogan suggestions for the theme of Dinosaurs!

We encourage all members that have an interest in wordsmithing to join the call to discuss your favorites slogan suggestions (see attached). During and after the sessions we will have resources available for you to share your input through discussion, chat or using a Google doc. This Wordsmithing session will inform the final list to be submitted for copyright vetting.

Thursday, April 27 ((10am PST, 11am MDT, 12pm CDT, 1pm EDT)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88925942544?pwd=ckJkT0F2bFdtSldlTkpwRUR0dXdVQT09>

Thursday, May 4 (8am PST, 9am MDT, 10am CDT, 11:00am EDT):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88931003848?pwd=WGgxYTY5OEJ2bmVyWHVsT1BycWlWZz09>

Need a reminder? [Register here](#) and we will send you reminder a few days before.

What's next – August Listening Session

We will have another listening session in August to champion our favorite 2027 Themes and the vetted/translated 2026 Slogans before the final vote.

Brought to you by the CSLP Theme and Slogan Committee.

CSLP Summer Reading PSA in English and Spanish Available

The [CSLP 2023 PSAs are now available](#). The official announcement/launch is posted in the CSLP April newsletter that came out this week (if you're not signed-up to receive it, you can [do so here](#)). There will also be a PSA Tab added to the CSLP Online Manual that includes directions and a link to the downloadable folder for public libraries – there are shorter snippets of the PSAs, as well as audio files, etc.

SAVE THE DATE: Apply for Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Workshops

- June 8, 2023 – Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library, 10 am – 4 pm
- June 9, 2023 – Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, 10 am – 4 pm.

Lunch will be provided. **Registration application information will be sent out soon.** Space is limited to 35 people due to the hands-on nature of the workshop.

The Science Institute in Colorado is working with all State Libraries to offer free solar eclipse activity trainings in advance of the partial and full solar eclipses happening in Oct. 2023 and in 2024. They have also provided State Libraries with solar eclipse kits that can be circulated to public libraries to use when doing solar eclipse workshops in your communities.

Potential participants are requested to provide a short description on the registration form indicating how they will use the workshop training to further STEM engagement activities in their community. Selection of attendees will be based on the strength of each individual application. This workshop is designed to prepare and empower public library staff to facilitate meaningful solar and space science programs for their patrons that build curiosity, knowledge and inspiration. Attendees will receive hands-on training on operating solar telescopes and other methods for direct and indirect solar viewing, best practices for developing and facilitating STEM programs, and how to engage with community partners and library-specific digital resource networks.

CSLP's Resources on Social & Emotional Health Programs in Public Libraries

The CSLP's Child & Community Well-Being Committee has been collecting examples of library programming that promotes social and emotional health. A compilation of programs submitted by public libraries around the US is now available. It includes an array of library programs for various age groups, from early childhood through seniors, plus multigenerational programs. If you're looking for program ideas to enhance your "All Together Now" summer programming, or for any time of year, take a look! Find the downloadable **Social & Emotional Health Programs at Public Libraries** document here:

1. In the Additional Content section of the [online All Together Now manual](#), or
2. On the [Resource List page](#) of the CSLP's [Libraries and Summer Food](#) how-to guide (scroll down to Programming for the link), or
3. At [this direct link!](#)

Thank you to all the librarians and library workers who contributed their programs. If you'd like to add your program to this listing, [use this form to share programs with the CCWB](#) and they will be included in the next edition of Social & Emotional Health Programs at Public Libraries.

Events/Campaigns from Other Organizations

ALA Has Scheduled a National Day of Action – Monday, April 24, 2023

For more information:

<https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2023/04/ala-announces-right-to-read-day>

SYNC 2023 is almost here!

SYNC returns April 27! Visit audiofilemagazine.com/sync to see the complete 2023 title lineup and sign up for this summer's program of 14 weeks of free audiobooks for teens. To learn more about how the program works, [sign up for a free live webinar](#) on April 18 where speakers from AudioFile and OverDrive will discuss the benefits of audiobooks, preview titles from this year's offerings, and demonstrate how to access the titles with Sora, the student reading app.

StarNet Offering Free Eclipse Glasses to Public Libraries

With an Annual Solar Eclipse in 2023 and a Total Solar Eclipse in 2023, the STAR Library Education Networks SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) initiative (with major funding support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation) is distributing solar eclipse viewing glasses to libraries in all 50 states and protectorates.

To register you must:

- Be a public library in the U.S., D.C., or in a territory or protectorate
- Agree to distribute glasses for free at eclipse events
- Provide a signed letter from your library director agreeing to the above

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BT58RYV> (You must complete the registration in one sitting – you can't save it and go back to it later)

Libcomix Online 2022-23 Webinar Proposals Are Open

ALA's Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table's Libcomix Online committee for virtual programming has opened the [2022-23 proposal form](#). Share those diverse, innovative and informative webinar ideas on any comics related topic and present them to your peers. We encourage you to share this opportunity with those outside of ALA at your state and local levels. After review the committee will contact applicants with next steps, Help us offer another round of topical webinars.

Visit the [#Libcomix Online Archive](#) for previous sessions and the [Past Programming page](#) for even more content.

Delaware Library Hosting In-Person Baker & Taylor TitleTalks, April 26, 2023

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023 the **Route 9 Library & Innovation Center**, 3022 New Castle Avenue New Castle, DE 19720 is hosting an in-person TitleTalk with Baker & Taylor. The event will feature talks from publishers about upcoming children's & teen titles, an author keynote, and lots of giveaways! It is open to library staff from surrounding states in addition to those in Delaware. [Here's some more information](#) on the event, as well as the link to register to attend. Special guest author Roseanne A. Brown will present her forthcoming title *Rick Riordan Presents: Serwa Boateng's Guide to Witchcraft and Mayhem*, with a complimentary book signing! Author and performer Carina Ho will perform and talk about her new book, *Mighty Mara!* The event will take place from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm and is free to attendees (including lunch!) although registration is required. If you can't make it in person you can join the event live via Zoom the day of, as they will be streaming the event LIVE. No registration is necessary for the online option. Simply log into Zoom to watch, or join via Facebook Live at their page, [CATSLibrary](#)

Click on the link to watch on Zoom : <https://tinyurl.com/BTCATSTITLETALK>

Free CE Opportunities

[Click here for a monthly national list](#) of **FREE** NJSL and National CE and Professional Development opportunities for librarians, trustees, and library staff.

May 6th is Free Comic Book Day! Will your library be participating? [Click here](#) to let us know

Grants from Other Organizations

ALA Great Stories Club Grant: Imagining Tomorrow: Building Inclusive Futures

ALA invites teen library staff to apply for "Imagining Tomorrow: Building Inclusive Futures." This brand-new series in ALA's [Great Stories Club](#) will feature science fiction books for teens that explore questions of equity, identity and alternate futures. 35 libraries will be selected and will receive 11 paperback copies of theme-related books, a \$500 programming stipend, online training and an array of program resources and support. [Visit the project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **May 10, 2023**. Any questions, email publicprograms@ala.org.

TBBC

TBBC will be participating in the Tri-State Disability Art Show on April 28. This is an inclusive

event celebrating the talents and experiences of young artists with disabilities throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. TBBC will have an exhibit table and we have also provided the brailled pamphlet for the event.

Tee Up for Talking Books! Come out on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 and join the 12th Annual NJSL Talking Book & Braille Center Golf Classic. More information can be found here: https://www.njstatelib.org/spotlight_items/12th-annual-njsl-talking-book-braille-center-golf-classic/

TBBC will have a program and a poster session at the NJLA Conference this year! TBBC's poster session, TBBC at the Local Library: BARD Library Pilot Program, will be available on Thursday, June 1, 3:10 – 4:00. Our program, Fabulous Fun Facts about the NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, will be on Friday, June 2, 3:30 – 4:20. We hope to see you there!

TBBC will also be presenting at the upcoming NJALA conference on Tuesday, June 6. You can catch our program, Not Just Your Grandparent's Library: Services from the NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, during the afternoon sessions from 2:45 – 3:45.

NJASL

- No updates provided

LLNJ

- No updates provided

CSS

- CSS's remaining meetings for the 2022-2023 cycle are next Friday, 4/28 and Friday, 5/26. Both meetings begin at 9:45 am and will be held virtually via this recurring Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86267707759>

NJLA EXEC BOARD

- Brett Bonfield will be doing the keynote speech at the Small Libraries Unconference on Wednesday, April 26 in Princeton.
- The EB met on April 18. Our financial situation is solid, and we expect to be able to add to our staffing after the conference. Which is important, because we're now up to 2,300 members — very fast growth, and we're committed to providing great value to our members. Conference registration is strong: be sure to register and please plan to stay at Harrah's so you can enjoy time with other members in the evening — we're keeping hotel room rates affordable so staying over is accessible to libraries or staff with more

limited budgets.

- We're adding a Circulation & Access Services Section and have a petition to add a PR & Marketing Section.
 - The big initiative after the conference (along with increasing staff so we can better support Section, Committee, and members and libraries) is Strategic Planning. We look forward to hearing your ideas — it will be an inclusive, iterative process — so NJLA is responsive to your needs over the next three years.
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BCCLS:

- Early stages of preparation for the BCCLS bootcamp on Friday, October 13. Focus on STEM programming and taking the scare out of STEM programming. Anyone in youth services is welcome. No location yet.
- More libraries are going fine free!
- YS mixer at the Paramus Public Library on Friday, May 12 at 6:30-8pm. Anyone in YS is welcome to attend.
- Position open for middle grade librarian with a STEM focus at Livingston Public Library: <https://livingstonlibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/full-time-youth-services-librarian-middle-grades-2023-google-docs-1.pdf>

LMXAC:

- Highland Park Public Library has a new library director. Michael Bobish will be starting in May
 - Trying to revive monthly group meetings. Trying to model meetings after BCCLS.
 - East Brunswick Public Library is hiring an assistant director as well as several other positions.
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YASS Business, Important Information, & Reminders

GSTBA:

- Winners:
 - Fiction 6-8 (600 votes) *Twins* by Varian Johnson/Shannon Wright with 24% of the vote
 - Nonfiction 6-12 (300 votes) *Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* (Young Readers) by Sandy Tolan with 26% of the votes
 - Fiction 9-12 (275 votes) tie between *Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes and *The Cousins* by Karen McManus with 25.1% of the votes each
- Thank you to John and Devon, our interns, for helping out with GSTBA!

NJLA Conference:

- Registration is open. There is an app that will have schedules and presenters presentations. [Click here to view instructions.](#)
- GSBA Luncheon on Friday with Kosoko Jackson. Please come and think of questions for him!!! There will also be books available for purchase and signing.

Social Media:

- Melissa is working on posts for social media for the conference and will promote any YA panels & posters.

Member Updates & Hot Topics:

- YASS Exec Board Results:
 - Past President - Katie Salerno
 - President - Emily Mazzoni
 - Vice President/President Elect - Dana Vocht
 - Secretary - Jason Weissman
 - Senior Member at Large - Jenna Ingham
 - Member at Large - Melaina Squicciarini
 - Social Media Manager - Marc Moron
- We're going to try to grow YASS next year with the incoming members from EIM. Please send Emily suggestions for the teen toolbox and with any changes you'd like to see at the meetings.
- Katie Salerno loves Harry Styles and will doing a poster session at NJLA called "Teen Books like Songs on "Harry's House" by Harry Styles"
- Jenna, Saleena, and Melaina will be doing a preconference workshop on working with teens. "Advocating for Teens from Inside the Library."
- Kaley and Melaina will be doing a panel on Friday before the luncheon "Creating Sustainable Patron and Staff Relationships Through Empathy and Compassion."
- Melaina had a study break, boba, and bubbles program at HP and had 30 kids!
- Aaron, Emily, and Nicole will be doing a program about cooking at the library for all ages.
- Monroe will be having a [series of virtual author events](#). They are open to everyone. Next month on [Saturday May 20 at 2pm will be Courtney Summers!!!!!!!](#) Cassandra Clare may be for August. Most other authors are adults.
- At Piscataway teen services is now going to be a part of the children's department, but will still operate with separate budgets and programming, etc. New department will be Youth Services. Hiring FT children's librarian and two PT children's librarians.
- Jenna will be doing a poster about "How to Write a Monthly Report that my Board of Trustees Actually Wants to Read."
- Melanie will be the new head of YS at the Mahwah Public Library
- John will be doing a poster session for Dungeons and Dragons. There was an Anime Trivia program at Fort Lee and had 20 kids.
- EBPL will be hosting their rescheduled Makers Day on Saturday, April 29 with programs, panels, and demos for all ages.
- Sloan will be moving from the Somerville branch to the Montgomery branch in SCLSNJ.
- Jenna says every day kids grab Generqueer to go read in the corner. It's the new *Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret!*



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