

NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Agenda

Friday February 21

Franklin Township Public Library

Attendance Total: 15

Attendance in person: (14) Katie Salerno, Maureen Langley, Karen Jarzabski, Erica Deb, Kate-Lynn Brown, Steven Thompson, Jenna Ingham, Sharon Rawlins, Jen Apgar, Jenise Sileo, Moira Whittington, Ann Kershner, Becky Osowski, Heather Kristian

Attendance online: (1) Keisha Miller

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- 9:30am Coffee & Networking
 - 10am YASS Business Meeting
 - 11am GSTBA Fiction Grades 6-8 Deliberations
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Welcome & Introductions

10am YASS Business Meeting

- Updates from around the state
 - NJ State Library

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, February 21, 2020

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

Fresh Start @ Your Library Program

#MyFreshStart #MyJourney #MyLibrary

Fresh Start @ Your Library is a statewide library reentry program that is focused on reconnecting returning citizens with their communities at public libraries. Libraries play an integral role in providing support and services to individuals returning to their home communities after completing their prison terms. Returning citizens often have a difficult time transitioning back into society, primarily because of a lack of employment. New Jersey libraries are here to help prepare individuals for successful reentry into the workforce.

The Process

The journey begins at the library, with a private session with a licensed social worker who will assist you in developing a personalized plan. This plan will identify your immediate needs and offer a personal strategy to help meet those needs.

Participating libraries will serve as Reconnection Centers, in partnership with the New Jersey State Parole Board, and will provide the following services to returning citizens:

- Private one-on-one sessions with a social worker
- Referrals to employment opportunities
- Job Readiness and Occupational Skills Training
- GED Preparation
- Community Resource Fairs
- Job Fairs

The Partners

The New Jersey State Library, an affiliate of [Thomas Edison State University](#), received a federal grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) to support reentry services in six libraries across the state. These libraries include Newark, Paterson, Trenton, Long Branch, Cumberland and Atlantic City.

Fresh Start @ Your Library is a multi-state collaboration, including the following Project Partners:

- [New Jersey State Library](#)
- [New Jersey State Parole Board](#)
- [New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development](#)
- [Long Branch Free Public Library](#)
- [Free Library of Philadelphia](#)

Additionally, the New Jersey State Library has convened an Advisory Committee which includes librarians and social workers from:

- San Francisco Public Library
- Denver Public Library
- District of Columbia Public Library
- Monmouth University

Learn more about the genesis of this program on our [Program History page](#).

Libraries = Success Public Library Card Campaign in Schools-Final Report

Forty-five partnering public and school libraries participated in the joint Libraries = Success Initiative, a collaborative of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), NJ State Library, New Jersey Association of School Libraries and the New Jersey Library Association to encourage students, particularly those in sixth grade to get public library cards. The NJDOE funded two EBSCO databases [Primary Search and Middle Search Plus](#) for the NJ State Library. These databases are available to all public and school libraries for their students and offer access to relevant, timely information for student-level academic research. The partnering public and school libraries provided 54 joint events during September 2019's National Library Card Sign-Up month that 1,133 students attended. During the events, 2,375 middle school students, and 84 adults registered for public library cards. All the

participating libraries received posters, earbuds and tote bags provided by the NJ State Library as an incentive to get students to register for cards.

Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach on Connected Learning and Computational Thinking

Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJSL, Christine Jansen, Manager of Youth Services Programming and Collaborations, and Meaghan Darling, Young Adult Librarian, Sparta Public Library are available to conduct trainings on connected learning and computational thinking for youth services librarians and staff in public and school libraries who work with youth. The facilitators received connected learning and computational thinking training through the Transforming Teen Services Project, developed by YALSA as part a YALSA/COSLA IMLS funded project. Interested library staff are welcome to contact any of the facilitators to schedule a free training on one or both of these competencies. They will also be offering a session during the NJLA Conference on Thursday, May 28, 2020 from 11-11:50 am.

2020 Summer Reading Workshops – Space Still Open

Now that the temperatures are finally dropping, it is time to start thinking warm thoughts. The summer reading workshops are coming! Once again, the Summer Reading Committee is heading out across the state to help you prepare for your best summer ever.

Mark your calendars. The workshop dates are:

- Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library System
- Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Bernards Township Library
- Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Wayne Public Library
- Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Monroe Township Public Library (Middlesex County)

Each workshop runs from 9:30am-2:00pm and is full of inspiring ideas for **all ages** presented by our committee members. This year we have more teen and adult ideas than ever!

Have some old prizes that you just cannot get rid of? Participate in our Incentive Swap! Bring your old prizes and walk away with something new. Do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to get a head start on your summer planning.

Registration for the workshops opened Monday, February 3, 2020 at 10am on our website:

<https://njsummerreading.org/>. Access to our website requires authorization, so if you do not currently have a user name and password, make sure you sign up for one before February 3, 2020!

Questions? Please email njlasummerreading@gmail.com

2020 Multicultural Program Award-- Deadline: March 6, 2020

The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for the 7th Annual Multicultural Program Award. The award is given to libraries that have conducted an exemplary program or program series that foster the understanding of multiculturalism through sustainable community partnerships. The winning libraries will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate and statewide promotion as a model program. They will be honored during the 2020 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. The deadline is **Friday, March 6, 2020**. The winning libraries will be notified by Friday, March 27, 2020. For the application form, guideline and more information, please click [here](#). Questions? Contact Mimi Lee, Diversity and Literacy Consultant, NJ State Library, mlee@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640 ext. 191.

2020 Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards – Deadline to apply is March 6, 2020 – Please share with your youth services colleagues

The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast at the 2020 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. The deadline to apply is March 6, 2020. To apply, please complete and submit the [application form](#) after consulting the [award guidelines](#). To see a list of previous winners, go to the following [webpage](#) and click on Award Brochures, then under New Jersey State Library Awards (for 2017 – 2019 winners) or under Best Practices in Early Literacy (for 2014-2016 winners).

Those who applied last year but did not win can re-apply with the same program as long as it was held within the past two years. Libraries who have won twice previously are not eligible to apply. Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640 ext. 116 if you have any questions.

Free Leap into Science Trainings Offered 2020 – Please share with your children's library staff

The state leadership team consisting of staff from the NJ State Library, NJ Makers Day and the Newark Museum are offering more trainings in 2020 (dates to be announced) on a new curriculum covering *light and shadow* for Cohort Year 3 of this initiative. The training is for staff in public/school libraries/afterschool organizations who work with children ages 3 – 10 and their caregivers. For more information, contact any of the state leadership team members: Doug Baldwin; President, New Jersey Makers Day, dbaldwin@njmakersday.org; Sharon Rawlins; Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org; Ryan Reedell; MakerSPACE Manager, Newark Museum, ryan.reedell@gmail.com. Leap into Science is a nationwide program developed by The Franklin Institute Science Museum and the National Girls Collaborative Project funded by the National Science Foundation that integrates open- ended science activities with children's books.

Other organizations:

Apply for the 2020 Miss Rumphius Award!: Deadline Extended to March 6, 2020

The New Jersey Center for the Book is seeking nominations for its **2020 Miss Rumphius Award**.

Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's book, *Miss Rumphius*, winner of the National Book Award in 1983, this Award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are stellar in spreading ideas about literacy.

The deadline for submitting nominations was extended to Friday, March 6, 2020. The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian, library staff member, certified educator, or teacher assistant, and must have developed creative activities to enhance learning and literacy. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and able to be replicated by other librarians and educators. The nominee must be willing to help produce her or his program for other classrooms and/or libraries. A monetary amount of \$200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient in 2020.

The nomination shall include the full name of the nominee and the place of employment; shall describe the activity or program in complete detail; shall describe the setting in which it takes place; shall indicate the collaborative aspects; shall indicate the innovative aspects of the program or activity and indicate how it can be replicated; shall include the full name and title of the nominator with address, email, phone number and fax number; shall include a letter of support from an administrator, from a former or current student, from a client or patron, or from a member of the staff.

Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the **Miss Rumphius Award** to Carol Phillips (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, contact Carol Phillips, (carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com) or visit the NJCFB website: njcenterforthebook.org.

- NJ Talking Book and Braille Center
 - The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for the first annual Best Practices in “Services to the Print Disabled” Award. The award honors a New Jersey public library that currently provides exemplary service(s) to its “print disabled” population. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning library will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast at the 2020 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. The deadline to apply is March 20, 2020. For any questions, please contact Adam Szczepaniak, Deputy State Librarian, NJ State Library, aszczepaniak@njstatelib.org, 609-406-7179 ext. 801.
 - NJLA presentation from NJ Talking Book and Braille Center: Large Print, Oh My program Friday of NJLA conference at 2:30PM to 3:20PM
- NJLA Executive Board
- Children's Services Section (CSS)
 - YASS CSS joint table at Rutgers School Communication Information for Career Fair in March 16th
- NJASL
 - Spring membership meeting March 7 at Hillsborough Schools.
 - Might have membership dues increase. No confirmation.
 - www.njasl.org
- ALA
 - [Leadership 2020 Talking Points](#)
 - Looking for administration assistant to Rainbow Roundtable, and to read for this. Email jennakingham@gmail.com
 - Admin Job Description:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_IsfgRDJc3jtV44bM1zIMRFrWMCYtTJA_XJei14-4_4/edit?usp=sharing
 - Library Consortiums and Systems (LMXac, BCCLS, etc.)
 - LMX: trifold pamphlet for teens
 - LMX Teen Group finalized their "Books to Read Before you Graduate"
 - Email mwhittington@lmxac.org for pamphlet
 - SCLSNJ: Spelling Bee and Hackathon

- K-5 Librarian open position at Summit Library.
 - We have Diverse Books, Now What? Need a 4th person to talk at NJLA Conference
 - Email Keisha, kmliller@sopl.org
 - March 2, Elizabeth Library, Librarians of Color Roundtable
- YASS Business, Important Information, and Reminders
 - GSTBA Updates - Karen & Melissa
 - NJLA Conference Proposal Updates - Kate-Lynn
 - Feed the Teen Mind and Body: Under YA Section wasn't accepted but was email to Kate-Lynn. Email Kate-Lynn if you know of if this is your proposal kbrown@piscatawaylibrary.org
 - Poster Sessions open until next Friday February 28
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6XHSPW>
 - Donna Gephart NJLA Speaker at Garden State Book Awards Luncheon, Friday
 - **Programs Accepted for Conference:**
 - Community Outreach to Local Middle and High Schools for Teen Programming
 - Curating After-School Culture: Models for Success
 - Better Together: Public Library Summer Reading for Schools
 - Nonfiction: Breaking the Stigma
 - Supporting Teens through Connected Learning and Computational Thinking
 - Public Library Association: Inclusive Internship Initiative at New Jersey Libraries
 - TBBC- Large Print for Young Adults
 - We Have Diverse Books...Now What?
 - Link for the form if you are interested in hosting a meeting or giving feedback: <https://forms.gle/kL2iQYsgKHpx3Li49>
 - Social Media Updates - Erica
 - Take Your Action Figure to Work Day: idea for Social Media-- 1st Friday in March, March 6
 - Send social media ideas to Erica, edeb@lmxac.org
 - NJLA Core Values Discussion #4
 - Equity, diversity and inclusion: we welcome, engage, and reflect all people in our communities through programming, collections, services, and staffing.
 - Form for YASS meetings: Location,
- Member updates and hot topics!
- Break/Tour of the library.

11am GSTBA Fiction Grades 6-8 Deliberations

- Proxies needed

Thank you everyone! Next meeting is **Friday March 27 at 10am at Bridgewater Public Library (SCLSNJ)**. This is the GSTBA deliberations for Fiction Grades 9-12.

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