

NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Agenda

Friday January 31

East Brunswick Public Library

- 9:30am Coffee & Networking
 - 10am YASS Business Meeting
 - 11am GSTBA Non-Fiction 6-12 Deliberations
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Welcome & Introductions

In person attendance: Katie Salerno, Kate-Lynn Brown, Erica Deb, Jenise Sileo, Emily Mazzoni, Jenna Ingham, Allison Ryan, Dana Vocht, Melissa Brinn, Heather Krstian, Steven Thompson, Kristen Crepezzi, Theresa Foster, Camelyn Aresas, Sharon Rawlings, Janis Werner, Jen Apgar, Akienna Buchanan, Karen Jarzabski, Rebecca Osowski

Online attendance: Alex from Franklin Public Library (Gloucester County)

10am YASS Business Meeting

- Member Vote
 - By-laws update: Unanimous vote of yes for social media manager position as well two year terms for secretary and members at large.
 - Executive board member duties update: Unanimous yes vote for social media manager description addition.
- Updates from around the state
 - NJ State Library
 - **NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, January 31, 2020**
 - Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library
 - **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.

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- **2020 Summer Reading Workshops – Registration Opens February 3, 2020**
- 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 will open on 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.
- **Census Training for Library Staff**
- Census officials are providing training for library staff on the online version of the census form in February.
- Feb. 4, Atlantic County (May's Landing), 10-noon
- Feb. 6, Wayne PL, 10-noon

- Feb. 11, Sussex County (Main) Library, 10-noon
- To register contact Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer at kmoellerpeiffer@njstatelib.org with your preferred location.
- Cancelled Feb 6th and Feb 11th dates for Census Training for Library Staff.
- **Snapshot Day is February 11, 2020:**
- The NJLA Public Relations Committee and the New Jersey State Library are making plans for the annual Snapshot Day. It will be February 11, 2020. Although that is the “official” date, libraries can choose to do local events anytime during the month of February. February was chosen because it is “*I Love Libraries*” month. There is no better way to celebrate than with Snapshot Day. More details will follow.
- **CSLP Online Crowd-sourcing New Printed Materials**
- There’s an “Online Only” component to the CSLP online manual. If your library wants to create your own reading logs, posters, door hangers, etc. using the clipart from the CSLP online manual, you can. If they are of good quality and you’re willing to share them, they can be posted on the Online Only section of the CSLP online manual for others to use. Just send them to Sharon Rawlins, at srawlins@njstatelib.org and I’ll make sure they get posted.
- **Other organizations:**
- **Program Proposals Open for YALSA’s 2020 YA Services Symposium**
- YALSA currently seeks program proposals for its [2020 YA Services Symposium](#), which will take place **November 6-8** in Reno, NV. Program proposals should relate to the theme, “Biggest Little Spaces: How Libraries Serve the Expanding Worlds of Teens” and focus around key issues in YALSA’s [report](#). Program proposals will be accepted until **February 15**. [Apply](#) for a YALSA member travel stipend by June 1. Registration opens in April. Interested individuals can sign up for updates about the symposium [here](#).
- **2020 ALA Youth Media Award Winners**
- <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/2020-ala-youth-media-awards-are-out>
- **Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) Excellence in Science Fiction for Children’s and Young Adult Notables List:**
https://sfnotables.org/notables-lists/2019-list/___trashed/ (2020 List)
- **YALSA’s selected booklists:**
- [Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults](#)
- [Best Fiction for Young Adults](#)
- [Great Graphic Novels for Teens](#)
- [Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers](#)

- [View](#) each list, along with their top ten titles, on the YALSA [website](#). Blog posts about each title can be found on YALSA's blog, [The Hub](#).
- **[Inclusive Internship Initiative Application Open](#)**
- The Public Library Association's Inclusive Internship Initiative offers paid, summer-long internships to high school students at their local public library. PLA will fund library internships this summer for 50 high school juniors and seniors from diverse populations. Participating host libraries must assign a staff person to serve as a lead mentor, recruit and hire an intern, and be able to accept a \$3,500 stipend, among other requirements. The [application](#) to host an intern over summer 2020 is now open and will close on Feb. 3, 2020.
- **[Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant Application Open](#)**
- Applications are open for the 2020 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. Three grants will be awarded: two recipients will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant, which provides support to libraries that would like to expand their existing graphic novel services and programs, and one recipient will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Innovation Grant, which provides support to a library for the initiation of a graphic novel service or program. Each winning library will receive a grant award of \$4,000 to support initiatives that align with the objective of the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. [Applications](#) are due February 9, 2020.
- **[Mini Grants for Digital Skills Programs Application Open](#)**
- The American Library Association is accepting applications for mini-grants for digital skills programs. School, tribal, public, and academic libraries are eligible for \$700 mini-grants to design and implement programs using Google's Applied Digital Skills resources. Up to 290 eligible libraries will be selected to deliver at least 4 sessions throughout the programming they develop (e.g., drop in, multiple sessions, a spring break camp, or weekend workshop) that prepares learners of all ages to use technology tools. The [application](#) is due Feb. 14, 2020.
- **[Dollar General Literacy Foundation Application Open](#)**
- The application process is open for grant funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Applications for their [Family Literacy](#) and [Summer Reading grant](#) opportunities are due on Feb. 20, 2020.
- **[Game On! Grant Application Open](#)**
- The American Library Association Games and Gaming Round Table has unveiled a new annual grant program to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their communities. Through the new Game On! grants, \$500 will be awarded, either as one grant of \$500 or two grants of \$250. ALA members currently employed at a public, school, academic, or special library in the US or Canada are eligible to apply. Libraries must illustrate a plan

for a sustainable gaming program created with the funds as well as financial need and institutional support for the program. The online [application](#) is open now through March 1. Learn more here.

■ **Apply for the 2020 Miss Rumphius Award!: Deadline to Apply is Monday, February 17, 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 is Monday, February 17, 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
 - No updates.
- NJLA Executive Board
 - Ballots for new NJLA Executive Board coming out in March.
 - Can still nominate for 'Library Champion', 'Rising Stars,' etc still open til march 16
 - Poster sessions are open to apply for.
 - #njla20
- Children's Services Section (CSS): Wednesday, 3/25, 10am @ Bernards Township Library with a special presentation by Sharon Rawlins, Meaghan Darling, and Christine Jansen about

Connected Learning and Computational Thinking (If you can make only one meeting all year, you should attend this one!!)

- NJASL
 - No updates
- Library Consortiums and Systems (LMXac, BCCLS, etc.)
 - Leadership Hacks Hillsborough Branch of Somerset County Library System of New Jersey, workshops and coding competition, expo, March 14th.
 - Makersday custom ink: selling t-shirts, opens on monday.
 - <https://customink.com/fundraising/njmakersday2020>
 - The Hillsborough Teen Librarian position is open.
 - NJLA Scholarships for those still in graduate school for NJLA
 - Director of East Brunswick Library open position
 - Paterson Library: 3 new librarians: Librarian I reference, Children's Librarian, and outreach librarian.
 - Tuesday, new jobs get updated on NJLA Job Hotline.
- YASS Business, Important Information, and Reminders
 - GSTBA Updates - Karen & Melissa
 - Winners: Grades 6-8 Cardboard Kingdoms, Grades 9-12 One of Us is Lying, Grades 6-12 nonfiction The Girl Who Drew Butterflies
 - Voting increased astronomically from last year.
 - NJLA Conference Proposal Updates - Kate-Lynn
 - YASS-SPONSORED:
 - 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 (with CSS)
 - Nonfiction: Breaking the Stigma
 - CO SPONSORING
 - Supporting Teens through Connected Learning and Computational Thinking (State Library)
 - We Have Diverse Books...Now What? (Librarians of Color Round Table)
 - Social Media Updates - Erica
 - Hashtag #yassnjla #njlayass and your posts can be retweeted or reposted
 - NJLA Core Values Discussion #3
 - Education and lifelong learning: we recognize all libraries as hubs for people of all ages to connect with, create, and share knowledge.
- Member updates and hot topics!
 - At Piscataway Public Library, Art Therapy, open to all teens in Middlesex County, private intake process with social worker, Center of Empowerment
 - YALSA Top 10: Sent out info on bringing teens to ALA.
 - NJ Library Assistant Association One Day Conference
- Break/Tour of the library.

11am GSTBA Non-Fiction 6-12 Deliberations

- Proxies needed

Thank you everyone! Next meeting is **Friday February 21 at 10am at Franklin Township Public Library**. This is the GSTBA deliberations for Fiction Grades 6-8.

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