



## **Young Adult Services Section (YASS) 2021-2022**

**March 18, 2022**

9:45 am: Login & Introduction | 10 am: Business Meeting | 11 am: GSTBA deliberations

### **Section Leadership:**

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Attendance: Katie Salerno, Maryjean Riou, Rachel, Moira Whittington, Ann-Marie Aymer, Jen Apgar, Dana Vocht, Ethan, Jenna Ingham, Jessica Gentile, Jamie Dunn, Kate-Lynn Brown, Melissa Nemitz, Jen Fitzgerald, Melaina Squicciarini, Melanie Bruchet, Sharon Rawlins, Allison Ryan, Rachel Guerrero, C. Aversano, Kaley Iacovetta, Robin Rockman, Akiema, Kristen Churchill, Erica Deb, Maureen Herman, Emily Mazzoni, Becky Osowski, Heather Kristian

### **YASS Business Meeting**

### **NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, March 18, 2022**

**Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)**

### **March 2022 Summer Reading Workshops – Registration Open**

The Statewide Summer Reading Committee has scheduled the dates for the 2022 Summer Reading Workshops. Two workshops have been held already but one more is scheduled in person. The workshop will start at 10 am.

· Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill (in person)

Registration opened February 14<sup>th</sup>. Register on the NJ Summer Reading [website](#). You must be subscribed to the website first.

### **NJ State Library Job Opportunities**



The New Jersey State Library is currently seeking to fill two open positions: Grants Manager and Communications Technology Specialist. Please feel free to view each job description and share with qualified and interested candidates.

[Grants Manager Job Description](#)

[Communications Technology Specialist](#)

### **SAVE THE DATE: NJ State Library's Free Virtual Digital Literacy Forum**

The NJ State Library is planning a statewide Virtual Digital Literacy Forum, May 10-13, 2022, 10 am – 12 pm to foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ public libraries to expand capacity in response to digital literacy needs in their communities.

Each day's focus will be on digital literacy as it pertains to a particular service population in public libraries – i.e. ABE/ESL/ELL, workforce development, youth, health. The discussion will focus on digital literacy and youth services on Day 3, Thursday, May 12, 2022. Registration will open in early April.

### **NJSL, NJLA and LLNJ Partner – Post Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Town Hall**

The New Jersey State Library is proud to collaborate with the New Jersey Library Association and LibraryLinkNJ, The New Jersey Library Cooperative on a framework for addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in New Jersey's libraries. Here is information on next steps after the Town Hall that was held on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. [Read here.](#)

### **Participate in Survey on Spending Federal Library Funds**

The New Jersey State Library uses Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to help support library service across the state and we need your help! Every five years, we review our portfolio of programs and chart the course for the future. Please dedicate 10-15 minutes to completing [this survey](#). We are eager to hear from staff across the state who work in all types of positions and all types of libraries.

### **NJLA Equity Scholarships**



Please share with all BIPOC library students in your network. Additional details are provided in the attachment.

The New Jersey Library Association, in partnership with Rutgers University School of Communication and Information (SC&I) Department of Library and Information Science (LIS), New Jersey State Library, and LibraryLinkNJ, will be offering new Equity Scholarships of \$8,500 each beginning in the Fall semester (September 2022) through the Winter/Spring semester (January 2023). To be eligible for our NJLA Equity Scholarships, you must:

- Identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Middle Eastern, North African, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander.
- Be enrolled in an accredited program beginning no later than September 1 or Fall Semester with full or part-time status
- Plan to maintain a minimum course load of two classes per semester while receiving NJLA Equity Scholarship funding
- Live or work in New Jersey

New Deadline: April 15, 2022

To apply: <https://forms.gle/2U8BwfG4ST71UEYx6>

For more information, go to: <https://www.njla.org/scholarship>

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

NJ Stem Pathways Network (NJSPN) – NJ STEM Month

NJ STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN) has dedicated March 2022 as NJ STEM Month.

NJSPN is always looking for examples of organizations, including public and school libraries, and afterschool organizations who are offering STEM programming for their communities. They invite anyone to share their STEM activities/events on their NJSPN



calendar. I know some of you might be aware of them and have already added events to their calendar in the past, such as your NJMakersDay activities. Here's their [NJ STEM Month Official Calendar](#) that you can post your events on. If you do that, you're asked to use the official NJ STEM Month logo to publicize any STEM March event. You can download the logo from the official [NJ STEM Month webpage](#).

Here is another way you can participate in NJ STEM Month activities by using social media to publicize NJ STEM Month:

Twitter Contest: Follow @NJSTEMPathways and use #NJSTEMMonth, the official hashtag of NJ STEM Month. They also have a contest with prizes for anyone who tweets to support #NJSTEMMonth. Everyone who uses #NJSTEMMonth will be entered to win a prize; winners will be selected randomly.

NJ STEM Pathways Network is a strategic public-private alliance, established in 2014 by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, to define and guide a STEM vision for cradle to career pathways in New Jersey. The NJSPN is chaired by Laura Overdeck, Chair of the Overdeck Family Foundation and Founder of Bedtime Math and is managed by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey. The NJSPN aims to attract, cultivate and retain a 21st century workforce in New Jersey, ensuring the state remains a top global competitor in STEM industry and continues its rich history of innovation.

### **Submissions Are Now Open for the 2022 John Cotton Dana Awards**

Submissions are open for the 2022 John Cotton Dana Award (JCD). The [John Cotton Dana Award](#) is one of the most prestigious awards given to libraries and it honors outstanding library public relations. Up to eight \$10,000 awards will be provided by the [H.W. Wilson Foundation](#) in 2022. The deadline to submit the application is on or before April 1, 2022.

Libraries of all types and sizes are encouraged to submit entries for a 2022 John Cotton Dana Award to vie for one of the \$10,000 awards. The entries should highlight a strategic communications campaign from the past year and previous winners have included rebranding efforts, promotion of archives and special collections, awareness



campaigns, community partnerships and special events. Entries may be submitted by any library, Friends group, consulting agency or service provider, unless they are represented on the JCD committee.

The awards are managed by [Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures](#) (Core). The 2022 John Cotton Dana Award winners will be announced in June 2022.

To begin your submission or learn more please visit these sites:

[John Cotton Dana Application Details](#)

[John Cotton Dana Evaluation Criteria](#)

[John Cotton Dana Submission Site](#)

Learn more about the John Cotton Dana Awards from past winner and judges.

[JCD – EBSCO Blog – Tips to Run a Successful John Cotton Dana Award Campaign from Anchorage Public Library](#)

[JCD – EBSCO Blog - John Cotton Dana Award Winner’s “Amplify 817” Campaign: Music to Fort Worth’s Ears](#)

[JCD – EBSCO Blog – The 2021 John Cotton Dana Awards – A Look Inside the Judging Process](#)



**NJ Talking Book and Braille Center:** Jen Apgar. TBBC is now open for appointments only for anyone who may wish to visit in-person. Please contact TBBC to set up an appointment. 800-792-8322 or [TBBC@njstatelib.org](mailto:TBBC@njstatelib.org)

**NJLA Executive Board:** Election results are in!

**Children's Services Section (CSS):** Lynette Fucci. No Updates.

**NJASL:**

**Library Consortiums and Systems: (LMXac, BCCLS, ect):** BCCLS (Maureen) New members welcomed to committees, meetings first Friday of the month, (LMXac) Continue to meet monthly

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

**GSTBA Updates-** Grades 9-12 deliberations today, moved *Beauty Mark* to fiction.

**NJLA Conference- Akiema** No updates

**Social Media updates-** Twitter updates, continue to use platform through retweets, build a more robust Twitter following, follow all GSTBA authors

**Member Updates-** (Katie) moved to YS at Watchung, SCLSNJ hiring two positions (special needs and adult services supervisor), (Kaley) Going to PLA in Portland (Kate-Lynn) NJLA newsletter, please let Kate-Lynn know if you or anyone you know have switched locations or positions, please include Name and new position or location ([newsletter\\_editor@njlamembers.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@njlamembers.org)) , (Melanie) Livingston hiring for teen position, (Erica) Summer volunteer ideas, help with kids summer reading, Adopt-A-Shelf, Reading Buddies, community garden, program assistant, craft prep, (Rachel) How to deal with unruly tweens/teens? Passive programs available, have a sit-down chat, code of conduct, get to know their names, (Ann-Marie) Program update: the LUCS directors are doing a virtual author visit with the 2022 Pura Belpre award winner Raquel Vasquez Gilliland on April 20:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YyJc8R5OS22HWaY7c1AH2Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YyJc8R5OS22HWaY7c1AH2Q)



**GSTBA Grade 9-12 Deliberations:** 20 Young Adult fiction titles will be on the ballot.

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