

**NJLA Young Adult Meeting**  
**Friday, March 29th, 2019**  
**9:30 am Networking**  
**10:00 am Business Meeting**  
**Grades 6-12 Nonfiction GSTBA Deliberation Meeting**  
**Hosting Library: Franklin Township Public Library**

**2018-2019 Executive Board:**

Keisha Miller, President, Teen Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator at South Orange Public Library

Maureen Langley, Vice President, Youth Services Supervisor, North Plainfield Memorial Branch of the Somerset County Library System

Kate-Lynn Brown, Secretary, Teen Services Librarian at the Piscataway Public Library

Melissa Brinn, Member-at-Large, Teen Librarian at Cherry Hill Public Library

Karen Jarzabski, Member-at-Large, Young Adult Librarian at Highland Park Public Library

**Attendants:**

Keisha Miller

Maureen Langley

Kate-Lynn Brown

Melissa Brinn

Karen Jarzabski

Katie Salerno

Janis Werner

Natalie Peitsinovski

Sharon Rawlins

Kristen Crepezzi

Theresa Foster

Moira Whittington

Sue Grotyohann

Dana Vocht

Karen Bilton

Jenna Ingham

Jen Apgar

Carolyn Aversans

Sandi Cronce

**Total in Attendance:** 19

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Updates from around the State**

#### **Children's Services Section**

- Discussion at the last CSS meeting on what formula is used for summer reading statistics; Sharon will share that formula with the end of summer summer reading survey
- Last CSS meeting was in Cape May, and they toured the makerspace

#### **State Library**

- See the end of minutes for important updates from Sharon
- Please pay special attention to:
  - If the Narcan workshop is full, go on the waitlist! More interest means more workshops in different locations.
  - You should have received your incentives from Demco. They didn't have a name on them, so check! Contact Sharon if you don't have them.
  - CSLP is very active on Pinterest and Facebook! Connect with them there:
    - <https://www.pinterest.com/csllpreads/>
    - <https://www.facebook.com/csllpreads>
  - The Summer Reading workshops this year were exceptional! Thanks to all.
  - Don't forget about the teen CSLP Video Challenge! Entries will be due August 2nd. Start early!

#### **NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**

- In the process of switching library catalogs! Fingers crossed for a smooth transition.

#### **NJLA Executive Board**

- See end of minutes for updates

#### **Library Link NJ**

- Some very sad news from our LLNJ friends: there have been several layoffs there due to the budget cuts.

#### **Library Consortiums**

- LMXAC
  - Aging Out Fair: normally participate in this event for kids aging out of the foster care system, but the event did not take place last year and there has been a lack of communication this year.
    - Looking for another opportunity like this where this money can be spent- please reach out if you have any ideas!

- LMXAC is having a summer reading unconference on May 17th at the East Brunswick Public Library
- BCCLS
  - Formed committees for mock Newbery and Caldecott

### **News and Ongoing Business:**

#### **Teen Advisory Board Summit**

- There are multiple locations and meetings of the TAB Summit this year! This is a chance for our teens to meet and interact.
  - South Brunswick Public Library
    - 1-4 pm March 30, 2019
    - Contact: Saleena Davidson ( [sdavidson@sbpl.info](mailto:sdavidson@sbpl.info))
    - Registration is 2/19 – 3/22
  - Montville Township Public Library
    - 1-4 pm April 27, 2019
    - Contact: Jeff Cupo ( [jcupo@montvillelibrary.org](mailto:jcupo@montvillelibrary.org))
    - Registration is 3/25-4/18
  - Cherry Hill Public Library
    - 2-4 pm May 11, 2019
    - Contact: Melissa Brinn ( [MBrinn@chplnj.org](mailto:MBrinn@chplnj.org))
    - Registration is 4/8-5/3

#### **2019 NJLA Conference, Engage and Inspire, May 29-31, 2019**

##### **Harrah's Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ**

- Registration has been announced and can be done here: <https://njla.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=85>
- The rate is the same as last year, with rooms at Harrah's costing \$79 and being available through the weekend.
- The schedule for conference is available and can be found here: <http://njlaconference.info/schedule>
- Our keynote speaker for Friday, May 31st, Chris Bohjalian, had members vote on a title of his we will all read for a "One Book" event. The title is The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian.
  - Synopsis: Presents the parallel stories of a young woman who falls in love with an Armenian soldier while aiding victims of the Armenian genocide in the early twentieth century, and a young woman who researches her Armenian heritage and discovers a terrible family secret.
- Please extend the invite to the GSBA to ALL of your library staff and colleagues! It's going to be a great time!

- If you would like to help set up decor after Friday's keynote for the luncheon, please contact Keisha
- Especially consider reaching out to school librarians- and check out this great post written by Maureen Carroll (who presented at NJLA last year): <http://njlaconference.info/content/why-should-you-attend-2019-njla-conference-school-librarians>
- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to moderate! Maureen will be reaching out if CSS needs moderators, but all of the YASS programs currently have moderators
- Poster sessions have been accepted, and we have several members presenting:
  - Jenna Ingham: Diffusing Teen Conflict with Dance
  - Katie Salerno: Teen Volunteer Triage
  - Melissa Brinn: K-Pop in the Library
- YASS Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Programs at Engage & Inspire
  - Garden State Book Awards
  - Wa[i]ve Goodbye to Fines!
  - Library Social Work: Engage the Fusion
  - Small Budget, Big Impact: Cost-Effective Programming
  - In Be(Tween): Program Planning for Tweens
  - How to Run a Successful Volunteer Program
  - After School with Middle School
  - Curriculum Standards 101 for Public Librarians: The Roadmap to Collaboration (features NJASL members, so please offer support!)
  - SnapChat in Libraries
  - Supporting Teens Through Successful Community Partnerships
  - Libraries for All: Inclusive Library Services for Children with Disabilities and Their Families

### **Sound-Off!**

- Maureen asked that members keep their eyes out for a survey that will ask questions about meeting locations, toolbox topics, etc.
- Karen reminded us that it is never too early to start promoting GSTBA! She and Melissa have already emailed the annotated lists for Fiction grades 6-8 and 9-12.
- Cherry Hill asked for advice on how to keep their teen space teen only. It seems that many libraries have a policy that states that during hours school is not in session, teen spaces are for teens only (although all are welcome to hang out)
- Carolyn has been doing Pop-Up Libraries for the special education students in her district with lots of success. They have invited her to participate in a Jump Start summer program as well!
- Kate-Lynn reminded everyone to submit the unique, quirky things their libraries are doing to the I Love NJ Libraries website, run by the NJLA-PR committee. Either use the press release form on the website, or contact a member of the committee directly.

- Maureen shared that North Plainfield schools use the library summer reading program as their summer reading. She encouraged everyone to start this conversation with your schools, because they might be glad to have something taken off their plate.

### **Garden State Teen Book Awards Deliberations: Grades 6-12 Nonfiction**

- We added 20 books to the ballot for the 2020 GSTBA Ballot. Those titles are:
  - Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court, Kareem Abdul-Jabar and Raymond Obstfeld
  - Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World, Pénélope Bagieu
  - Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961, Larry Dane Brimner
  - Life Inside My Mind: 31 Authors Share Their Personal Struggles, Jessica Burkhart, ed.
  - Back From the Brink: Saving Animals from Extinction by Nancy Castaldo
  - Votes for Women! American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot, Winifred Conkling
  - Sandwiches! More Than You've Ever Wanted to Know about Making and Eating America's Favorite, Alison Deering and Bon Lentz
  - One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance, Nikki Grimes
  - Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America, Gail Jarrow
  - Mary's Monster: Love, Madness, and How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein, Lita Judge
  - #NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women, Mary Beth Leatherdale, ed.
  - Proud: Living My American Dream--Young Reader's Edition, Ibtihaj Muhammad
  - The Magicians and the Spirits, Deborah Noyes
  - Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam, Elizabeth Patridge
  - Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card, Sara Saedi
  - The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feated, Wrecked, and Found, Martin W. Sandler
  - The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science, Joyce Sidman
  - The 57 Bus, Daksha Slater
  - Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Assassin, James L. Swanson
  - Spinning, Tillie Walden

**Next Meeting: April 26th, 2019, 9:30 am at the Jackson Branch of the Ocean County Library System**

**NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, March 29, 2019**

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

**Opioid Overdose Prevention Training**

The NJ State Library is coordinating an informational program in an effort to facilitate discussion around the topic of opioid overdose and naloxone administration in libraries. The goal is to encourage the sharing and gathering of ideas and input for possible future programming. The free training will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

[View the promotional flyer](#)

[Register here](#)

Please share with your children's librarians:

**SAVE THE DATE: Inclusive Mother Goose on the Loose® Workshop by Betsy Diamant-Cohen**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

**10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Old Bridge Public Library, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857**

**Registration information will be forthcoming.**

**Workshop limited to 50 participants**

Snacks provided. Lunch is on your own.

This free early literacy workshop by Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen of Mother Goose on the Loose, sponsored by the State Library, is for public librarians or public library staff who work with children up to 5-years-old. The workshop will provide staff with information about how to explore different ways to adapt the original Mother Goose on the Loose® program for children with disabilities.

**Summer Reading Items:**

**NJ Summer Reading Program Incentives**

You should have received, or shortly will receive, your summer reading incentives (banner, posters, bookmarks) from Upstart/Demco if you submitted your 2018 summer reading statistics to me. The address label does not have particular person's name on but it indicates on one of the outside packing labels that NJLA is paying for it. Please check around your library's technical services department for it. All packages are delivered FedEx and the package can be tracked.

**March 2019 Summer Reading Workshops**

Handouts of the materials shared at the just completed workshops will be posted on the website very soon. The website also includes a performers list and more book and craft suggestions can be found on our Pinterest and Facebook pages. Links to the Pinterest and Facebook pages are on the main page of the website: <http://www.njsummerreading.org>.

## **CSLP website**

The PSAs available on the website can be freely used. They are more generic than in past years and can be used year-around. Check them out by going to the main page of the CSLP website ([www.csllpreads.org](http://www.csllpreads.org)) where it says "Check Out Our 2019 PSAs."

## **CSLP Teen Video Challenge 2019**

The Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSLP) will be sponsoring the Teen Video Challenge (TVC) for 2019 but this year it will be a little different.

First, what will remain the same:

- The TVC invites teens to create and submit a PSA-type video promoting reading and library use to other teens.
- **Each video needs to include the teen/teen team's interpretation of the 2019 CSLP slogan, "A Universe of Stories," to correspond to the 2019 space theme.**
- Videos need to adhere to copyright law and be appropriate for all ages.
- Each of the 5 winning teens/teen teams will receive a \$200 cash prize and the winners' local public libraries will each receive a \$50 gift certificate from Upstart.

Now, for the changes:

- Instead of state winners, there will be 5 national winners (this means that teens will submit videos directly to the national judging panel without having to go through me as the State Rep).
- The program will accept submissions June 1-Aug 2, 2019, so that the program can be incorporated into summer programs (it is still a great opportunity to partner with schools with video production classes or clubs; students can produce the videos as a class project and submit them in June!).
- Videos will be up to 60 seconds long.
- Permission and model release forms will not be required until the finalists are selected, who will then need to supply the forms, completed correctly, to be able to win. The only form required upfront will be a simple online submission form.
- The TVC Ad-Hoc Committee will convene a judging panel from CSLP partners and members.
- Video uploads will not be limited to YouTube and Vimeo; rather, teens can upload their creations to the social media outlet of their choice.

These changes were crafted to make the contest simpler for you as teen services staff in public librarians to promote and administer, and simpler too for teens to enter. We hope these changes will boost interest and participation in the contest and make it more accessible for all involved. An overview of the TVC is--for the first time!--in the CSLP Teen Manual (pages 33-35) as well. Look for more information on the CSLP website in early 2019.

## **Other Organizations & Events:**

**YALSA is [looking](#) for bloggers for its two blogs:**

- **The Hub:** YALSA's teen collections blog is looking for diverse voices to blog about issues related to working for/with teens to develop and curate materials in all formats for teen collections.
- **YALSAblog:** YALSA's teen services blog is looking for diverse, forward-thinking, and innovative voices in teen services to blog about challenges, successes, and failures relating to teens, learning and libraries.

[Bloggers](#) must be YALSA members and are asked to make a 6-month commitment. Volunteers are accepted year-round. Interested? [Complete](#) the online [form](#).

### **YALSA Liaison to ALA Committees Sought**

YALSA [seeks](#) a member to serve as [liaison](#) to ALA groups for a one-year term from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. The role of YALSA's ALA Liaison is to strengthen ties between YALSA and ALA by sharing information between groups and representing YALSA's interests to ALA. Travel to ALA conferences is required. If there's financial need, up to \$1,000 in total funds can be provided to the liaison to defray the cost of attending the 2020 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. [Learn](#) more and apply by **April 1**.

NJLA Executive Board meeting minutes:

### **Highlights & Action Items from March 19, 2019 Meeting at Mullica Hill**

#### **Reports within NJLA**

- The switch to MemberClicks is moving along. The webpage section has gone to Karen Klapperstuck, James Keehbler, and Allen McGinley.
- Jessica T. offered to research Zoom Meeting and get more information.
- The Past President Scholarship is on schedule and the deadline will be in April. All details are online. **New Business**
- Member Communications Report - Report - Laverne M. makes a motion to approve editorship of the newsletter and the editorial board membership from the Member Communications Committee report. Jen S. seconds. All in favor. **Old Business**
- Bylaws Committee - Report - Emily M. makes a motion to accept. Amy B. seconds and thanks the committee. All in favor. This will go for vote at the membership meeting.
- Diversity Program - Proposal presented by Emily M. Leah W. clarified that we will not be charging for the workshop, the past presidents raised \$2,500 and Pat T. has matched it.
- Nominations and Elections - Michael M. presented an update. The slate is almost complete except for a 2nd Presidential Candidate. Membership will be informed of everyone who is running by the first week in April. **Partnering organizations**
- NJ State Library - Report - Mary C. is pleased with how the Library Construction Bond is going and should be out of the NJSL on April 1. Kathleen Peiffer is making timelines with administrative law for feedback and creating visual aides.
- Laverne M. is seeking more information from Bob Keith about the Local Library Support Fund checks. The State Library sent out the checks and the total combined from 2 years is \$11,000.00. Mary C. asks if NJLA would try and get an amendment passed to hold the money for more than a year and pass out the checks every few years or allow the State Library to use it for library services.
- NJASL - The DOE has released the school performance report which includes school librarians. The ratio of students to SLMS is disturbing. NJASL is asking their membership to look at the school performance reports at their own districts to see if they are accurate.
- There are other issues besides job loss. One issue brought to light is substitute teaching. SLMS's are being asked to be substitute teachers leaving their own libraries to fend for themselves. This is a point of concern for many librarians.



● Joyce V. is meeting with high school librarians to create a study to prove that if students had an effective SLMS in high school they will perform better as freshman. The next meeting is at the Piscataway Public Library on Tuesday, April 16 at 4:30pm.