



NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 17, 2023
GSTBA Fiction 9-12 Deliberations

Section Leadership:

Katie Salerno, President
Emily Mazzoni, Vice President
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In attendance: Kate-Lynn Brown, Katie Salerno, Allison Ryan, Emiy Mazzoni, Sharon Rawlins, Jen Apgar, Carolyn Aversano, Ann-Marie Aymer, Jason Weissman, Melanie Bruchet, Matheson Westlake, Sloane Kazim, Erica Deb, Melaina Squicciarini, Emily Lail, Devon Boyer, Jenna Ingham, John Campbell, Becky Osowski

YASS Updates from Around the State

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, March 17, 2023

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Naming Contest for New Statewide Marketing Campaign for NJ Libraries

The NJ State Library, LibraryLinkNJ, NJLA & Libraries Are Essential are excited to announce a statewide marketing campaign to help promote NJ public libraries. Our goal is to dispel the common misperception that libraries are just repositories for books. Libraries are beyond books! New Jersey's public libraries are vibrant community hubs, and we need your help making that message clear. The team is busy working on a marketing toolkit that you can easily share with your communities. But first we need your help coming up with a campaign name and slogan! Visit our "Beyond Books" marketing campaign webpage to watch a brief video and for more information: <https://www.njstatelib.org/beyondbooks>. Idea submissions will be accepted until **March 31st**. Looking forward to hearing from you!

The 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival April 16, 2023 Trenton, NJ -

I still need your help to promote this to get an audience.

Here is a new PDF link to use if you would:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Film-Festival-2.pdf>

Films submitted by NJ youth will be shown at the inaugural 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival sponsored by the New Jersey State Library on April 16, 2023 at 3 pm at the NJ State Museum's Auditorium in Trenton (located next to the NJ State Museum). The festival will be hosted by author James Kennedy, founder of the 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival, and co-hosted by author Chris Grabenstein. The youth filmmakers, their family, friends and anyone interested in short films based on Newbery Award winning books are welcome to attend this free event. You'll also have the opportunity to meet and have books signed by both Chris Grabenstein (*Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*; *The Smartest Kid in the Universe*, *Dog Squad*, *Shine!* and more) and James Kennedy (*The Order of Odd-Fish*).

Free parking is available on weekends in the State House garage and in lots adjacent to and behind the Museum. Questions? Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org.

For more information about the 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival, visit:

<https://90secondnewbery.com/>.

Summer Reading Workshops-Registration Still Open for Virtual Workshop

The Statewide Summer Reading Committee is looking forward to having youth and adult services public library staff attend the annual summer reading workshops this year. The virtual workshop will be held from 10 am – 12:30 pm. The dates for the last workshop is:

- Friday, March 24 - Virtual workshop

Register for the workshop by going to the NJ Summer Reading [website](#). You must be subscribed to the website to access the workshop registration page.

Questions? Email njlasummerreading@gmail.com.

Events/Campaigns from Other Organizations

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.

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

Invite to Participate in IMLS-Funded National Survey

A research team from the University of Oklahoma (Dr. June Abbas, Dr. Yong Ju Jung, and Nikolaj Pavlovic) is conducting an IMLS-funded research project about public library maker programs for youth with disabilities. To help public libraries better serve youth with disabilities, they would like to hear from anyone responsible for developing and delivering makerspace or programming and services in your library. If you have any questions about participating in the survey, please contact Dr. June Abbas at: jmabbas@ou.edu.

[Click to take survey.](#)

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.



On **April 4th**, join Penguin Random House, *Library Journal*, and *School Library Journal* for our [Spring 2023 virtual book and author festival](#), a free day-long event celebrating reading, authors, and librarians everywhere! As we lead up to **National Library Week**, enjoy a day packed with author panels and interviews, book buzzes, virtual shelf browsing, and adding to your TBR pile. You'll hear from many of your favorite authors, whose work runs the gamut from **Picture Books to Young Adult titles** to the best new **Fiction and Nonfiction for adults**. There is something of interest for every reader. The afternoon Keynote speaker is **Christian Cooper**, author of ***Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World***. To [Register](#) and see the [FULL PROGRAM!](#)

Delaware library offering In-Person TitleTalks with Baker & Taylor 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.

Applebee's Catch the Reading Bee Because Books Are A Blast – Reward Cards

Summer Reading Program: <https://fundraisers.appleamerican.com/community/education.aspx>

They require you to give them your 501(c)(3) number and there are only 17 towns in NJ that are listed as offering a free kid's meal or mozzarella sticks: Atlantic City, Audubon, Cherry Hill, Deptford, Hammonton, Mays Landing, Mt. Laurel, Pennsville, Sicklerville, Somerdale, Somers Point, Swedesboro, Turnersville, Vineland, Voorhees, Westhampton and Williamstown. (I hope they still have cards available for 2023. There was no deadline to apply on the online form)

Grants from Other Organizations

No new grants at this time

TBBC

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, of which the Talking Book & Braille Center is a network library, will be launching a nationwide summer reading program this summer. They will include family musical programs, story times, and author talks featuring authors requested by our network libraries. All of these exciting events will start with a virtual kickoff ceremony on June 26, 2023. TBBC is looking forward to incorporating this into our annual Summer Reading Program.

TBBC will be presenting to students from the Teacher Education Academy in the Union County Vocational-Technical High School.

NJASL

1. NJASL 2023 Spring Mini-Con: Hope & Healing

- a. Saturday, April 1, 8:30-1:45
 - b. \$10 Registration Fee; All are welcome
 - c. Registration and details: <https://njasl.org/event-5165845>
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- No Updates Provided
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CSS

- Upcoming Meetings
 - 3/31, 4/28, 5/26 all using recurring zoom meeting link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86267707759>
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BCCLS:

- Will hold Fall Boot Camp which will include STEM programming along with ideas for low cost in-house programming

LMXAC:

- Highland Park continues with their Director search
 - Edison Public Library will be starting hiring search for Children and Teen Librarians
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OTHER

- YASLA offering webinar on April 11th, 2pm CST “Under Scrutiny: Helping Staff Feel Safe and Empowered in the Face of Book Challenges”
 - Free but limited to 1000 registrants
 - <https://elearning.ala.org/local/catalog/view/product.php?productid=870>
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YASS Business, Important Information, & Reminders

GSTBA:

- Finishing up deliberations today on 3/17 with Fiction Grades 9-12
- Brochures and complete annotations available soon

NJLA Conference:

- Let Emily know if you need a moderator for any panels
- NJLA Institutional Memberships available so more people can attend
- Everyone should attend the GSTBA luncheon with keynote speaker Kosoko Jackson!

Social Media:

- Flyer has been created to be sent to YASS and CSS for GSTBA Luncheon when conference sign-ups begin

Member Updates & Hot Topics:

- NJ Makers Day on March 25th - Hunterdon County revealing their renovated Makerspace
- Highland Park Library: Teens started book club - *Reader, I Murder Him* was first selection
- Melaina will be giving two presentations at conference: Compassion and empathy for patrons, library staff, and yourself and a Pre-conference workshop about taking care of teens in the library; Attended Ryan Dowd Homeless Training
- Matawan - Getting full time Children's Librarian
- Summit Library posting for YA/Children's Librarian
- Summit held 6 week comic book workshop with Doug Baron and had 13 teens in attendance for program
- Fort Lee - Dungeons and Dragons - getting teens but different attendees each time
- Hillsborough - Teen craft program success!
- Monroe Twp - Program idea: Tech Buddies which pairs teens with seniors
- Discussed a variety of Teen Volunteer Ideas: Check labels on books; sorting LEGO by colors; Adopt A Shelf; Word Cloud biographies to be used for displays; teens assist with Summer Reading Program - check in book logs, do registration; rearrange collections; What Can You Find? Board; look for lost and missing items.
- Matawan - has received interest from lots of teen volunteers through local church confirmations.

GSTBA Deliberations:

Voting on fiction grades 9-12 took place. [Check the spreadsheet for results.](#)

Upcoming YASS Meeting:

Friday, April 21st at 9:45am at Piscataway Public Library John F. Kennedy branch.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81430251215>

[Click here for the snack sign up sheet!](#)



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