



Young Adult Services Section (YASS) 2021-2022

ZOOM: Meeting November 19, 2021

9:45 am: Login & Introduction | 10 am: Business Meeting

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YASS Business Meeting

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, November 19, 2021- Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

Leap into Science Training, December 9, 2021

The State Leadership Team will present a virtual Leap into Science training using the Light and Shadow curriculum on December 9, 2021 via Zoom from 2:00 – 4:30 pm. To register: <https://leapintoscienceeducatortraining.eventbrite.com>

Leap into Science training is open to public or school library staff, after school organization staff and educators who want to learn to provide virtual training on STEM activities for children ages 3-10 and their caregivers in NJ urban and rural underserved communities using the curriculum developed by the Franklin Institute.

Survey to Evaluate Services Provided to You from NJSL Through LSTA Funds
The New Jersey State Library (NJSL) has hired an independent consultant to evaluate the services we provide that are funded by the Library Services and



Technology Act. We are very interested in getting your feedback on these services via this survey:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6581886/New-Jersey-State-Library-Survey>

All staff working in New Jersey libraries of any type as well as in New Jersey organizations that support libraries are encouraged to participate. Your feedback is very important to us and will be used to help us refine NJSL services and plan for the future. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, November 19, 2021. Please consider taking ten minutes to complete it.

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New Jersey State Library Selects 14 Libraries to Host Digital Literacy Training and Certification Program for Adult Residents

The New Jersey State Library (NJSL), an affiliate of Thomas Edison State University, has selected 14 public libraries to participate in its Hub & Spoke Libraries pilot project, an initiative that will provide uniform digital literacy training and credentialing for adult residents across the state. Through a competitive grant process, the State Library has selected three hub libraries that will serve as regionally-based training labs, and 11 spoke libraries that will provide additional digital literacy support. The goal of the project is to create a standardized and replicable library-based digital literacy certification program to assist New Jersey's workforce.

Hub and spoke libraries will connect with their local Workforce Development Boards and American Job Centers, as well as other libraries in the area, to create a referral and sending system that accounts for client intake, record keeping and data sharing. Participants will have access to free, high quality training materials, videos, classroom aides, and mini lessons. The program will be facilitated by the Plainfield Public Library (PPL), and will model PPL's proven system for providing literacy programming.

To see the list of libraries selected and for more information, visit:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/press-releases/new-jersey-state-library-selects-14-libraries-to-host-digital-literacy-training-and-certification-program-for-adult-residents/>

Telehealth ARPA Opportunity for Public Libraries

The ongoing pandemic has put a spotlight on inequities in the healthcare system, especially among those most vulnerable. There is a need for public libraries to play a role in advancing health equity that can be bridged through the NJHealthConnect @ Your Library, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) opportunity.



This new program, administered by New Jersey State Library, and implemented by Just For The Health Of It! at East Brunswick Public Library, addresses inequities through a combination of technology that offers links to telemedicine apps for doctor appointments, and links to COVID and high-quality health literacy resources. Most importantly, it features a team of certified consumer health librarians at the East Brunswick Public Library who will facilitate and train NJ librarians to implement a telehealth program in their communities. NJHealthConnect @ Your Library supports the New Jersey's Healthy People 2030 mission to help people get timely, high-quality health care services so that good health is within the grasp of everyone.

Project Description

Just For The Health Of It! at East Brunswick Public Library will serve as a statewide hub to promote health equity by disseminating iPads to interested partner libraries throughout the state that will be used for the purposes of telemedicine and to provide access to multilingual health information that promotes health literacy and patient empowerment.

Telemedicine visits have become a widely accepted and mainstream way of leveling the playing field in healthcare access by virtue of its convenience, portability, and affordability, and changes the patient/doctor relationship for the better.

ARPA Grant Awards for NJ Public Libraries Announced

Through the ARPA funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, NJSL was able to award grants to select public libraries. Grant awards were intended to respond directly to the pandemic, as well as address related economic and community needs through equitable approaches. Sixty-four public libraries were awarded grants. [Click here](#) to see the list of winners and the grant projects they've planned.

The 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival

Challenge the youth up to age 18 that you work with to retell the plot of a Newbery Award winning book in just 90 seconds by creating their own videos! It's a great opportunity for a project to do with youth by combining literacy and the arts together in a project.

The State Library is sponsoring the 90 Second Film Festival and has invited author James Kennedy, the Festival's founder, to appear at the Film Festival on April 30, 2022 at 7 pm at the NJ State Museum's Auditorium in Trenton (located next to the NJ State Museum). In order to host this event, we need the young people to create fabulous films for the Festival so they, and their friends and family, can attend the in-person screening to show off their films. The deadline for



students to create and submit the film to Mr. Kennedy has been extended to February 25, 2022.

Mr. Kennedy will be pre-recording a webinar to provide tips on how to create amazing 90 second videos of Newbery Award winning books for the youth you serve. I will share that information with you when it's available.

More information about the 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival and how to submit a 90-second video can be found here: <https://90secondnewbery.com/>.

2021 Summer Reading Program & CSLP Updates

2021 Summer Reading Program Final Statistics
All ages = children, teens, adults

Total participants - all ages = 80,328

Number of participants that achieved their goal - all ages = 45,883

Total programs - all ages = 18,016

Total program attendance - all ages = 342,461

Average number of attendees per program = 19

Number of libraries that submitted statistics = 274

Number of libraries that used READSquared online registration/tracking software = 189

Optional statistics

Number of books read – children and teens = 550,044

Number of books read – adult = 56,246

Total number of books read – all ages = 606,290

The statistics are higher this year, and the percentage increases reflect that, particularly in the number of people who reached their minimum goal – a 126% increase in 2021 over 2020. There was a 78% increase from 2020 to 2021 in the number of people who participated in the program, and a 50% increase from 2020 to 2021 in the number of activity programs offered. Although the number of books read was an optional question, the response indicates that there was an 117% increase from 2020 to 2021 in the number of books read. The one area where there was a decrease was in program attendance (a .6% decrease this year from last year).

CSLP Website & Access Code for Online 2022 Manuals

The 2022 manual is ready online. Here is the link for the access code for all NJ public libraries:



<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-Online-Manual-Code-New-Jersey.pdf>

Please don't share it with the public. The store has updated the products for 2022 and you can shop online now: <https://www.csllpreads.org/csllp-store/>

You should have – or shortly will be receiving a packet through the statewide delivery services with a copy of the printed catalog and flyer with the access code to the online manual as well.

Collaborative Summer Library Program Summer Symposium

Who is this conference for? All library staff that are interested in summer programming.

Where is the conference? Virtually - anywhere with an internet connection.

When is the conference? Thursday December 2, 2021, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm ET

When does registration open? Now! Register here

How much is the registration fee for this virtual symposium? FREE!!!!

Where can I learn more? <https://www.csllpreads.org/summer-symposium/>

2021 Teen Video Challenge Winners

Five winners were selected for this national contest that encouraged teens to create 60-second public service type videos that promoted reading and library use to other teens interpreting the 2021 CSLP theme of Tails and Tales. These videos show the amount of talent, creativity, and thoughtfulness that went into all of this year's submissions. You can see the winning videos here:

<https://www.csllpreads.org/2021-teen-video-challenge-winners/>

They are fun, creative, and inspiring! The winning teens/teen teams each received a \$200 cash prize from CSLP. Please feel free to use any/all of the winning videos to help promote your summer program, reading, and library use in general.

Other Organization Resources/Grants/Events/Webinars

Call for media literacy project partners!

PBS Education and PBS NewsHour Student Report Labs are looking for public and school librarians to partner with us on a media literacy project. We are looking for 1-3 librarians at each of the following library types: an elementary, middle, high school, and public library. The librarians will implement the Student Reporting Labs curriculum and let us know what you need to adapt for your patrons.

Partner librarians may be asked to speak on a panel during ALA Annual 2022 in Washington, DC. But everyone is welcome to use the Student Reporting Labs



materials in their classrooms and communities.

More information about the project can be found here and questions can be directed to Athina Livanos-Propst at alivanospropst@pbs.org.

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National Education Association Announces Read Across America Digital Calendar

Visit the Read Across America page

To encourage educators and parents to fill shelves with books, National Education Association announces the creation of its 2021-2022 Read Across America digital calendar which features 36 recommended titles - 12 picture books, 12 middle grade titles, and 12 young adults - for each month of the year. The recommended books include a wide selection of genres and formats.

Every recommended title featured includes activity suggestions, questions for discussion or reflective writing, related sources and more titles to try that relate to themes in the featured book.

Latinx Kidlit Festival, December 9-10, 2021

The Latinx Kidlit Book Festival is a virtual celebration of Latinx KidLit authors, illustrators, and books for all students, educators and book lovers everywhere being held for the second year. The festival will open its virtual doors from December 9-10, 2021, and present two free days of panels, craft sessions and illustrator draw-offs with your favorite Latinx authors and illustrators of picture books, middle grade, young adult, graphic novel, comic books and poetry. The sessions are geared towards ALL schools, educators, students and book lovers, not just those identifying as Latinx. Everyone is welcome! Students are encouraged to send questions to panelist and will be entered into a giveaway for classroom sets of books. Here's the schedule if you want to see the who's participating.

Here is a link to their social media graphics for the festival that are targeting educators.

Here is a link to their posters that can be shared and printed out.



Apply for the 2022 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries- Deadline to apply February 13, 2022

The Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT) of ALA and the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation announce the opening of the 2022 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries grant cycle. These grants recognize libraries for their role in the growth of graphic literature and awards funds and resources for graphic novel collection development and programming. The applying librarian or their institution must be an ALA member to be eligible and the grants are open to libraries across North America, including Canada and Mexico. Learn More & Apply Here.

TBBC: Jen Apgar

TBBC will be presenting a full session on our services and a spark and tell session on large print books at the NJASL conference in December.

NJLA Executive Board:

NJLA annual appeal, NJLA Trivia Night 12/3, NJLA conference proposal submissions due 11/30. NJLA Executive Board voted to enhance institutional memberships.

Children's Services Section (CSS):

Need more conference proposals and working on tidying up social media

NJASL: Sharon Rawlins, Darby Malvey

Annual Meeting 12/5-7. Registration is still open, in-person at Hard Rock Cafe in Atlantic City. Masks will be required. Currently working with schools dealing with censorship issues. Getting ready to publish a joint statement on school and public libraries and their importance. Encouraging public librarians to reach out to school librarians to offer assistance with book challenges.

Library Consortiums and Systems (LMXac, BCCLS, etc.)

LMXac: Positions open within LMXac youth services group

NJALA: Heather Kristian

NJALA will be hosting a virtual session on Dealing with Difficult Patrons on 12/2. Open to both library assistants and other library staff. For more details and to register: njala.org/events

YASS Business, Important Information, and Reminders



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GSTBA:

Non-Fiction deliberations in January.
6-8 Grade Fiction deliberations in February.
9-12 Grade Fiction deliberations in March.

NJLA Conference:

Hoping to have more conference proposals within the next week. Three proposals at the moment, Google form is still open. **If you have an idea for a session, please fill out the Google form by 11/24.** Co-sponsoring, one session.

Current Proposals:

1. Creating a brave space. Brave spaces empower students to give honest feedback and input.
2. 40th Anniv of Annie on My Mind: Annie on OUR Mind. LGBTQ lit then and now.
3. Combating plagiarism in library services.
4. Co-Sponsor w/ History and Preservation: Zines: What are they and how do you implement them at your library.

Book Challenges: NJLA, NJASL, and LibraryLinkNJ have been working with NJ librarians to address the challenges and support librarians affected by the situation. Please reach out to your local school library media specialists to see if they are dealing with any of these issues.



Social Media Logo:

Option 1:



Option 2:



Option 3: WINNER!



Member Updates:

Darby Malvey: MentorNJ with NJ State Library working together to provide teen programming across the state. Teens are looking for cultural programming. Melissa Bryn from CHPL will do a K-Pop program, virtual. Anyone interested in planning or participating please reach out to Darby at darby@librarylinknj.org

Next Meeting: December 17, 2021 9:45AM

Zoom Teen Toolbox presented by SCLSNJ marketing team



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