



NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 18, 2022
Joint meeting with CUS on Zoom

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YASS/UCS Joint Meeting

Topics Discussed

- Is there a possibility of a member of CUS coming in person to talk to teens about the difference between college libraries and public libraries?
 - Yes! Try contacting local colleges and universities to build partnerships. January/February is a good time to reach out.
- How can we (public librarians) support teens as they transition into college?
 - Help with research skills, what is a database, how to use databases, what are reputable sources of information. Boost information literacy skills.
 - Financial literacy, cooking skills, general young adult life skills.
 - Promote JerseyClicks.
 - How to use academic librarians, difference between how academic and public libraries are organized.
 - Check out this LibGuide for extra help: <https://schoollibrarynj.libguides.com/home/>
 - Students may get shuffled to different parts of campus to help with different

- questions. It may be new to teens to shuffle between different areas instead of having one place to ask all their questions. How can we prepare them for that?
- Help students build resilience, don't give up if another step is added to find answers.
 - What tips do YA librarians have for academic librarians for working with the current generation of young adults?
 - Reframe the way skills are taught to meet the way teens want to be taught, i.e. how to research on your phone.
 - Google vs. Databases: have a contest to see who can get the correct information the fastest.
 - Reach out to school faculty to see if teens can get extra credit for coming to library programs.
 - Use pop-culture to help teach information literacy like Minecraft. Embed information literacy into fun programs like escape rooms, scavenger hunts, etc.
 - Can academic librarians and public libraries collaborate? Would teen or adult services librarians be better to have a presence in an academic library?
 - Can we recreate going into an academic library for the first time at the public library?
 - Bring academic libraries into teen volunteer meetings.
 - It might be uncomfortable for teens to meet adult librarians for the first time when collaborating with academic librarians. Is it better for them to have someone they're familiar with?
 - Outreach discussions are being planned for how academic librarians can reach teens at public libraries.
 - Virtual meet and greet with academic librarians.
 - Born this Way is working with Jack.org for a self-paced online course for mental health help. Can be added to websites or advertised to teens
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YASS Updates from Around the State

NJSL Report for Joint YASS/CUS Meeting, November 18, 2022

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

Leap into Science Virtual Training December 15, 2022 from 2 pm - 4 pm

The State Leadership Team for Leap into Science is doing a virtual training on the Leap into Science curriculum "Light and Shadow" on December 15, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 pm for staff in public and school libraries, as well as after school organizations. Developed by the Franklin Institute, Leap into Science integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. Three different workshop models are covered in one training: preschool (ages 3-5), elementary (ages 6-10) and one for families. First time participants will receive an Amazon gift card to be used to purchase resources for the kits in support of the Leap program. Anyone who already took the training but wants a refresher is welcome to attend as well. All participants are encouraged to offer at least one workshop in your organization by the end of March 2023 and fill out a short report afterward.

Register for the virtual training: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8wytay>

[Leap into Science](#) is a nationwide program developed by [The Franklin Institute](#) Science Museum and the National Girls Collaborative Project funded by the National Science Foundation. The program empowers educators to offer workshops in community settings like libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage under-served audiences in accessible and familiar settings.

Questions? Contact the New Jersey State Leadership Team:

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Librarian Certification

The proposed update to Librarian Certification is now available for review and public comment. The proposed new rules are a re-adoption of the rules that expired in May 2022.

The [proposal and instructions for comment](#) are available until January 6, 2023. The New Jersey State Library welcomes your feedback.

Resources/Campaigns from Other Organizations

The Office of New Americans Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) flyers

The Office of New Americans (ONA) created some helpful flyers for the new immigrant population of Ukrainians relocating through the [Uniting for Ukraine](#) program. Please feel free to share this important information with your communities.

[Click for Flyer \(English\)](#)

[Click for Flyer \(Russian\)](#)

[Click for Flyer \(Ukrainian\)](#)

Protect Me With 3+ Campaign

Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey and the State Department of Health's [Protect Me With 3+](#) campaign is aimed at encouraging middle and high school students to design a poster or create a video to raise vaccine awareness. Please feel free to raise awareness for this campaign by sharing their flyer with your communities. [Click for flyer.](#)

Webinars/Workshops from NJSL & Other Organizations

College age students and their parents are encouraged to attend the "[Financial Aid Information Session](#)" with Samantha Benson, a representative from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority on Friday, Nov. 18th from noon – 1 pm.

Publisher/Vendor Events

Penguin Random House Winter 2022 Virtual Book and Author Festival- Registration Now Open! On December 8th, [join](#) Penguin Random House, *Library Journal*, and *School Library Journal* for our Winter 2022 virtual book and author festival, a free day-long event celebrating reading, authors, and librarians everywhere! Enjoy a day packed with author panels and interviews, book buzzes, virtual shelf browsing, and adding to your TBR pile.

Best Books Lists

From Publishers Weekly's reviews of children's and young adult books published in 2022, our selections for the top 50 books of the year include picture books and graphic novels, fiction and nonfiction, debuts and bestsellers for readers of all ages. [MORE](#)

NYT, NYPL Announce Best Illustrated Children's Books of 2022

Commemorating its 70th year of highlighting children's books, the *New York Times Book Review* and the New York Public Library announced the 10 winners of the Best Illustrated Children's Books Award. [MORE](#)

Book Awards

2022 National Book Award Winner for Young People's Literature is:

Poetry Programs

NJ Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest. New Jersey has been a leader in this program, with large numbers of schools participating each year. The State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts funds the programming in NJ, with administrative and programmatic support from Count Basie Center for the Arts and regional partners. Through this program, high school students across the country to learn about great works of classic and contemporary poetry through memorization and recitation of poetry.

They have expanded their reach to libraries and community centers who might be interested in promoting this program to high school-aged youth.

This [postcard flyer](#) has more information and how to register. The deadline to register is Dec. 3, 2022. For additional information contact Cynthia Renta, Director of Community Projects, cynthia@storytellingartsinc.org

Grants from Other Organizations

2023 ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant

The ALSC Program and Services Recognition Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant! This grant is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries by providing \$3,000 in financial assistance, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development. Applications and supporting materials, including an itemized budget and the required signature form, are due by November 18, 2022. Please visit: <https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/bakertaylor>

Nominations for 2023 Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement-- due 11/21

The Coretta Scott King/ Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement jury is seeking nominations for the 2023 Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement. The award pays tribute to the quality and magnitude of Virginia Hamilton's exemplary contributions through her literature and advocacy for children and youth, especially in her focus on African American life, history, and consciousness.

We will recognize a practitioner. The practitioner may be a current or retired public librarian, academic librarian, school librarian (public or private), educator (Pre-K/12 or any level therein, or higher education), or youth literature advocate whose vocation, work, volunteer service, or ongoing promotion of books with and/or on behalf of youth is significant and sustained. The CSK Virginia Hamilton Practitioner recipient must be an African American.

Deadline: November 21, 2022

Please utilize the link below for more detailed criteria and a virtual nomination:

www.ala.org/rt/cskbart/...

Carolyn Garnes, Chair
Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement

TBBC

- Liz Burns and Jen Apgar will be presenting twice at the 2022 NJASL Fall Conference in Atlantic City in December; one full length session about TBBC services titled "Literacy for All! Accessible Books for Students with Print Disabilities", and one Spark and Tell Session titled "Braille Awareness: More than 6 raised dots". Liz Burns will also be doing a presentation with Dr. Ellen Pozzi on ALSC's Notable Books for Children.
- TBBC is continuing to add new titles to our ever-growing children's and teens large print collection. Some recent titles added to the collection include *Jennifer Chan is Not Alone* by Tae Keller, *Odder* by Katherine Applegate, and *Me (Moth)* by Amber McBride. If you have children and/or teen patrons who rely on large print books to read and may be interested in borrowing these or any of our other large print books, please contact TBBC for more information.
- TBBC is also excited to announce that we will be presenting two different programs at the upcoming ALA LibLearnX Conference (formerly Midwinter) in New Orleans in January!

NJASL

- Working on conference, which is December 4-7 at the Hard Rock in Atlantic City, as well as the censorship response team
- There have been challenges in Hamilton Township. There are concerns with some school board members who may want to instigate book bans.
- Working with Gary from William Paterson on academic/school library partnership

LLNJ

- Membership meeting is virtual on Tuesday, December 13. Martha Hickson will be doing a presentation about taking action to fight against censorship.
- Craft Show and Share program for successful adult crafts was well received. They are looking into doing one on youth services crafts with Piscataway potentially hosting.

CSS

- CSS will have a combined November/December meeting on Friday, December 9th at 9:45. Recurring Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86267707759>
- CSS is still collecting NJLA conference proposals. While we appreciate fully formed ideas with a list of panelists all ready to go, we understand if you need to fine-tune ideas or need help finding co-panelists. We are willing to work with you. Please fill out the CSS Conference Program Proposal Form at <https://tinyurl.com/cssconfpro2023> by Tuesday, November 22, so CSS has time to submit to the NJLA Conference Committee deadline at the end of November.
- CSS' secretary sent out to the CSS membership the list of books CSS members talked about at last month's joint CSS/YASS meeting, but in case some YASS people are not on that listserv, here is the direct link to the spreadsheet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zjV-9K3Sz1wzb7x1_T9t7hb2uuaeaD4rCuP-eKJj8LE/edit?usp=sharing

BCCLS

- YS committee meeting-starting reading and deliberating for their mock awards. Mock awards will be held on January 20th.

YASS Business, Important Information, & Reminders

GSTBA:

- Reading assignments have gone out. Everyone was assigned 4 books for each section, except fiction 9-12 where everyone was assigned 3 books.
- If you want to read other titles you weren't assigned to, feel free
- Fill out proxy forms as you read so you don't forget anything! They were emailed out with the reading assignments
- Any other questions, email mmiller@ebpl.org or jennakingham@gmail.com
- This year's [ballot](#) is due December 30th

NJLA Conference:

- Already have some good proposals
- Waiting to hear back from adult services about partnership for a panel
- End of November is the deadline for proposals. Fill out [this form](#) to submit proposals to Emily.
- Potential partnership with Darby for a panel about reaching out to school librarians/teachers about curriculum and out public libraries can help

Social Media:

- Working on promoting Teen Librarian Toolbox

Teen Toolbox

- NJLA/NJASL will talk about book challenges and how to handle them from a librarian/manager/director position in school and public libraries. Check out [the flyer](#). Friday, December 16 at 10am.

Member Updates & Hot Topics:

- Discussed issues with teen spaces being used by adults and children and how libraries can help enforce policy to make sure it's available for teens and what to do if admin is not supportive of that policy. Could be an issue of protection for teens to not allow unaccompanied adults around minors. If anyone has any written policies about teen spaces, please send to jennakingham@gmail.com
- East Brunswick YS and YA departments will be closed for construction starting Monday, November 21 and will have limited collection capabilities.

Upcoming YASS Meeting:

The December YASS meeting will be on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 10am and will be a [Teen Toolbox](#) on book challenges presented by members of the NJASL-NJLA Regional Response Team. YASS business meeting will follow at 11am.



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