



NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 28, 2022

Joint meeting with CSS on Zoom

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YASS Updates from Around the State

NJSL Report for Joint YASS/CSS Meeting, October 28, 2022

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

LSTA 22 Grant Award Recipients

The New Jersey State Library is pleased to announce the award recipients of the Library Services and Technology Act 2022 (LSTA 2022) Grants for New Jersey Public Libraries and Library Consortia. [Click to see winners.](#)

Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach (T3) - Soliciting for New Trainers

If any teen services frontline staff are interested in submitting their name to be selected to be trained to offer connected learning and computational thinking training that Sharon Rawlins, NJ State Library and other frontline trainers offered in the past several years please let Sharon know by **November 3, 2022**. There are additional topics included in the training such as youth

development and equity. It's a great way for someone from a county library system to be trained to then train the rest of your library system's staff. ALA's YALSA is covering the cost of the in-person training in Indianapolis, IN from Feb. 5-7, 2023. The training is limited to 30 people from around the country. For more information, please contact Sharon Rawlins, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

SAVE THE DATE: Leap into Science Training

A free virtual online early literacy training will be offered on Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. This training, developed by the Franklin Institute, integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3 -10 and their families. Participants will receive resources to assist them in offering the workshops at their libraries. Registration information is forthcoming.

Statistics for 2022 Summer Reading Program – Were Due Sept. 9th

This was the 4th year that CSLP member states have joined together to send out the same survey with customized questions for each state. If anyone wasn't able to submit their responses before the national CSLP survey closed September 9th, Statewide Summer Reading Coordinator Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, copied the survey. Here's the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17jLCxd3nZGS6ZrACEM5BCQmH5PPGFfOSTcKk1gwFXU8/edit>

Please submit your statistics ASAP! Thank you.

2022 totals so far:

Totals for all ages:

of children, teens and adults who participated = 96,770
(compared to 80,328 in 2021)

of children, teens and adults who achieved their goal = 57,233 (compared to 45,883 in 2021)

of themed events offered (for J/YA/A) = 22,987 (compared to 18,016 in 2021)

of attendees (J/YA/A) at events = 464,602 compared to 342,461 in 2021)

Books Read Totals (optional to answer, since some libraries counted minutes instead)

Children = 985,988

Teens = 67,859

Adults = 86,635

Total = 1,140,482 (compared to 606,290 in 2021)

2023 CSLP Manual Available Now & Here is the Code to Access It

Here's the code for NJ public library staff to access the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading manuals:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/New-Jersey-2023-CSLP-Manual-Access-Code.pdf>

Please don't share this code with the public. School libraries don't have access to the code but are encouraged to reach out and partner with their local public libraries on the summer library program. The theme is kindness and the slogan is "All Together Now."

SAVE THE DATE: Second Annual CSLP Virtual Summer Symposium – Dec. 8, 2022

More information to come!



State Library Information Center (SLIC) Updates

Employment Opportunities at the NJ State Library – Reference Librarian Positions

NJSL's State Library Information Center (SLIC) is currently seeking to fill two Librarian 1 position openings. This role will provide professional reference services to all three branches of state government; students, staff and mentors of Thomas Edison State University; New Jersey public libraries; and the general public. [Click for position description.](#)

Civil Service test exam books purchased by the State Library are now available to public library borrowers through eLibraryNJ.

Campaigns from Other Organizations

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

Leigh Clark, NJSL's Funding Information Librarian, presents "[Finding Grant Funding with Foundation Directory](#)" on Tues., November 15th from noon – 1 pm. Training attendees will be issued temporary credentials to sign in to Foundation Directory remotely in order to follow along with the webinar. Those credentials will be good for 48 hours following the training.

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

LJ/SLJ LibraryCon Live! November 17th

The [November 17 LJ/SLJ LibraryCon Live!](#) virtual event is right around the corner! We'll have **authors and illustrators** spanning genres and reading levels, plus a ton of exhibitors' booths where you can **download freebies and resources**. Reserve your spot today!

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.

Booklists



Winning Titles of Teens Top Teen Announced

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has officially announced the 2022 Teen's Top Ten winners.

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups from sixteen school and public libraries around the country selected by YALSA to participate.

This year's list of winners features 10 titles that were published between January 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2021.

They are as follows:

- **10 Truths and a Dare** by Ashley Elston. Hyperion. – 978-1368062381
- **Ace of Spades** by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé. Feiwel & Friends. – 978-1250800817
- **All of Us Villains** by Amanda Foody and Christine Herman. Tor Teen. – 978-1250789259
- **All These Bodies** by Kendare Blake. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. – 978-0062977168
- **Concrete Rose** by Angie Thomas. Balzer+Bray/Harperteen. – 978-0062846716
- **The Hawthorne Legacy** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. Little, Brown and Company. – 978-0759557635
- **Here's to Us** by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. – 978-0063071636
- **The Ivies** by Alexa Donne. Crown Publishing/Penguin Random House. – 978-0593303702
- **Rule of Wolves** by Leigh Bardugo. Imprint. – 978-1250142306
- **We Can't Keep Meeting Like This** by Rachel Lynn Solomon. Simon & Schuster BFYR. – 978-1534440272

Thank you to all that voted! Please feel free to share it on your social media accounts and add the hashtag **#yalsaTTT**.

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

Book Awards

2022 National Book Award Finalists for Young People's Literature:

<https://www.nationalbook.org/2022-national-book-award-finalists-announced/>

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>

IF/THEN® Gender Equity Project

Funding Available for Gender Equity Projects in Public Libraries!

With support from [Lyda Hill Philanthropies](#) and the [IF/THEN® Initiative](#), the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) is now accepting applications for Gender Equity Engagement Grants for public libraries in the United States to support projects that address gender equity in STEM, including efforts to **increase visual representation through the use of photos and videos featuring women and gender minorities in STEM careers**.

ASTC will award **grants of up to \$4,000** to approximately 90 applicants in the United States.

Applications will be accepted and approved on a rolling basis through **October 28, 2022**.

Grantees will select a project from the [IF/THEN® Project Library](#) to replicate at their own institution. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded.

The IF/THEN® project library features pop-up banner exhibits, downloadable videos, program outlines, and more. All content is designed to highlight women and gender minorities in real STEM careers and can be modified to fit your organization's needs.

[Visit the ASTC website](#) for details about requirements, to preview the application, or to apply. If you have questions about the application process, please reach out to the ASTC team at ifthen@astc.org. For more information visit: <https://www.astc.org/ifthen/>

Carnegie-Whitney Awards up to \$5,000 for Guides to Library Resources

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from "A Resource Guide about Disabilities, Disability Theory, and Assistive Technologies" to "A Bibliography for Queer Teens" to "Graphic Novels & the Humanity of Mental Illness" to "Web Accessibility Resources for Libraries".

Applications must be received by November 4, 2022. Recipients will be notified by February 2023.

For more information and guidelines,

visit www.ala.org/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/... or contact Mary Jo Bolduc, Grant Administrator at mbolduc@ala.org.

NJSL TBBC Report for YASS Meeting, October 28, 2022

Submitted by Jen Apgar, Youth Services Librarian TBBC

TBBC is celebrating our 55th Anniversary. If anyone is interested in learning a bit about our past, our present, and what we think the future may hold, our presentation, "New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center: 55th Anniversary", has been recorded and can be found on the NJ State Library YouTube page, or here: <https://youtu.be/oPdSEDjMsAE>

We will also be presenting two different sessions at the upcoming NJASL Annual conference. The session dates and times are TBA.

NJASL Report for YASS Meeting, October, 28, 2022

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

The NJASL [bill](#) was voted on and will now move to the state senate.

Conference will be December 5-7, 2022 at Hard Rock Hotel in Atlantic City. More information is on their [website](#).

They are working on a rapid response team to be available to help with book challenges and bans, which is also the topic of the December YASS Teen Toolbox. [Click here](#) to join the team!

Updates from Consortia & Systems:

LMx:

EBPL now has Baby Yoda cards. They are super popular! They are provided by the ALA. [Click here](#) to request a quote for your library. EBPL also recently received \$20,000 from the library foundation. So far the funding has purchased a Glow Forge and a poster printer. We're working on how and will be figuring out logistics for allowing patron use.

BCCLS:

The first BCCLS boot camp back in person was a success! It was focused on graphic novels and book challenges with a video presentation from Tui Sutherland.

YASS/CSS Joint Meeting: Book Talks

YASS members talking about popular new YA books. All books mentioned can be viewed in [this document](#). Each genre has at least one middle grade/clean book.

- Emily - SciFi
- Melissa - Historical
- Sharon - Thrillers/Mysteries
- Sloane - Fantasy
- Melaina - Queer Horror

There is also a [document](#) compiling some good BookTube/Tok/Gram/Blogs for reader's advisory. Feel free to add more resources!

CSS members talked about popular children's and middle grade books. A document with the titles they talked about will be in their meeting minutes.

YASS Business, Important Information, & Reminders

GSTBA:

Lists are being compiled. Nonfiction is almost done and reader assignments should go out the first week of November.

Standalone prequels will be allowed on the list, as well as sequels ONLY if there are a standalone in a series of volumes that does not require the reading of other stories to understand, i.e. *Nancy Drew* or *DC Icons*.

NJLA Conference:

If you have an idea for a conference panel, please submit a [proposal form](#) to Emily. If you have an idea that is not fully fleshed out or would like to talk it out, email Emily emazzoni@monroetwplibrary.org and she can help with finding partners, completing the proposal, etc.

Potential conference idea: Roundtable discussion led by moderators about how to deal with

overbearing parents or parents that come in with children, especially with parents of “picky readers,” leveled-reading loving parents, etc. Also could be a good poster session, but would need volunteers.

Potential conference idea: Panel on teen cooking programs. How to deal with allergies, food safety, food presentation, etc. SCLSNJ is working on a new food allergy form for their cooking programs. The Makers Day Site meeting on December 21, 2022 at 10am is a cooking focused meeting and could be a good source of potential collaborators.

Potential conference idea: Panel on how to advocate for teens to your coworkers who may not be teen friendly and how to handle coworker hostility towards teens.

Social Media:

Melissa has been reposting a lot of programs, etc. on Instagram. Continue to send her suggestions of content you want to see! mnemitz@hclibrary.us

Member Updates & Hot Topics:

Thanks to those who filled out the Teens in Makerspace survey sent out by the State Library and to the libraries who hosted the consultant for a site visit. Next they will be doing focus groups, and would love to have teens specifically from libraries in the southern part of the state be a part of the focus groups. They will meet sometime in November.

Thanks to those who came, presented, and helped plan this year’s Youth Services Forum. Feedback forms have been sent to registered attendees, though the form will close soon. Presentation materials are being compiled and will be available soon. If anyone would like to take over as project manager for next year, talk to Jenna jennakingham@gmail.com

NJ Makers Day registration is now open! Njmakersday.org Grant is open to apply to do maker programming at your site. The application closes mid-December. Keep an eye out for a Custom Ink campaign. Funds raised will go to mini grants and professional development.

The Teen Services Underground blog will no longer be updated with new content come November 2022. The old posts will still be viewable, and the Facebook group will continue to be active.

Matawan Aberdeen Public Library is looking for a PT info assistant for circulation. Spread the word!

New York Comic Con had some great literary panels and swag this year! Keep an eye out for professional registration next year. Librarians can apply for either a free Thursday badge or a 4-Day badge at a discounted rate. NYPL ran a panel with manga and graphic novel recs. Link to the recommendations to come separately.

Caldwell library is opening its temporary library soon! All volunteer opportunities were virtual, but will now begin again in person.

If you know of any resources or organizations that cater to teens with reading disabilities, such

as dyslexia, email Jen Apgar so she can reach out and start conversations with them!
japgar@njstatelib.org

Also send Jen any suggestions for TBBC to talk about at their conference! Sharon would like to see reader's advisory for readers with dyslexia or other disabilities.

Do you or someone you know have a new job, new position, something to celebrate, etc? Send the info to newsletter_editor@njlamembers.org so it can be added to the newsletter!

Upcoming YASS Meetings:

The next meeting will be on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 10am with the College & Universities section. Look out for a form to ask for topics you would like to see discussed at the meeting. YASS business meeting will follow at 11am.

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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