

# NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Agenda

Thursday September 5th

East Brunswick Public Library

(Attendance: 31 in person; 6 online; 37 total)

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- 9:30am Coffee & Networking
  - 10am YASS/CSS/NJASL Joint Discussion
  - 11am YASS Business Meeting and Welcome to a new year!
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Welcome & Introductions

10am YASS/CSS/NJASL Joint Discussion

- Success stories - Partnerships and Collaborations with School Media Specialists
  - [librarianmo@gmail.com](mailto:librarianmo@gmail.com) email Mo Donohue with success stories.
    - Attended NJASAL program about this topic, and now librarian as sole teen services, is juggling all media specialists interest.
    - Bribe with free books at middle school. Lunch Munch special pass to have munchkins given to students. Get to see kids who do not come to public library. Monthly visit. Miss Jenna. 10 per lunch period.
    - Research project for third graders. Make sure get library card. Waived rules to have parents ID. All kids who signed up got called out of class and got library card. A scanning of library card to make it official. Pictures taken. A lot were after school but didn't have card until now.
    - School media specialist got rid of reading list, made point based program where they receive points for doing different things at the library. Three things. Attend library program (each program a point), listen to an audiobook, get a library card. 150% of teen participation and attendance. Almost 50 kids for movie attendance. Captain Marvel and Jaws.
    - Issue library cards to each school, library cards are not given to teacher, librarian holds, no fine account. Increased teachers willingness to use public library's resources. Not every teacher great about giving back. (East Brunswick). Some books do not returned.
    - New media specialist, also a patron, and immediately the school media specialist, asked to have a summer reading talk, and through word of mouth, others school media specialists heard. Ended up going to two schools out of three that were

interested. Huge number of kids signing up for summer reading. Numbers were up, but evened out. Good to see all kids excited.

- Non-success story: May be getting book mobile to school media specialist, sounds scary and horrible said media specialist. East Brunswick
- Mo Donohue, representative of the NJLA/NJASL Joint Task Force
  - Fear of losing school media specialists if public librarians can do that. School libraries are being turned into maker spaces. Allen McGinley said goes to bookstores with coffee shops makes searching more enjoyable but went to book bookstore but got rid of books, he'd say why here? He's here for books, not really coffee. Same thing with maker spaces in libraries, enhances space but gets rid of librarian, doesn't really enhance. First library children encounter is school media specialist. Not all parents bring their children to libraries.
  - Two pieces of legislation.
    - Information Literacy Curriculum to show why school media specialists are necessary.
    - Student to school media specialist ratio
    - Got school media specialists on state report card, but each report card is late and ration is not mathematically correct. May be 1 librarian going to 7 schools.
    - Once a job is lost, nothing we can do. Look into budget before jobs get cut.
    - Commercial NJASL: 30 minute spot. NJASL has rights to all footage.
    - [www.unlockstudentpotential.org](http://www.unlockstudentpotential.org)
    - Check list: check on your school librarian for administrators
    - To public librarians: you are only there to support school media specialists not do their job.
    - Elevator pitch will be on website.
    - Joe Falensa (spelling): collecting data, going into schools up to Freshman year of college.
    - Trying to save the position, not specifically the person (however, doesn't want to lose jobs)
    - Study going on if lost job or librarian certificates given out or those hired who are school media employees that are not librarians; state education department doesn't have that.

NJASL Conference in East Brunswick, NJ, and Jacqueline Woodson is their speaker.

Link for more information and registration: <https://njasl19.weebly.com/>

#### Library Cards:

- Provisional library card, can check out up to 5 books, send a postcard to that address, and showing the post card at their address on returned post card counts as proof as address.

- Idea to create a list of libraries who are already fine free to make contact if other libraries are interested.

Librarians of Color Round Table has been approved; for librarians, library employees, and library students, who work in libraries of color or are a library employee of color. Open to all in NJ.

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11am YASS Business Meeting

- Updates from around the state
  - NJ State Library
    - Get summer reading statistics in by September 13. Pilot comparing stats among the states.
    - Questions are attached to emails that were sent to CSS and YASS
    - Can do separate for age groups if there are different librarians for different age groups. Prefer it to be all one, but will get tallied regardless
    - In person Apple training sessions.
      - Features of ISL for iPad
      - Employment and management for Apple products
    - Youth Services Forum
    - T3 Train the Trainer: connected learning training. Train teens over the next 2 years. Coding and non tech related.
    - Jacqueline Woodson, NJ State Library wants you to take live stream and share in library sometime October 16. Only will be available that day up until midnight. (Title 1 schools but all can live stream)
  - NJ Talking Book and Braille Center
    - Updating who can borrow large print books (children/teen only): less stringent. State-wide delivery system. Hope to work with school librarians. Public librarians too. Mostly English; some in Spanish (limited on what is published: Thorndike). 2 month circ period; flexible.
    - Circulation changes: New cataloging system, audiobook customized to specific individual. All books on one cartridge, disposable, return. Erase and reload.
  - NJLA Executive Board
    - NJLA membership website changing to member clicks. Forthcoming. Use this to update website.
    - Submit conference idea starting Monday, Sept 9 if would like to do without section, on your own, outside the organization. November 30th due date.
    - Tracks for conference advocacy funding, virtual services, leadership management, marketing, diversity, career

development, wellness, ys, as, school libraries, academic services, etc.

- Core Values of NJLA (updated/new)
- Strategic Plan of NJLA (updated/new)
- Children's Services Section (CSS)
- Library Consortiums and Systems (LMXac, BCCLS, etc.)
- News, updates, and announcements from NJLA Leadership meeting
  - YASS goals for this year
    - Partnerships with other committees and sections
    - Getting an early start with conference ideas and streamlining the process
    - Cultivate future leadership and succession.
      - Make it easier for future leaders to find documents, etc.
    - Review by laws and update to include our new e-board members.
    - Visit locations around the state.
    - Solicit member feedback when needed.

[edeb@lmxac.org](mailto:edeb@lmxac.org) soliciting social media photos/post ideas.

#### Garden State Teen Books Awards:

- Soliciting readers.
- Fiction 9-12, fiction 6-8, nonfiction 6-12. Assigned titles. Have to choose two categories out of three. Nonfiction now will be first.
- Ballots available on njla website.
- Graphic designer for new GSTBA logo
- Ballot due January 5th. Take ballots off display December 31st. Strict deadline. No exception for late results. Once count that's it.
- Send votes to [kmitchell@hpplnj.org](mailto:kmitchell@hpplnj.org)
- Promotional kits that include posters, ballots, etc. njlamembers.org under YASS section.
  
- Core Values (see njla website)
  - If violation of core values, there is a form report anonymously
    - <https://fs19.formsite.com/njla/pqxv16anc0/index.html>
- Strategic Plan 2019-2020
  - Marketing and communication
  - Member experience
  - Advocacy
  - Strengthen organizational structure
  - Professional development
- Conference submissions already open, close on November 30th
- Member clicks
- Executive Board meetings are open to all and the next meeting is Tuesday September 17th from 2pm-4pm at Monroe Public Library
- Reminder: Youth Services Forum is Monday October 7th at Monroe Public Library.
- Member updates and hot topics!
  - Prom dress drive (Matawan/Aberdeen)

- Halloween Costume Swap
- Dear Banned Author Program
  - <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/dear-banned-author>
- Haunted House (teens make but children attend)
- Chalk the walks
- Teen Friends of the Library (fundraisers for Friends)
- Grandparents playdate: plus bake sale
- Automatic Renewals (same as if renewed yourself)
- Tour of the library.

Thank you everyone! Next meeting is **Monday October 21st, 9:30am at South River Public Library**. This is a joint meeting with CSS and Administration & Management Section.

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