

## **NJLA Young Adult**

**Teen Toolbox:** conversation starters & hot topics

**Friday December 9, 2016**

**10:00 – 10:15am, coffee & networking,**

**10:15am – business meeting**

**Hosting Library: South Orange Public Library**

Meeting called to order at 10:15am

### Introductions

#### **2016-17 Executive Board**

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Saleena Davidson, President/ Teen Librarian at South Brunswick Public Library

Rosy Wagner, Vice President/ Young Adult Librarian at Burlington County Library System

Keisha M. Miller, Secretary/ Teen Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator at South Orange Public Library

Jessica Schneider, Member-at-Large/ Teen Librarian at East Brunswick Public Library

Kristen Churchill (Anderson), Member-at-Large, Teen Librarian at West Orange Public Library

#### **Attendants**

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Keisha M. Miller, Teen Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator/ South Orange PL

Saleena Davidson, YA Librarian/ South Brunswick PL

Larona Jones, Library Assistant/ Vauxhall Branch Library (Union PL)

Marie Chuntz, Library Associate/ Sayreville PL

Jenny Zbrizher, YA Librarian/ Morris County Library

Jessica Schneider, YA Librarian/ East Brunswick PL

Rosy Henderson (Wagner), YA Librarian/ Burlington County PL

Jen Apgar, Youth Services/ NJ State Library – TBBC

Lisa L. Jorgensen, YA Principal Library Assistant/ Wayne PL

Lauren Magielnicki, Youth Services/ Garfield PL

Robin Rockman, Youth Services Librarian/ Oradell PL

Daniella Sinai, Youth Services Librarian/ Voorhees Branch (Camden County PL)

Kristen Churchill (Anderson), Teen Librarian/ West Orange PL

Susan Lazzari, Branch Manager/ Van Buren Branch (Newark PL)

Erica Deb, Youth Services Librarian/ Matawan Aberdeen PL

Molly Hone, YA Library Associate/ Pequannock PL

Emily Crowell, Reference Librarian/ Lodi Memorial PL

Precious Mack, Teen Librarian & Tech Services/ Verona PL

Beth Bouwman, YA/Youth Services Librarian/ Bound Brook PL  
Katie Bojanek, YA Librarian/ Warren Township PL  
Elizabeth Palena, Youth Services & YA Assistant/ Somerville PL  
Elizabeth Ferry, YA & Reference Librarian/Cranford PL  
Errol Logan, YA Librarian/ North Plainfield PL  
Ginger Moore, Youth Services Librarian/ Linden PL

**Total in attendance: 24**

### **Ongoing Business**

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**GSTBA** – we'll begin deliberations in the January meeting with **fiction** for **grades 6-8**.

**NJLA Conference Updates** – waiting for approval on what YA programs have been accepted. Should be announced sometime in January 2017.

### **Teen Toolbox Agenda/Contents**

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- *Teen Programs on a Dime*
- *TAB or TAG Summits*
- *Open Discussion – Unconference Style*
- *Library Spotlight*
- Other info as necessary
- Commentary

We began this session with sharing a “spotlight on your library” – each person would share something, i.e. successful program, etc. about their library. The following libraries shared info: Verona, South Brunswick, North Plainfield, Union, NJSL/TBBC, Matawan-Aberdeen, Sayreville, Warren, West Orange, Bound Brook, Somerville, Oradell, East Brunswick and South Orange.

[Dungeons and Dragons](#) – contact Errol Logan at [heroesjourneyinc@gmail.com](mailto:heroesjourneyinc@gmail.com)

[501<sup>st</sup> Legion](#) for Star Wars costumes/character appearance – for free!  
(try also the Rebel Legion and Mandalore Armor)

Check your local [Barnes and Noble](#) for book display and programming ideas

For tutoring info, contact Daniella Sinai at [DaniellaSinai@gmail.com](mailto:DaniellaSinai@gmail.com). She has used [tutor.com](#), but also look at how this service collaborates with public libraries [here](#) .

**Please note:** additional information from other libraries about programs will be attached separately and filed under “name of the document\_tentoolbox2016”

**2017 TAB Summit** will be held at the East Brunswick PL on April 1, 2017; time to be announced. Contact Jes Schneider for info. Her email is: [JSchneider@EBPL.org](mailto:JSchneider@EBPL.org)

## Other Info

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Keisha shared info on the film, *Screenagers: growing up in the digital age*. The film was screened at a local school sponsored by the Friends of the South Orange Library, in partnership with the newly formed committee in support of school librarians. She was asked to participate on a panel discussion following the film. This film **is not** available for purchase.

As indicated on the website:

*...Because screen time crosses into all aspects of kids' lives, SCREENAGERS is all about bringing people together to experience the movie and have discussions afterwards—discussions that promote lasting change. For this reason, the film is not available for home viewing. We would love to work with you to hold an event for your community. Screenings are **frequently sold out** and they can even be used as a **fundraiser for your school or organization!***

Upcoming screenings in New Jersey can be found [here](#) or by going to <http://www.screenagersmovie.com/find-a-screening/> .  
[YALSA Teen Advisory Board standards](#)

## Commentary

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“As someone who is building YA programs at my library from the ground up, I appreciated hearing so many great programming ideas and found the Teen Librarian Toolbox to be informative and inspiring. The members were really supportive of each other's ideas, which was wonderful, and it was nice to hear so many words of encouragement”

“The Teen Toolbox was great!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I took away so much information, we will be planning our escape room soon...”

“I had a great time and came away with lots of great ideas. Thank you for organizing this event and hosting!”

The next meeting will be on Friday January 20, 2017 at the South Brunswick Public Library:

110 Kingston Lane  
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852  
(732) 329-4000

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm