

NJLA Young Adult Meeting

Friday September 15, 2017

10:00 – 10:15am, coffee & networking,

10:15am – business meeting

Hosting Library: Burlington County Library

2017-2018 Executive Board:

Rosy Wagner, President / Teen Librarian at Burlington County Library System
Keisha M. Miller, Vice President/ Teen Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator at South Orange Public Library
Jes Schneider, Secretary/ Teen Librarian at East Brunswick Public Library
Kristen Churchill, Member-at-large/ Teen Librarian at West Orange Public Library
Maureen Langley, Member-at-large/ Teen Librarian at Franklin Township Public Library

Instagram: @YASSNJLA

Attendants:

Erica Krivopal, Teen Services Librarian/ Piscataway Public Library
Christine Rambo, Youth Services/Teen Librarian/ Mt. Laurel Public Library
Jen Apgar, Youth Services Librarian/ Talking Book and Braille Center
Stephanie Smith, Youth Services Librarian/ Gloucester County Library System
Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist/ NJ State Library
Carolyn Aversano, Teen Services/ Ocean County, Jackson Branch
Emily Mazzoni, YA Supervisor/ Ocean County, Toms River
Megan Dehmelt, Youth Services Librarian/ Burlington County Library, Maple Shape
Melissa Brinn, Reference Librarian/ Ocean County - Barnegat
Sandy Cronce, Young Adult Librarian/ Willingboro Public Library
Saleena Davidson, Young Adult Librarian/ South Brunswick Public Library
Katie Bojanik, Young Adult Librarian/ Somerset County Library System - Warren Library

Total in attendance: 17

Icebreaker: What were you like as a teen?

Board Introductions:

- **What does the YA Section do?**
 - Executive board duties
 - <http://njlamembers.org/content/ya-section-executive-board-member-duties>
 - Primary functions of the section

- GSTBA - not the only thing we do as a section!
- Taking suggestions for ways the section can serve you!
- Conference proposals
- Toolboxes - This year we want to not just focus on new librarianship but on ya librarianship as a whole and professional development for all.

Updates from around the state:

- **Children's Services Section (CSS)**
 - Lenora is section president
 - Pham Condello is vice president
 - Communication is a big goal this year for the section

- **NJ State Library**
 - See the NJ State Library section after Member Updates for Sharon's report.

- **NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**
 - Jen is finding out about the conference room availability for our YA section tour/meeting there.
 - Summer Reading attendance this year was great, 60 participants this year!
 - Oct 14th is their Fall festival at the Grounds for Sculpture
 - Patrons of TBBC can come and participate in workshops
 - Pay to get into the grounds for sculpture (if you aren't a patron)
 - Vendors with different resources on accessibility and technology will be in attendance.
 - For more information visit: <http://www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center/festival/>

- **NJLA Executive Board**
 - **Conference proposals are due Nov 6th to Keisha!!**
 - Emerging Leader Reunion and workshop open to all on **Oct 5th from 10am-4pm** at the Franklin Township Public Library
 - \$35 to attend
 - Registration is due Oct 2nd.
 - Maureen Sullivan speaking in the morning session on leadership
 - For more information: <https://njla.org/content/2017-njla-emerging-leaders-reunion-and-leadership-workshop>

- **LibraryLink NJ**
 - MentorNJ event Friday, Oct 13th 10:15-4pm at Monroe Library
 - For more information: <http://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/programs/networking-event-2017>
 - Registration ends September 29th.

Ongoing Business

- NJLA Conference – May 30th-June 1st, 2018; Harrah's, Atlantic City
 - **Program Proposals are due to Keisha by November 6th**
 - Some advice on proposals:
 - Submit a description exactly as you'd like it to appear on the agenda - limit to 75 words
 - Program Title should be short, interesting, and hopefully catchy
 - Find people you want to work with on the session
 - This year **anyone** can submit a proposal, it doesn't have to be through a section. Proposals will be stronger if it comes through the section but not necessary.
 - Conference theme: **Speak Freely**
 - Conference is Wednesday to Friday - after Memorial Day, for the next 3 years.
 - Potential topics discussed:
 - "Discussion of developing training related to the findings from YALSA's Future of Library Services for and With Teens report"
 - Ask teens what they want to do and let them plan/run events.

Upcoming Teen Librarian Toolboxes:

- Wednesday, October 11th- Mullica Hill Public Library, 10am-1pm
 - Reevaluating Program Ideas (with a bit about reaching out to/connecting with teens)
 - Best practices for hosting large-scale events
 - Online forums for YA Lit/why you should participate
 - Program idea sharing
- Friday, December 8th- Maplewood Public Library, 10am-1pm
 - Reevaluating Program Ideas (with a bit about reaching out to/connecting with teens)
 - Social justice and teen activism programs
 - Changing Library Policies to Support Teens
 - Program Idea Sharing
 - Bring your own lunch or bring \$5 for pizza. No registration necessary.

Youth Services Forum

- Monday, Oct 23rd 8:45am-3pm
- <https://njla.org/content/2017-youth-services-forum>
- YASS section sponsoring:
 - What the Heck is GSTBA - workshopping how to promote GTSBA better

Garden State Teen Book Awards

- Deadline to sign up to be a reader is **October 11th**
 - Maureen and Kristen will be emailing the section but feel free to contact them directly.
 - GSTBANJLA@gmail.com
- Voting for the 23rd Annual ballot is open until December 31st
- Goals for this year:
 - Work more closely with CSS
 - Talking about focusing less on books that skew younger

Member Updates

- The Willingboro Public Library won the Fade to Books Barbershop Grant.
- The Willingboro Public Library also won the ESL grant.
 - The Willingboro Public Library is looking for a part time Children's Librarian.
- The Toms River school system has won the NEA Big Read grant.
 - They will be reading Station 11 for their community read.
 - Toms River Halloween parade will include a Station 11 float for the parade.

Next meeting's ice breaker:

- Post a throwback picture of yourself as a teen to the section's Instagram or bring it to the meeting and we'll guess who is who.
- Bring you picture or send it to one of the executive board for the Instagram account.

Wrap Up

- Snack Sign-Up.
- Next meeting will be October 11th
 - Mullica Hill Public Library
 - Teen Librarian Toolbox # 1



NJSL Report for YA Section Meeting, Sept.15, 2017

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library

Registration Open for the 2017 Youth Services Forum, Monday, October 23, 2017:

The 27th Youth Services Forum will be Monday, Oct. 23, 2017 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. The keynote speaker is children's author Tara Lazar (*7 ate 9*, *The Monstore*, and others). Registration is online only this year. To register and see the program descriptions go to the [NJLA website](#). **The deadline to register is October 13, 2017.** Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Continuing education credits will be available and raffle prizes will be awarded. Handouts and presentations from the sessions will be posted on the NJ State Library website after the Forum. The NJLA Store will be there too, so come prepared to buy lots of great merchandise! Also, bring topics to discuss during the afternoon's unconference. For more information, please contact Project Manager Jen Schureman, jschureman@gcls.org, 856.223.6027, or Project Consultant Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609.278.2640 ext. 116.

2017 Summer Reading Program Statistics:

Please submit your statistics through [Google Forms](#) or go to here for the link: [NJ Summer Reading website](#). If your library keeps track of reading using something different, such as hours or minutes, please convert them to numbers of books using this formula: 1 book = 1 hour (or 60 minutes), 1 book = 100 pages. Please Note: You will not receive summer reading materials for the 2018 program without submitting statistics for 2017's summer reading program. **The deadline to submit your statistics is October 13, 2017.** This is a FIRM deadline because the final report from the statewide program is due at the end of October.

2018 Summer Reading Manuals:

Although the manuals will only be available via online access for all public libraries this year, all public libraries will receive a printed incentives catalog from Upstart/Demco through the statewide delivery service (or through their library system's local courier). You can still purchase items online starting Oct. 1 by going to the CSLP shop page at www.shopcslp.com

Today (Sept. 15th) is the deadline to submit suggestions for 2019 CSLP Manual's Space Theme for all ages: Use the link on the CSLP homepage, or go to this direct link: <https://www.cslpreads.org/draft-online-idea-submission/>

JerseyClicks Changes: Beginning July 1, 2017, JerseyClicks no longer uses Auto-Graphics for database authentication. EBSCO databases on JerseyClicks use geolocation authentication. We also provide library barcode and username/password authentication URLs for EBSCO databases. Currently ReferenceUSA is using a combination of referring URL and library barcode authentication, though by the end of the month they will be using geolocation as well. All of the databases and URLs to add to library websites can still be found at www.jerseyclicks.org.

Other Organizations and Events:

ALA

#TRW17 - Teen Read Week™ “Unleash Your Story” – October 8-14, 2017

If you weren't able to attend the free Teen Read Week™ webinar August 24th, [Graphomania!: A Guide to Hosting Your Library's Teen Writing Contest](#)? Check out the [recording](#) to find tips and ideas on how you can organize a teen writing contest.

Shout out to Pham Condello!

Read all about what her library did with the funding from the YALSA Dollar General Grant in the YALSA blog [here](#).

YALSA's New Teen Literacies Toolkit:

This [toolkit](#) uses the “fake news” phenomenon as an approach to re-examine and discuss culturally-inclusive print and digital literacy strategies that you can use with teens to help them make sense of their world and build a robust set of skills as they prepare to enter college or start careers. Download it [here](#).

BookFest @ Bank Street 2017 – Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, 9- 4 pm

BookFest@ Bank Street is an event devoted to the celebration, discovery and discussion of books for children and teens. BookFest, intended for adults, features some of the most acclaimed members of the children's literature community. Carmen Agra Deedy, author of *The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!* (Scholastic 2017) will deliver the closing keynote speech.

[Register](#) - Price \$80.12

Bank Street College of Education

610 W 112th St

New York, NY 10025

(Registration fills up quickly and space is limited)

Tips for Evaluating Graphic Novels

Junior Library Guild (SLJ's sister company) assistant editor [Wendy Xu](#) created [this wonderful handout on evaluating graphic novels](#). She is a Brooklyn-based illustrator and [comics artist](#). Wendy is also the co-creator of and currently draws the webcomic [“Mooncakes.”](#)

KidLitCon: Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA, November 3-4, 2017

This is an annual conference of people who write about and talk about children's and teen literature, including librarians, authors, teachers, parents, publishers, and readers. Attendees share a love of children's books, as well as a determination to get the right books into young readers' hands. People attend KidLitCon to learn about best practices in evaluating and reviewing books, how and why to become award committee judges, and how to defend and promote the books that kids need and want.

People also attend KidLitCon for the chance to spend time face to face with kindred spirits, other adults who enjoy and care about children's and YA literature. Attendees come away energized, bursting with ideas for programming and projects.

This year's keynote speakers are Rachel Renee Russell, author of the best-selling Dork Diaries series; Pamela Tuck, author of *As Fast As Words Could Fly*, and author/illustrator Floyd Cooper, whose dozens of books depicting African American children and families have won multiple awards and honors. Our own Liz Burns from the NJ State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center and NJ school media specialist Leigh Woznick from the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School are just a few of the presenters.

Highlights: Middle Grade Villains, YA Books in the Classroom, Diversity in Picture Books, and many more exciting topics! KidLitCon is in a different city every year, so this is a one-time-only chance for local librarians to attend without incurring travel costs.

More information on Kidlitcon can be found at: <http://kidlitosphere.org/kidlitcon/>
KidLitCon registration and sponsorship link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kidlitcon-2017-hershey-tickets-36030057873>

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