



**Young Adult Services Section (YASS) 2020-2021
Combined: Children's Services
YASS Business Meeting
ZOOM: Meeting November 20th**

Note: The Zoom meeting was not recorded. - Combined with College & University
9:45 am: Login & Introduction | 10 am: Business Meeting

Section Leadership:

Kate-Lynn Brown, President
Katie Salerno, Vice President
Jenise Sileo, Secretary
Akiema Buchanan, Social Media Manager
Emily Mazzoni, Member at Large
Moria Whittington, Member at Large
Maureen Langley, Past President

Attendance:(27) Liz Kennedy, Melissa Hofmann, Nicole Potdevin, Eric Jeither, Alyssa Valenti, Janelle Bitter, Jen Fitzgerald, Chrintina Conner, Maria Deptula, Heather Dalad, Romel Espinel, Katie Cohen, Hilary Westgate, Brianna LoSardo, Gary Marks, Adriana Mamay, Keisha Miller, Dana Vocht, Janis Werner, Joan Darymple, Steve Shapiro, Bonnie Lafazan, Cara Berg, Kristen Churchill, Teresa Carlson, Kim Lynch, Meghan (Intern)

(13) Jen Apgar, Akiema Buchanan, Rachel Talbert, Kate-Lynn Brown, Emily Mazzoni, Katie Salerno, Jenise Sileo, Akiema Buchanan, Moria Whittington, Maureen Langley, Sharon Rawlins, Erica Deb, Kelli (Intern)

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, November 20, 2020

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

2020 Summer Reading Program Statistics

2020 Children and Teen Totals

Total number of children and teens who participated

(Note: total participation determined by the library, e.g., registration, completion of reading logs, reading goal met: (Active Participants))	Last year	This year
	123,057	35,667

Total number of children and teens who completed the minimum goal

(e.g., read every day, read at least # of books:

(Achieved goal set by library)	76,598	16,602
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Total number of summer library program themed

events for children and teens: (Number of programs offered)	9,397	10,032
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Total number of individuals attending summer library program

themed events for children and teens: (Program attendance)	412	292,958
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2020 Adult Totals- Total number of adults who participated (Note: total participation determined by the library, e.g., registration, completion of reading logs, reading goal met: (Active Participants)	3,301	9,435
Total number of adults who completed the minimum goal (e.g., read every day, read at least # of books: (Achieved goal set by library)	18,553	3,736
Total number of summer library program themed events for adults (Number of programs offered)	8,423	2,000
Total number of individuals attending summer library program themed events for adults (Program attendance)	108,273	47,885
2020 Totals – All Ages		
Total number of participants of all ages who participated (Note: total participation determined by the library, e.g., registration, completion of reading logs, reading goal met: (Active Participants)	146,358	45,102
Total number of all participants who completed the minimum goal (e.g., read every day, read at least # of books: (Achieved goal set by library)	95,151	20,338
Total number of summer library program themed events for all ages (Number of programs offered)	37,820	12,014
Total number of individuals attending summer library program themed events for all ages (Program attendance)	795,685	344,597
Average attendance per program for all ages	21	29
Number of responding libraries	301	276
Customized questions for NJ for 2020 (optional to answer)		
Number of books read by children and teens = 243,850		
Number of books read by adults = 35,053		
Totals for all ages = 278,903		

Comparison between 2019 and 2020 Summer Reading Statistics

Sharon was hoping to be able to compare the results from last year's survey and this year's, since it was the same survey questions, but due to the pandemic, many libraries didn't offer a full summer reading program this year. The numbers that are crossed out represent last year's statistics but due to the pandemic, Sharon doesn't think it's fair to compare them against this year's statistics.



Leap into Science and Transforming Teen Services: A Train-the-Trainer Approach (T3) trainings

Sharon is one of the state leadership trainers for both of these programs and a schedule of the upcoming training will be available soon. Leap into Science training is open to public or school library staff, after school organization staff and educators who want to learn to provide virtual training on STEM activities for children ages 6-10 and their caregivers in NJ urban and rural underserved communities using the curriculum from the Franklin Institute. T3 trainings are for public and school library staff who work with teens and tweens who want to learn more about how to apply Connected Learning (CL) and Computational Thinking (CT) to provide youth with more agency in determining library programming and engage them in the library community while helping them gain valuable life skills.

CARES Act Funding for E-book Collection Creation

Sharon continues to select children's and teen books from Baker & Taylor Axis360 ebook collection of children's, teen and adult e-books for public libraries that the State Library purchased with Cares Act funding. Right now there are only a few multi use e-books in the collection but more will be added over the year. The collection was launched in October.

Current Axis360 libraries can integrate the new content seamlessly into their current mix, and will be contacted by their local Baker & Taylor representative for more information. All other public libraries can simply fill out the following form to get started: <https://bakerandtaylor.tfaforms.net/85>

NJASL Conference Dec. 4-5, 2020

Sharon's proposal called "Nonfiction Works That Highlight Social Justice for Young People" for middle and high school grades that is part of the Social Justice strand of programs was accepted. The session will be held from 2:15-3:00 PM on Saturday, Dec. 5th.

CSLP related information

2021 Incentive Catalog: <https://www.cslnreads.org/cslp-store/>

2021 Summer Reading Manuals now available: Link to access code to log into them (Please do not share this link with the public): Here's the document that has the code:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/191AtTgjDMpiUyXe-96UUSXRDYMMVuYn6m0e-o6kYC4U/edit?usp=sharing>

Other Libraries/Organizations:

YALSA Great Books Giveaway Competition

Applications are being accepted for the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Great Books Giveaway Competition. Each year, for review and nomination purposes, the YALSA office receives approximately 3,000 newly



published books, videos, CD's and audiocassettes from producers and publishers – materials that have been targeted primarily towards young adults. YALSA and the cooperating publishers are offering one year's worth of review materials as a contribution to up to three libraries in need through the Great Books Giveaway Competition. Application deadline: December 1, 2020.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsasgreatbook>

Baker & Taylor/YALSA Collection Development Grant

YALSA is also accepting applications for the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Collection Development Grant program. The program awards \$1,000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually. Application deadline: December 1, 2020.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/bwi>

ALA-YALSA Inaugural Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant

Awarded through ALA/YALSA, the Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant aims to recognize a librarian who has a creative, innovative project that promotes literacy. Examples of literacy include, but are not limited to, digital, media, visual, computer, data, financial, civic/ethical, news, information, multicultural, and cultural. Applicants must work for and with youth (ages 10-19) in a library setting. Library settings include public, university, community college, school, and special. The grant award is \$1,000. Application deadline: December 1, 2020.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/joann-sweetland-lum-memorial-grant>

ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant

The award consists of a \$3,000 grant to assist a library in conducting exemplary and replicable outreach to underserved populations through a new and innovative program or an expansion of work already being done. The ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant is open to any project that seeks to engage an underserved population of children from birth up to the age of 14. Special population children may include (but are not limited to) those who have learning or physical differences, those who are speaking English as a second language, those who are in a non-traditional school environment, those who are in non-traditional family settings (such as teen parents, foster children, children in the juvenile justice system, and children in gay and lesbian families), and those who need accommodation service to meet their needs.

The grant recognizes that underserved populations vary from community to community, and all programs that seek to specifically address concerns in this area are eligible for consideration.

Applications due December 16, 2020. For more information:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/candlewicklighttheway>



Kentucky State Library reached out to a teen intern and asked if she would like to write a blog post for us. Here is her response:
<https://www.bcpl.org/undiscovered/top-10-things-for-teens-to-do-at-the-library-according-to-a-teen/>

NJLA Executive Board:

The NJLA Office is moving, but all calls are being forwarded to Karen Cerra or Jen Brenner during the transition, so there should be no trouble in communicating with the office in the meantime. The Board is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director.

With approximately 45% of the membership submitting votes, Kate Jagers was elected 1st VP/President-Elect and Allan Kleiman was elected 2nd VP for the remainder of the 2020-21 term. Selwa Shamy has been appointed Secretary by the Board for the remainder of the term. Information will be distributed soon about petitions/elections for 2021-2022.

NJASL & NJMD: No updates to report

Leadership Education Committee- Keisha M. Miller / Steve Hrubes Leadership & Education Co-Chairs, 2020-21. If you recently graduated or a new librarian for under 5 years, apply for this program: Emerging Leaders. NJLA link for L&E
<http://njlamembers.org/leadershipeducation>

GSTBA: <http://njlamembers.org/content/voting-information-ballots>

Children's Services Section (CSS)- Garden State Awards- vote today! We need your help to hear from the children of NJ on which books they want to win the Garden State Children's Book Awards for 2021! Follow this link for electronic voting
<http://njlamembers.org/content/voting-ballots>. Voting ends on January 8, 2021! If you have any questions send an email to GSCBACom@gmail.com.

NJLA College and University Section: Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Technology Innovation Award.

Submission Form & Guidelines:

https://www.njla.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46:njla-cusacrl-nj-technology-innovation-award&catid=31:honors-and-awards&Itemid=170

Past Winners: <http://cus.njla.org/category/committees/technology-committee>

NJLA Conference Updates: There will be no NJLA YS Forum this year. Proposals so far we are submitting as sponsored by the YA Services Section
· Teen Volunteering in the Virtual World (regular program)



- Where Have All the Teens Gone? Using Connected Learning to Engage Teens in Programming (double session)
 - Agency, Connection, and Empowerment of Teens through Connected Learning and Computational Thinking (preconference)
 - Supporting & Empowering Our Young Patrons with Culturally Responsive Research Initiatives (regular program)
 - “Let it Go!”: Weeding and Collection Management for Youth Services (regular program) (Checking with panelists to see if they'd also like CSS to cosponsor)
- Co-Sponsoring with RA Roundtable- YA Books for Adults and Adult books for YA

Due to only getting a few proposals in, we are extending the **deadline to Monday, November 23rd by noon.**

YASS is looking for more submissions for NJLA for YA Section to Sponsor

Here are suggested presentation topics:

- Virtual Programming for Teens
- Make and Take Crafts
- Making Online Videos for Youth Services
- Community Care in a Pandemic
- Safe Spaces, Inclusivity, and Teen Services
- Online Gaming and Other Ways to Connect Online
- Navigating Fake News and Social Media for Teens
- Social Activism for Teens

[YASS PROPOSAL LINK FORM](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBNXf6b3nTs0PRQnQjRSFXmpH2DHwsT3A_cK2AXtNPio mxRQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&qxids=7757)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBNXf6b3nTs0PRQnQjRSFXmpH2DHwsT3A_cK2AXtNPio mxRQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&qxids=7757

Social Media updates: Akiema, keep sending her posts, photos and ideas to share.

IMPORTANT: Virtual Library ToolBox: Courageous and Brave Spaces- Dec 18th at 10:00 AM-12PM. Register to take part in this important workshop with Elizabeth Williams Riley. Sponsored by NJLA and New Jersey State Library. Use this link to register online. See you there.

<https://tinyurl.com/y2798smc>

Thank you everyone! Next meeting is the Virtual Library Toolbox on December 18th at 10:00 AM



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