NJLA: Readers’ Advisory Section  
March 15, 2023 3:00pm  
virtual meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Jennifer Larsen – Sayreville Public Library

Rachel Talbert – Parsippany Public Library

Maribeth Fisher – Scotch Plains Public Library

Ebony Reeves – Middletown Public Library

Sharon Rawlins – NJ State Library

Amy Gough – Ocean County Library

Sara Cook – Ocean County Library

Meeting Open: 3:05pm

Conference: June 1-2, 2023 @Harrah’s Atlantic City (no RA programs at preconference May 31)

* Reserved a lobby table for the section, may ask for volunteers at the May meeting

Reminder that section leadership ballots will be out by the end of the month

Suggested use of #NJLAReadersAdvisory on social media

* Members are encouraged to follow/post the hashtag on TikTok, Instagram, and Twitter for book recommendations

Discussion topics:

* Is CoHo massive holds list over?
  + At some libraries, but still popular (especially in digital)
* Noted: 1920s historical fiction is picking up for adults, but WWII is still prolific
* Call for Middle Grade Jewish fiction ideas
* Noted: there is a lack of gun violence material for children (non-YA)
* Maribeth authored a Booklist Backlist feature - “Fashion in Historical Fiction” (March 15th issue)
  + Book display idea, thank you!
* OCL wanted to know if other libraries have experience with PBC Guru (Professional Book Club Guru)

What are you reading?

* Station Eternity by Mur Lafferty
* It Girl by Ruth Ware
* Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
* All of Us Villains by Amanda Foody (YA)
* Nona the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir
  + Gideon the Ninth
* This Is What It Sounds Like by Susan Rogers (NF)
* Money Out Loud by Berna Awat (YA NF)
* Adventures of Amina al-Safira by SA Chakraborty
* Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson
* Yellowface by RF Kuang
  + the author of the Poppy War series, also recommended, but this is not related
* These Infinite Threads by Tahereh Mafi (YA)
* House of Lincoln by Nancy Horan \*\*look for Maribeth’s Booklist review
* Legends and Lattes by Travis Baldree

Next Meeting: May 17th at 3:00 on Zoom

Meeting End: 3:45pm