**NJLA Young Adult Section Meeting Minutes**

**Sept 23, 2011**

**South Brunswick Public Library**

**Members in attendance:** Camille Thompson, Christina Roesl, Rose Schulman, Sandy Hall, Michelle Petrasek, Kate Vasilik, Pham Condello, Emily Chornomaz, Jen Servello, Karen deWilde, Sandi Cronce, Laura Beth Davis, Ann-Marie Aymer, Sue Grotyohann, Julie Tozer, Lynn Mazur, Christi Aldellirri, Sophie Brookover, Kathleen Breitenbach, Sharon Rawlins, Jen Schureman, Saleena Davidson, Lanora Melillo, Pat Vasilik, Carolyn Aversano, Rebecca Klein, Darby DeCicco, Laura Leonard, Susan Conlon, Terri Coss, Liz Burns, Kathleen Gruver

**Updates from around the State**

**Children’s Services Section (CSS)**

Pat Vasilik: CSS is planning a Children’s Librarian Toolbox Workshop, geared to people moving into children’s services. Topics include programming and budgeting. Program is free; bring a brown bag lunch.

Discussion: Should we do a similar program for YA? Possibly partner with Library Link NJ, possibly alternate years with CSS (YA program would be Sept 2013). Laura Leonard noted that BCCLS did a YA Bootcamp workshop like this a few years ago with author visits, and book discussion groups. Saleena Davidson will look into this.

**NJ State Library**

Sharon Rawlins: Youth Services Forum is on Oct 13. Sign up until Oct 3.

Send in stats for summer reading. Deadline is Oct 7.

Statewide hip hop symposium, for teen librarians and teens, is in the works for this June. Location TBD but looking at college campuses in the north and south.

**NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**

Liz Burns: Fall Festival is at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton on Oct 8, will have technology vendors with accessible technology.

Roseanne Parry, author of *Heart of a Shepherd*, will be at NYPL on Nov 12, may be available for school/library visits in the area. Contact Liz for her contact info.

**Statewide Summer Reading**

Sharon Rawlins: The new website should be up by Oct 1. There will be a forum, blog, rss feed, you will have to register and log in. All 2011 summer reading graphics/artwork must come down on any site by Oct 1.

If teens interested in video contest for future summer reading theme, let Sharon know.

**NJLA Executive Board**

Work is being done on the district library model. Members of the public policy committee have been meeting with librarians around the state to introduce and explain the district library concept. While a number of library directors don’t think the model will work for their communities, others are interested—although the general feeling is that with 1/3 mil funding probably dropping this year and next year, that more libraries might become interested in this idea. We don’t want to ask for legislation until we have general support from NJ librarians.

The Virtual Reference Taskforce asked NJLA Board to request additional funding from the State Library to continue Q and A NJ until Dec 30, on a limited basis. The State Library requested that Library Link pick up the funding, and, as announced on the listserv, they have agreed. NJLA must ask libraries to help pay for this service and the Taskforce is working to come up with a process for this. LMxAC has agreed to help collect the monies and write a single check to Library Link once the monies have been collected. The Taskforce is continuing to assess other virtual reference models with the goal that they will have a recommendation to NJLA by the November Board meeting, so that there will be time to put something in place at the beginning of the year—or at least announce that something will be coming soon.

NJLA will launch a first annual appeal to members for funds in November. This is to offset the lower membership and to help NJLA recoup financially. Susan O’Neal has made it her goal to work on increasing membership, especially institutional membership.

The Board approved the proposed Legislative and budget priorities for fiscal year 2012 to 2013.

The Conference will take place this spring, although a location has yet to be determined. The target dates are either May 14-16 or May 21-23, so a little later than usual. This is to give a little more time in between conferences because of PLA in Philadelphia in March.

NJLA is working with Civil Service to update titles and consolidate them. Variants, like Senior Librarian—Children’s, will be dropped.

**LibraryLink NJ**

Sophie Brookover: They will be shutting down the Infolink listserv, but info will be on librarylinknj.com along with discussion forums. Also twitter @librarylinknj and Facebook.

Upcoming webinars:

* Generation Now: Communications and Teamwork in Multigenerational Workplace, Sept 27
* Connecting with Teens in the Library, Oct 4
* Supporting Teen Street Lit Readers, November
* Serving LGBTQ Teens, November

**Member Updates**

Saleena Davidson reported that their summer carnival was a great success, with about 150 kids.

Karen deWilde reported that they had an event and hired Games2U to bring giant hamster balls (see the YouTube video by searching for “hamster librarian”). They paid $250ish for two giant hamster balls.

Samantha Marker thanked the group for responding to her inquiry—thanks to our input, her library now has teen-only hours!

Kathleen Gruver reported that her library did a zombie-themed lock-in this summer, based on Karen deWilde’s zombies vs. humans event. (Karen’s notes are on the wiki.)

Saleena Davidson added that she is planning an end of the world lock-in LARP.

Susan Conlin reported that they did a movie marathon for Harry Potter before the midnight screening, including a Harry Potter filibuster with 15-20 minute time slots for reading. They are planning to do it again at the beginning of summer reading.

Emily Chornomaz reported that they started a homework club, and were pleased to see 18 kids show up to do homework and eat apples! They also had Wondergy do a cool science program: <http://www.wondergy.com/>

Kate Vasilik reported that Piscataway will hold a 20s/30s book club the first Tuesday every month, a retro gaming event in October, and a cassette tape culture program in December. All are invited (to come, to donate, to spread the word) and information is up on Facebook: “Piscataway Public Library.”

Camille Thompson will be on maternity leave Nov-Feb.

**Upcoming Events**

NJLA/NJ State Library Youth Services Forum Oct 13

NY Comic Con Oct 13-16 – Professional Day is on Oct 13

**On-Going Business**

**Garden State Teen Book Awards**

Reader sign-ups are today through October 15, assignments given at November meeting, discussions start January. If you can’t make it you must send comments in advance; the form is available on the wiki. We are keeping track of people who say they’re going to read and don’t; after 2 years of non-response you won’t be able to be a reader anymore. If you can’t read, just let us know and we’ll find a new reader. New readers for this year should email Members-at-Large, Sam (at smarker@mtlaurel.lib.nj.us) or Kathleen (at kgruver@bcls.lib.nj.us).

For more on “reader” responsibilities and the GSTBA, go to the wiki: http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/12189805/Garden%20State%20Teen%20Book%20Awards

**NJLA Conference ideas**

* Volunteering Best Practices Panel Discussion. Request to have large and small libraries on panel.
* Best of Best Books with Liz and Sharon as single session.
* YA author panel. Need dates of conf first. Suggestion to have an author via Skype, as well.
* Teen Advisory Boards. How to start one, how they work, etc.
* Virtual programming. Maybe partner with adult services.
* Collaboration with school librarians. Program from NJASL last year.
* Book buzz panel with publishers promoting fall books.
* Gen X/Gen Y programming. Maybe partner with adult services.
* NYPL discussing their lock-in/scavenger hunt.
* Flemington Library sharing Mediatech Foundation/Gaming-Tech Center.
* YA table: Have a video slideshow on laptop with pictures/video of events and your kids talking about the library.

YA Section Conference Committee: If you are interested in being a panelist for one of our many conference ideas or if you'd like to volunteer to help make the ideas happen as part of the Conference Committee, please email Emily at echornomaz@camdencountylibrary.org.

**TAB Forum**

We are planning a series of four forums where teen advisory boards can gather and exchange ideas. There will be four different regions: Ocean County (Tom’s River branch), Mullica Hill, South Brunswick, and northern location TBD.

Ocean County’s forum is already set for March 3. The other 3 regions will schedule around that time based on room availability.

Potential theme: Heroes of the Library: Carry the Torch for Your Library (Greek mythology/library advocacy/Olympics)

Potentially promote at Teen Advisory Board program NJLA Conference.

Kids will be recognized for public service and leadership. Up to each library to determine who can attend.

Ask local museums, movies, etc for discount coupons for parents.

**Snack Sign-Up**

Michelle Petrasek: berry cobbler

Sandy Hall: bread

Pat Vasilik: something sweet

Rebecca Klein: fruit

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Klein, Young Adult Services Section Secretary