

New Jersey Library Association
Urban Libraries/Diversity & Outreach Sections' Joint Meeting
February 18th Meeting Agenda
North Plainfield Public Library

1. Welcome and introductions - Jessica Trujillo (North Plainfield), Tina Marie Doody (Plainfield), Janet Birchhead (Long Branch), Sharon Rawlins and Mimi Lee (NJ State Library), Cathy Folk-Pushee (Hackensack), Selwa Shamy (Somerset County), Kathleen Melgar and Robert Stewart (Asbury Park), Kyle Craig (Rockaway Township), Tara Kehoe and Mary Kearns-Kaplan (NJ Talking Book & Braille Center), Jill D'Amico (South Brunswick), Chelsea Woods-Turner (New Brunswick), Andrew Luck (Paterson), Pat Tumulty (NJLA), Christy Sayre (LMXAC), Julie Tozer (Camden County), Mary Faith Chmiel (Elizabeth), Rochelle Stern (Trenton PL).
2. Minutes from January 21, 2015 & January 28, 2016 meetings
3. NJLA Conference 2016 – May 16-18– Harrah's, Atlantic City
 - a. Share programs
 - b. Cross promote!
4. Serving at all economic levels / awareness of poverty / working with Assembly
5. Service to ex-offenders / awareness of new legislation
6. Mental health and teen mental health / putting social Workers in libraries -
 - a. Long Branch PL, Community Connects - Social services set up a table once a month and can sign people up for services. A social work intern does hours in the library for people that need help navigating the system. She is from Monmouth University
 - b. Camden PL - Nilsa Cruz-Perez downtown branch has a Rutgers social work Intern that is present 15 hours a week, doing more of a roving service. Drop in. Plus, a Board of Social Services social worker has office hours regularly on Mondays.
 - c. Field work supervisor at Rutgers Camden School of Social Work would be the contact person to request an intern in southern NJ. There may be a field work supervisor at other Rutgers campuses too. Mary Kearns-Kaplan will reach out to the person on the New Brunswick campus.
7. Urban Libraries Summit – let's make it great! - Co-sponsoring with NJ Association of School Libraries. Sat., March 5th at William Paterson University. Forward the email to promote. Here is a link to the flyer: <https://www.smores.com/nem8e>
8. Summer Food Program—Sharon Rawlins
 - a. Partnership with NJ Dept. of Agriculture. If 50% of children in town, up to age 18, are eligible for a free meal through their school then the library can work with their school district, who contracts with a food provider, to schedule food delivery in the summer.

For example, Elizabeth, New Brunswick, Asbury Park, Long Branch, and Neptune all qualify. East Orange Public Library has been doing this already.

9. Grant-finding tool—Cathy Folk-Pushee - Hackensack Public Library
 - a. Proposal to create an online clearinghouse for funding resources. A Google account could be created for this and other shared resources and a link could be placed on the D&O and Urban Libraries page of the NJLA website.

10. Is There an Elephant in the Room? - Will be addressed at the next meeting.

11. Upcoming regular meetings

ULS (third Thursdays):

March 17 location tbd

April 21 location tbd

June 16 location tbd

D&O

March 24 Montclair Public Library

April 21 Plumsted Branch – Ocean County Library