NJLA YA Services Section Meeting (Joint with CSS)

November 7th, 2014

**In Attendance:**

Erica Solomon, President, Piscataway Public Library

Katie Bojanek, Vice President, North Plainfield Library

Megan England, Secretary, Atlantic City Free Public Library

Rosy Henderson, Member At Large, New Brunswick Free Public Library

Michelle Yeager, Member At Large, Cherry Hill Public Library

Saleena Davidson, South Brunswick Public Library

Lanora Melillo, West Orange Public Library

Kathleen Gruver, Burlington County Library System

Linda Tripp, Warren/Somerset County Library

Michelle Petrasek, Hawthorne Public Library

Christi Aldellizzi, Ocean County Library System

Carolyn Aversano, Ocean County – Jackson

Sue Grotyohann, Monroe Township Public Library

Liz Burns, Talking Book and Braille Center

Jen Apgar, Talking Book and Braille Center

Sandi Cronce, Willingboro Public Library

Amy Behr, North Plainfield Public Library

Lauren Antolino, Crawford Public Library

Laura Leonard, Hillsdale Public Library

Karen Mitchell, Highland Park Public Library

Samantha Marker, Mount Laurel Public Library

Ann-Marie Aymer, Summit Public Library

Sophie Brookover, LibraryLinkNJ

Keisha Miller, South Orange Public Library

Karen deWilde, Livingston Public Library

Katie Salerno, Bridgewater Public Library

James Keehbler, Piscataway Public Library (NJLA President Elect, thanks for joining us!)

Maureen Donohue, Piscataway Public Library (Welcome!)

Marisa Hall, Bergenfield Public Library (Welcome!)

**Welcome and Introductions**

**What is the Young Adult Services Section? (**[**link**](http://njlamembers.org/yasection)**)**

**What is the Children’s Services Section? (**[**link**](http://njlamembers.org/chisection)**)**

**Member Updates:**

* Ann-Marie: a senior in high school is holding a series of bullying prevention workshops for younger kids. This kid applied for a grant and got it to build his own curriculum and implement!
* Sandi: Running a 6-month series “Journey on the Underground Railroad”, very successful “tween” program ended up attracting all ages. The presenter is probably willing to travel, so see Sandi for details if you might be interested in booking her.
* Liz: Presenting at YALSA YA Lit Symposium on whose reality gets printed.
* Making sorting hats out of caramel?! Search on YouTube. Very cheap and easy! 60 kids!
* Lanora: Selected as a blogger/writer for StarNet Library, sponsored by ALA starnetlibraries.org
* Keisha: First successful book group, 13 girls! May evolve into a TAB. Collaborated with new school librarian for a meet and greet (chat and chew), gaming, snap circuits, picked their brains. Library featured in USA Today article!
* Laura: Local high school has an 80 minute free period where students and faculty can lead 8-week electives on whatever they want to present. They’re doing a feminist series from all different perspectives. They’re spinning off a strong female book club, based on the Amelia Bloomer list. Don’t give up on getting into the schools! All you need is one good contact.
* Also, participate in NJ Maker’s Day! March 21st, 2015. Site signups are ending very soon.
* Hillsborough Library is doing an author fair – check their facebook page.
* Check out the display of vintage teen books at Monroe Township.
* Megan is presenting at YASLA YA Lit Symposium on balancing your YA LGBTQ collection.
* Rosie: Piscataway VoTech Principal contacted her and offered to bring in Middlesex County librarians to have a meeting at his facility and meet students.

**State Library Update Highlights:**

* YS Forum was a great success. Link to the handouts will be in the minutes.
* NJ State Library Accredited Online High School Degree Program (link)
* SRP program information
  + 2015 teen video challenge, deadline March 6th – create videos to promote libraries, summer reading, and the theme “unmasked”
  + 2015 SRP manuals have been sent out
  + Statistics from 2014 program are available
* Movers and Shakers nomination deadline is today (or next week? The 15th?)
* Full updates will be attached to the same e-mail as the minutes.

**Summer Reading Committee Highlights:**

* Workshops in March: 9th Mullica Hill, 13th Wayne, 23rd Franklin Township (Somerset), 30th Monroe
* Conference proposal for 2015 annual conference: authors and illustrators discussing the concepts of heroes in their works.
* Looking for members! Must be able to commit to attending all four workshop dates in March. [njlasummerreading@gmail.com](mailto:njlasummerreading@gmail.com) if interested.
* Next meeting: December 12th
* Full details will be attached to the same e-mail as the minutes.

**Talking Book and Braille Center**

* Basic info about the TBBC ([link](http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/))
* Program support is also available if you need braille supplies or information
* Applying for services: ([link](http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/#applications))

**LibraryLinkNJ Updates:**

* Who is LLNJ? ([link](http://librarylinknj.org/about-us))
* Check out the recent webinar on Early Literacy – it was excellent! Very practical, easy to implement suggestions. “Beyond Storytime: Creative ways to support early literacy in the library and the home ([link](http://librarylinknj.org/content/beyond-storytime-creative-ways-support-early-literacy-childrens-department-and-home))
* ALL webinars and related materials are archived on the LLNJ website. Same with in-person opportunities. You do NOT have to have signed up for the webinar to access the archive. ([link](http://librarylinknj.org/ce/past-classes))
* Membership meeting is coming December 2nd, registration closes November 21st. Speaker will talk about User Experience, not just on the web, but as a whole library approach. 3 locations around the state! ([link](http://librarylinknj.org/content/librarylinknj-fall-membership-meeting-2014))
* Talk to Sophie anytime you need to! She’s very friendly!

**NJLA Annual Conference Proposals**

* Deadline is November 21st – two weeks!
* #WeNeedDiverseBooks – they’ve been doing a lot of presentations lately. Contact them through weneeddiversebooks.org, or Sophie, Liz, and Megan can contact individual members. CSS has contacted Lee and Low books and they ARE interested in participating. Co-presented by YASS and CSS.
* Library as Incubator Project – Making doesn’t have to mean technology. Sophie can approach them. Check them out online: ([link](http://www.libraryasincubatorproject.org/))
* Member services is putting together a resume review and mock interview program – if anyone is interested in being a mock interviewer, contact Lanora.
* CSS: Cultural Competencies program. CSS has a possible presenter from a Brooklyn Friends organization. He has done presentations for Ocean County. However, he’s SUPER expensive - $5000. Megan will contact Sandra Hughes-Hassell at UNC Chapel Hill as a possible alternate.
* CSS is partnering with the small libraries section to present about partnerships between different types of libraries.
* CSS: LEGO robotics presentation
* YA: Nothing Passive About It – self-directed programs, with passive programs examples set up in the poster area. Megan, Sue, Sandi.
* YA & CSS joint: Book Buzz. Can we get a double session? If so, we can bring in more publishers, including Lee and Low.
* CSS: Nontraditional collections. American Girl Doll lending program with historical information about that time period in NJ. Working with local history organization. Megan can present about circulating makerspace items and board games if needed.
* Mental Health First Aid: Diversity and Outreach section was discussing this as well. This might be a collaboration opportunity. Lots of recommendations for this organization and training. Or this could be a pre-conference proposal.
* Saleena: present about doing your own comic-con. Cherry Hill can collaborate. There were presenters at comic-con this year.
* Sharon & Liz: Best Fiction for Young Adults, Siskel and Eibert style.
* Liz: Contemporary Fiction for grades 6-12. “Get Real: Books beyond John Green and Sarah Dessen”
* Liz: A coworker is presenting “Arms Open Wide: Serving those with reading challenges” – looking for another panelist. Sponsored by Diversity and Outreach, but YASS and CSS are welcome to co-sponsor.
* Lanora knows the author of the graphic novel “Giants Beware” and can put anyone in touch who would like to invite him.

**New Teen Librarian Toolbox**

* South Toolbox: December 12th (Cherry Hill Public Library)
* North Toolbox: February 6th (Louis Bay 2nd Library in Hawthorne)
* Schedule
  + Section Meeting, 10-11am
  + Session #1: 11:15-12:00pm -- Collection Development + B&T
  + Lunch: 12-12:30 -- Bring lunch, or $5 for pizza
  + Session #2: 12:30-1:15 -- Understanding Teens & Gaining Staff Buy-In
  + Session #3: 1:15-2 – Programming
  + Unconference: 2-3pm – 6 five-minute lightning talks followed by open forum/discussion/questions
* We currently have one presenter for each main session, but multiple perspectives are always helpful. If you would like to be a co-presenter on any of the above topics, please contact Megan at [megan.n.england@gmail.com](mailto:megan.n.england@gmail.com) or Michelle Yeager at [MYeager@chplnj.org](mailto:MYeager@chplnj.org)
* Lightning talk ideas:
  + People who have served on YASLA award committees (Liz or Sharon or Sophie have been voluntold!)
  + Benefits, Pensions, HR ideas (more of a conference thing – we should check with other sections)
  + 5-minute budgeting tips
  + 5-minute flyer design
  + 5-minute marketing
  + Creating a TAB (Melissa Brinn + other)
  + 5-minute elevator speech on why teen services matter (Saleena)
  + Collaborating with local schools (Michelle)
  + Everyone bring flyers, small programming items or kits, anything small to share

**TAB Summits**

* 3 years running!
* Always in March
* Need host sites – at least 3 (North, South, Central)
* Need to having meeting space and adequate parking

**Garden State Teen Book Awards**

* List of books will be finalized this weekend. Yay to the committee! It will be sent out on Monday so everyone can indicate which books we’ve already read. Deadline will be Friday to indicate which books you’ve already read.
* Assignments should be out on November 17th.
* Voting is still open for this year’s award!
* Who wants to be the vote collection person who receives the paper ballots? Thanks to Laura for collecting for so many years.

**Reminders about changed meeting dates: (**[**link**](http://njlamembers.org/content/ya-section-news)**)**

No one signed up for snacks! Please bring something to share.