

# Joint NJLA CSS & GSCBA Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2018

9:30 AM - Refreshments

10:00 AM - Meeting

Old Bridge Public Library

## Attendance:

Pham Condello (VP), Lisa O'Shaussey (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Theresa Foster (Secretary), Dana Skwirut (Member-at-Large), Sharon Rawlins, (State Lib.), Glynis Wray

GSCBA Committee members: Juley Rodwogin, Nancy O'Grady, Antonette D'Orazio, Robin Rockman, Dawn Zeig, Amy Behr, Betsy Quinn, Ellen Pozzi

## Welcome:

The meeting was called to Order by Pham Condello at 10:10am. Introductions around the table of CSS & GSCBA members.

## Minutes:

CSS Minutes - December 22, 2017: Pham Condello, Dana Skwirut Seconded.

GSCBA Minutes - October 13, 2017: Glynis Ray, Robin Rockman Seconded.

## Next Meetings:

GSCBA - Next meeting date - February 23, 2018 (snow date - March 9)

CSS - Next Meeting date - Feb. 23. 2018 at 3:00pm (Virtual)

## Updates

NJASL - Betsy Quinn and Antonette D'Orazio presented

- Presentation was well-attended – members came out to support
  - Good feedback on the feedback forms: Antonette and Betsy were asked to present again in the Spring at NJASL (Saturday, March 3)
- Did voting increase as a result? Some increased voting at public libraries, some new schools participated
  - Betsy suggested we adjust timeline that we get annotations and such out by May so that budgets aren't depleted.
  - Antonette suggested we make it easier to find us on the NJLA Members website.
  - Online voting 94.8% came from school libraries – school librarians are more likely to vote using the Google forms
  - Voting process – all online votes count as 1 – is it time to change the formula and process?
  - Time to change poster/logo? Society for Children's Book Writers<sup>i</sup> and Illustrators (SCBWI) might do it for free.

## CSS Report - proposed conference sessions for NJLA 2018

- NJLA Conference approvals were slowly going out as the meeting was in process
- The GSTBA Luncheon was approved

## c) Promoting the Award - Dawn

i) Betsy updated website and online voting

ii) Audra--Pinterest/Social Media presence

## CSS Reports from Sub-Committees:

### Summer Reading (Natalie Cheetham)

- The Summer Reading Committee meeting for January was cancelled due to weather and instead they shared their presentation ideas via e-mail.
- They have contracted with an individual to develop a new website. They'd like to avoid the numerous hacks that occurred during workshop registration in 2017. They are aiming to have the new site up in early February. All users will be required to re-register for the new site before registering for the actual workshops.
- Our new site will go live on February 1st at [www.njsummerreading.org](http://www.njsummerreading.org). You will have to re-register (creating a username and password) for the new site in order to gain access. Registration for the workshops will open on Monday, February 12th @ 10am. Since the initial website registration requires approval, interested participants are encouraged to register for the website before February 12th.

Mark your calendars. The workshop dates are:

- Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library System
- Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Monroe Township Public Library

Doors will open at 9:30am. Workshops will run from 10am- 2pm. Each workshop runs from 9:30am- 2:00pm and is full of inspiring ideas for all ages presented by our committee members.

There will be an incentive swap at each location, so gather up your unwanted incentives to trade.

Our Next meeting is Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset.

- **State Library** (Sharon Rawlins)
  - Please see end of Minutes for Full Report
- **NJLA Executive Board** (Lisa O'Shaussey)
  - No Report
- **Books for Kids**
  - Carol Simon Levin is no longer at SCLS
  - We cannot use statewide delivery anymore (it is only supposed to be used for specifically requested library materials)
  - Can we move forward with this program?
    - No longer have distributing libraries and each library deals with distribution themselves
    - Need a larger committee
  - Books were needed for Holiday distribution, so at this point we can't move forward, work needs to start in Sept/Oct. for holiday distribution
  - Committee is on Hiatus for now

- **Public Policy** (Dana Skwirut)
  - The Public Policy Committee met on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Monroe Township Library. There is a new legislative sessions now that there is a new Governor, which means any bills not voted on in the previous session need to be reintroduced.
  - Two bills pertaining to school libraries have been reintroduced. NJ A1995 would require certain ratios of school library media specialist to students in public schools. Example: 250 students equals 1 part-time library, 500 students equals 1 Librarian and so on.
  - NJ A132 would require information literacy instruction in the curriculum of students in grades K-12.
  - There was a general discussion about joining Future Ready Schools in NJ Task Forces and having librarians on all the Task Forces <http://www.frsnj.org/task-forces>
- **Performer's Showcase** (Jessica Bauer)
  - No report – However we are still seeking volunteers to digitize past years of information. Please e-mail Jessica if you are interested. [jbauer@sclibnj.org](mailto:jbauer@sclibnj.org)
- **NJLA Conference 2018 (5/30-6/1 at Harrah's in AC)**
  - Volunteers needed! Moderators specifically. E-mail Pham if you can help [pcondello@oldbridgelibrary.org](mailto:pcondello@oldbridgelibrary.org)
  - Hotel costs at Harrah's have been lowered for attendees

#### **Children's Section speaker -- Marc Tyler Nobleman**

- Author of Boys of Steel, Bill the Boy Wonder
- He champions the underdog
- Written over 300 books
- Lots of buzz and in the news recently

#### **Conference volunteer tasks/assignments - begin list**

- Form in Google Drive

#### **Promoting the Award** (Dawn Zeig)

- Dawn will push stuff out on Facebook and will send out to NJASL, to CSS to post/e-mail, to Sharon to post on NJYAK
- Have we approached Barnes & Noble to advertise the award? This also came up at the Garden State Teen Book Award meeting as well.
- Betsy updated website and online voting
  - Online voting worked really well
- Audra Pinterest and Social Media
  - No Update
- GSCBA would like a table at the YS Forum. They asked Sharon to include them for the Oct. event.
- There was a discussion about finding sponsors to sponsor the cost of the Luncheon speaker. Speakers average \$2000 or more and often have to be negotiated down.

#### **GSCBA winners announced**

- **Non-Fiction**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Gingerbread for Liberty (12pts)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hippos are Huge (10pts)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – I'm Trying to Love Spiders (9pts)
- **Fiction**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Roller Girl (27pts)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – The War That Saved My Life (15 pts)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eva Sees a Ghost / Fish in a Tree (14pts each)

- **Early Readers**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – I Will Take a Nap (48pts)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Prince Fly Guy (26pts)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Amelia Bedilia/Ballet Cat (7pts)
- **Series**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Old School (50pts)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Captain Underpants – Sir Stinks-a-Lot (30pts)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Baby Mouse – Bad Baby Sitter (15pts)

### **Good of the Order**

- If you are a member of an ALSC – please vote for **Ellen Pozzi**, she is on the Ballot to read for the Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal
- After the GSCBA meeting, members of the CSS Section met to have a general discussion about elections and how to get new members.
  - There was a discussion about getting more attendance at meetings.
  - Many members are very active in other sub-committees Summer Reading, GSTBA, and Performer’s Showcase which have their own meeting commitments
  - There was a discussion about changing the roles of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Members-at-Large to have a stronger presence in our very popular sub-committees: Summer Reading, GSTBA, and Performer’s Showcase.



### **NJSL Report for Joint CSS Executive Board Meeting, January 26, 2018**

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

### **2018 Best Practices in Early Literacy Award – Apply Now!**

The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian’s Breakfast at the 2018 NJLA Conference at Harrah’s in Atlantic City.

To apply, please go to the [NJ State Library’s website](#) to find the links to the application form and award guidelines on the page. The **deadline to apply is Monday, March 5, 2018**. In 2017, the Best Practices in Early Literacy, Multicultural Program and Innovative Partnerships Awards were all included in one brochure called the New Jersey State Library Awards. Please visit the following [webpage](#) and click on Award Brochures, then on New Jersey State Library Awards for more information about the 2017 winners or Best Practices in Early Literacy for the previous years’ winners.

Those who applied last year but did not win can re-apply with the same program as long as it was held within the past two years. Libraries who have won twice previously are not eligible to apply. Please

contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, at [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116 if you have any questions.

### **Early Literacy Workshop, February 26, 2018 – Waiting List Only**

Free early literacy workshop, sponsored by the State Library, for public library children's librarians or public library staff who work with young children called *Play Your Way to Literacy and STEM Workshop* led by Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen of *Mother Goose on the Loose*, will be held on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 from 10 am – 4:30 pm at the Old Bridge Public Library. [Register here](#)

### **CSLP – 2018 Summer Reading Manuals – Reminder that all libraries are only getting online access to the manuals**

I've had a number of people contact me to ask where their manuals are. All public libraries should have received a packet through the statewide delivery system in late October or early November that contained a cover letter explaining that they would only get the 2018 summer reading manual online for next year. The packet also contained printed instructions for accessing the online manual, a printed Upstart incentives catalog, and a flyer from Scholastic with discounted book titles for 2018's summer reading program. The packet's label was addressed to "Summer Reading Coordinators." Please check that you received it. CSLP has created a helpful YouTube video [https://youtu.be/9y\\_o1DAvCEk](https://youtu.be/9y_o1DAvCEk) on accessing the online manual, which has improved its searchability for the 2018 manual.

### **Other Organizations:**

**Scholastic's Kids and Family Reading Report:** <http://oomscholasticblog.com/post/2017-holiday-gift-guide-children-s-books-all-ages>;

Under downloads on this page, it includes the report to download of a survey of US parents and children about their attitudes and behaviors around reading books for fun.

### **ALA**

### **Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant Accepting Applications (Shared at last month's meeting and again this month)**

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant committee is now accepting applications for 2018 grant recipients. Every year, the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of the American Library Association receives extra copies of books under consideration for the 2018 awards, including a full set of the 2018 winning titles for the Coretta Scott King Book Award. The grant provides books by African American creators to organizations that provide educational services to children and are looking to expand their book collections, especially underfunded organizations (libraries, schools, and more).

If you are interested in applying for the grant or know someone else who might be, please help us spread the word! The application process is open through **January 31, 2018**, and the official press release announcing the grant is located at this link: <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/11/applications-sought-2018-coretta-scott-king-book-donation-grants>. To learn more about the grant and to apply, visit <http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/ckbookawards/bookgrant>

CSS Section Meeting – Jan. 26, 2018 – Additional Updates from the NJ State Library – Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)

Chipotle coupons available again for the 2018 Summer Reading Programs. Interested libraries must fill out the online application found here [www.chipotle.com/reading](http://www.chipotle.com/reading) by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The State Library of Iowa has presented webinars for early literacy, children's, teens and adults on the CSLP 2018 summer reading manuals. If you are interested in watching these webinars, here's the link to the archives:

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/conted-ials/archives-webinar>

Amanda Struckmeyer, the CSLP Children's and Early Literacy manual editor has produced webinars for the two CSLP summer reading manuals. You can view these at your convenience by going to the CSLP website and clicking on 2018 Manual Webinars or by going directly to: <http://shopcslp.com/cslp/pages/webinars>

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