

**NJLA Children's Services Section Meeting w/ Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2017 @ 3:00pm  
Meeting Held through Adobe Connect**

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

**Lanora Melillo:** Okay, we are going to start. Hi everyone. Thank you for joining us this afternoon. This meeting is scheduled to start from 3pm to 4pm

**Lanora Melillo:** If we need to have a continued conversation, I will try to have another one later this month.

**Melis:** My name appears as Melis due to an autocomplete fail. It's Melissa Mitchell.

**Approval of Minutes from 9/15/17**

**Lanora Melillo:** I need two people to approve our minutes from last month. They should be up to date on the NJLA website.

**Pham:** I approve

**Candace Worrell:** approve

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you.

**Old Business**

**Lanora Melillo:** Do we have any leftover business? I kind of left Officer Duties on there by accident, but that can fall under Old Business

**Pham:** Nope.

**Meeting Dates for next year**

**Lanora Melillo:** If not, I wanted to go over the dates for next year. I created a PDF flyer which will go out over this meeting. But- just to follow up

**Lanora Melillo:** Wednesday, Nov. 8 - 10am Joint meeting with YASS

**Lanora Melillo:** Is our next meeting

**Lanora Melillo:** at the NJ State Talking Book and Braille Center

**Lanora Melillo:** Our following meeting is our NJLA Children's Services Toolbox

**Lanora Melillo:** Friday, Dec. 15 – 10am. I just got it approved for CE credits and we will be having two speakers

**Pham:** Yay!

**Lanora Melillo:** Early Intervention in New Jersey Featuring Carmela Balacco, M.Ed. Director of Family Support FAMILY LINK, REIC

**Lanora Melillo:** Collection Development Featuring Danielle Cesena, MLIS Children's Librarian Glen Rock Public Library

**Lanora Melillo:** I will be e-mailing Melissa from NJLA to get started on registration. We were not approved for funding since it's a free event

**Cynthia Becker:** Sounds good

**Sharon Rawlins:** Is it bring your own lunch?

**Lanora Melillo:** It is not. It's just a half day workshop

**Sharon Rawlins:** Okay. Thanks.

**Sophie Brookover:** Looks great!

**Lanora Melillo:** We will be having a follow up meeting Friday, Dec. 22 - 3pm Online - General Meeting

**Lanora Melillo:** This will be a very short meeting just to touch base

**Lanora Melillo:** We also created a "song share" doc on google doc

**Lanora Melillo:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xE5JdcjJlmdLQ9JUx-le5AQ3erC1vfCAPxmQITmyDYs/edit?usp=sharing>

**Lanora Melillo:** If you would like to add songs or check out what has been added

**Sharon Rawlins:** Cool! That's great and very useful, especially since 2018 is a music theme for summer reading

**Lanora Melillo:** We have quite a few added already. Thank you to everyone who added their favorite

**Pham:** Yes!

**Lanora Melillo:** I figured it'd help those of us that are a bit shy (like me) when it comes to singing

**Lanora Melillo:** do it via internet than in person

**Cynthia Becker:** It is a great idea

**Lanora Melillo:** Someone suggested it during the last meeting. I'm sorry I don't remember who

**Lanora Melillo:** After this meeting, I will e-mail the PDF with all of the dates for next year.

**Lanora Melillo:** We will be having a couple of joint meetings with other sections as well.

**Lanora Melillo:** I think I have everything that needed to be discussed....

### **NJLA Annual Conference**

**Lanora Melillo:** Pham, would you like to discuss the conference?

**Pham:** Absolutely.

**Pham:** Hey everyone!

**Pham:** The theme this year is "Speak Freely" and I am still looking for presentation ideas

**Pham:** Right now I have seven presentations already

**Pham:** ranging from Sensory story times for children with special needs

**Pham:** to movement and yoga, homeschooling/un-schooling and alternatives to summer reading logs

**Pham:** if you would like to present, you have until November 7 to email me your proposal

**Pham:** Any questions or comments on what you would like to see/need?

**Lanora Melillo:** Pham, someone did contact me from the YASS group

**Sophie Brookover:** Ebony Thomas was one of our panelists on an Intellectual Freedom panel last year & was really great

**Pham:** Great!

**Sophie Brookover:** Her true area of expertise is in fantasy & sci-fi

**Lanora Melillo:** about doing a panel on tech related events in relation to social justice i.e. girls who code

**Pham:** That's my favorite

**Pham:** I'll reach out to her to see what she can do

**Sophie Brookover:** I was thinking a panel on genre fiction would be good & well-received

**Pham:** Ok Lanora. I'll get the information from you later

**Lanora Melillo:** I did tell her to contact Sophie as well, but I'm not sure if she did

**Sophie Brookover:** It could be a crossover w/the RA RoundTable

**Pham:** There are also a few diversity panels that I am working on but nothing concrete yet

**Dana Skwirut:** I was going to talk about it later but Intellectual Freedom committee is looking at an intellectual freedom in youth services session for conference

**Sharon Rawlins:** Funny, that's what Liz and I have been talking about proposing for YASS! Sophie do you want to join us?

**Sophie Brookover:** Two questions: 1) who is contacting me, Lanora? I want to make sure I'm keeping an eye out for us

**Pham:** That would be amazing!

**Pham:** Yes

**Candace Worrell:** yes

**Sharon Rawlins:** Yes.

**Melis:** I don't know if Conference is the time to do it, but I'd like to know how to modify our existing programs to be special-needs friendly

**Terri Fox-Cavalier:** Yeah I love the modifying programs idea

**Terri Fox-Cavalier:** I have been trying to figure that one out a lot lately

**Pham:** Modifying idea is great!

**Lanora Melillo:** @Sophie - Megan Dehmelt Youth Services Librarian at the Maple Shade Branch of the BCLS

**Sharon Rawlins:** Genre related, yes.

**Lanora Melillo:** For this panel Sophie - she has been talking to Doug Baldwin and myself

**Sharon Rawlins:** It's less of titles and more about what is fantasy and genre cross overs and what's magical realism versus contemporary with magic

**Lanora Melillo:** I believe so

**Lanora Melillo:** We're trying to get her to narrow down the topic a bit

**Lanora Melillo:** great, thanks

**Lanora Melillo:** Pham - it looks like you got a lot of great ideas and inputs! yay!

**Pham:** If anyone else has something to add let me know. [Phamcondello@gmail.com](mailto:Phamcondello@gmail.com)

**Pham:** Yes! Thanks everyone!

**Candace Worrell:** I would love to see an intellectual freedom/social justice presentation

**Sharon Rawlins:** Different from the one last year?

**Candace Worrell:** I'm thinking more tied into current events and the rights of the children

**Candace Worrell:** less on the books

**Pham:** Maybe we can do a specific one centered around the importance of social justice and children

**Sophie Brookover:** Ok, update from my inbox that I know everyone was breathlessly anticipating: nothing from Megan yet; please let her know I'm happy to hear from her anytime if I can be of assistance!

**Sophie Brookover:** Sharon & Liz, I will email you

**Sharon Rawlins:** @Pham. Sounds look

**Lanora Melillo:** Okay, I'll reach out to her and CC you as well.

**Colleen Afrime:** I like Candace's idea

**Lanora Melillo:** @Sophie

**Sophie Brookover:** @Lanora, perfect

**Sharon Rawlins:** @Sophie, great!

**Sharon Rawlins:** "good" I meant.

**Sophie Brookover:** I love this social justice & children topic possibility

**Liz Burns:** good

**Sophie Brookover:** particularly the angle re: children's rights

**Lanora Melillo:** Okay. Does anyone have anything else they'd like to add regarding the conference?

**Lanora Melillo:** Pham - what is your deadline?

**Pham:** I was on the one last year with Sharon, and I may be presenting on another topic, but if someone wants to present let me know.

**Pham:** November 7. I need to get it to the conference committee by 11/10

**Colleen Afrime:** OOH a new book came out about kids reading banned books after a book is banned from there school library ... maybe there's a tie-in in there?

**Sharon Rawlins:** Definitely

**Melis:** That sounds like a great book

**Cynthia Becker:** I was curious if it can include mentoring children, particularly if they come to the library without their parents?

**Sophie Brookover:** This sounds like maybe it's a preconference idea?

**Candace Worrell:** Now we just need someone to present on it!

**Pham:** Yes. I definitely think so, because of how meaty and important the conversation is. I don't think we had enough time last year to really say what was needed to be said

**Pham:** Ha! I can always be on the panel.

**Pham:** Ok. Does anyone else have anything to add?

**Sophie Brookover:** For the panel/preconference on children's rights & social justice, someone who leaps to mind is Julie Jurgens, from Arlington Heights Library in IL

**Pham:** Thanks Sophie. I'll make a note of it

**Sophie Brookover:** I'll email you her contact information, Pham. She presented a webinar for us a few years back & is great

**Pham:** Perfect

### **Reports: Summer Reading**

**Lanora Melillo:** Okay, I think we are good to move onto the subcommittees.

**Lanora Melillo:** Is anyone here from Summer Reading?

**Pham:** Thanks everyone!

**Lanora Melillo:** If not, I have their report

**Lanora Melillo:** The Summer Reading Committee met at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset on Friday, September 29th @ 10am.

**Lanora Melillo:** "We discussed our plans to move and update the website. Due to the costs of a new site, the committee will regretfully not be able to sponsor an author/illustrator at the NJLA conference this year. However, we are looking for alternative presentations to co-sponsor."

**Lanora Melillo:** "Also discussed were plans to update and improve the Performer's List on our website, and different ways to rejuvenate our March workshops."

**Lanora Melillo:** "The dates and locations for the workshops are:

- Monday, March 12 at the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 16th at the Mullica Hill Branch of the GCLS

- Monday, March 19th at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 26th at the Monroe Township Library
- Registration for the workshops will open on Monday, February 5th."

**Sharon Rawlins:** Probably will co-sponsor with urban libraries on A drum circle.

**Lanora Melillo:** "Several members of the committee are meeting in late October to ship out materials for the manuals, and our next formal meeting is Friday, December 15th at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset @ 10am."

**Lanora Melillo:** "We welcome all questions, comments, or suggestions to [njlasummerreading@gmail.com](mailto:njlasummerreading@gmail.com)"

**Sharon Rawlins:** Same day as your meeting :(

**Lanora Melillo:** Yes, it happens. I am hoping to make all the materials discussed accessible to CSS

**Lanora Melillo:** Since, Sharon is here - Sharon would you like to share updates from the state?

### **Reports: State Library (\*\*Full Report at End of Transcript\*\*)**

**Sharon Rawlins:** Sure. I sent you a report so I won't repeat it but I'm trying to get all the statistics together from summer reading so I can order next summer's incentives. Lots of begging emails to libraries that haven't submitted them.

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you, Sharon

**Sharon Rawlins:** To follow up on Natalie's report, the CSLP manual is online for next summer and it's accessible now. But, I'm sending out the instructions in the packet at the end of Oct.

**Sharon Rawlins:** Sent out a save the date for early literacy workshop with Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Mother Goose on the Loose for Feb. 26, 2018 at Old Bridge PL. It will be free.

**Candace Worrell:** I love free!

**Pham:** And we have plenty of parking!

**Cynthia Becker:** Which I'm excited about

**Pham:** And good restaurants nearby

**Sharon Rawlins:** Other than that, in middle of things and just getting ready for Monday's YSF.

**Candace Worrell:** will it be all day, Sharon?

**Sharon Rawlins:** Yes, it's from 10 - 4 or 4:30.

**Sharon Rawlins:** Budget doesn't allow for State Library to pay for food so will have to brown bag or go to the great Thai restaurant nearby.

**Lanora Melillo:** Sounds great. I am hoping to send my children's librarian.

**Sharon Rawlins:** That's it for me. More to come in future meetings.

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you.

**Sharon Rawlins:** @Lanora. Great! There's probably going to be a limit - maybe 60 people but I have to verify that.

### **Reports: GSCBA**

**Lanora Melillo:** Do we have anyone from the Garden State Book Awards?

**Lanora Melillo:** I did not get an update, but I do know that the Children's and Teens are currently going over what to do about overlaps

**Candace Worrell:** I can speak

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you Candace

**Candace Worrell:** GSCBA met last Friday in Old Bridge

**Candace Worrell:** They figured out the upcoming titles

**Candace Worrell:** Voting for the 2018 ballot is going on RIGHT NOW

**Candace Worrell:** so if you haven't looked to participate, please do so

**Candace Worrell:** You can participate in a number of ways

**Candace Worrell:** by running a full scale competition within your library

**Candace Worrell:** or you can just check your stats and submit the ones with the most

**Candace Worrell:** Info is on their website

**Lanora Melillo:** Candace, can you share the link? Thank you

**Candace Worrell:** <http://njlamembers.org/content/garden-state-childrens-book-awards>

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you

### **Reports: Books for Kids**

**Lanora Melillo:** For books for kids:

**Lanora Melillo:** If you participate, Books for Kids has mailed out the literature. Carol Levin. I will be at the CSS youth services forum on the 23rd with extra packets. All of the literature is also on the Njla website.

**Lanora Melillo:** <https://njla.org/books-for-kids>

### **Reports: Public Policy**

**Lanora Melillo:** Next, we have Public Policy

**Lanora Melillo:** Dana, would you like to update us? If not, I can share what you e-mailed me

**Dana Skwirut:** I can share

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you

**Dana Skwirut:** The New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act will be a public question in the General Election on November 7. If passed, the state will issue bonds up to \$125 million that will be used to fund grants for public libraries that in turn will be used toward construction projects. While it's true we cannot advocate for this during library time, we can and are encouraged to tell friends, family, and other voters to vote yes on personal time. Additionally, libraries can inform the public about the question and post information to their websites. For more details and information on how to get involved, visit <http://njlibrariesbuildcommunities.org/>.

**Dana Skwirut:** Intellectual Freedom Committee is interested in doing a panel at NJLA about intellectual freedom in youth services

**Lanora Melillo:** The Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee is gathering suggestions for conference proposals. One topic suggestion is Intellectual Freedom in Youth Services. If anyone is interested in joining forces and participating, contact T.J. Lamanna at [tlamanna42@gmail.com](mailto:tlamanna42@gmail.com)

**Sophie Brookover:** I think it's a great idea; do we have any further details on the specific angle for that panel?

**Dana Skwirut:** as of last week, it was literally that topic

**Dana Skwirut:** so I would say get in touch with TJ

**Sophie Brookover:** ok!

### **Reports: Performer's Showcase**

**Lanora Melillo:** Okay, now for the performer's showcase. Before Jess gives her update, I wanted to discuss something that I brought up with her and run it by CSS

**Lanora Melillo:** Jess is in the process of trying to create a digital archive; however, she is doing this all herself. Are we allowed to ask general CSS members to help or do they need to be part of the Performer's Showcase subcommittee?

**Sharon Rawlins:** I thought they had to be a part of the subcommittee.

**Colleen Afrime:** Could they ask for new members specifically to work on that subcommittee?

**Lanora Melillo:** Could we pool in members to just join for this project

**Candace Worrell:** If they volunteer to help, wouldn't they then be joining the subcommittee, essentially?

**Lanora Melillo:** Yes, and no...

**Lanora Melillo:** They would only be working on that project

**Colleen Afrime:** Does Performers Showcase have their own bylaws?

**Lanora Melillo:** That I don't know. Jess? I think she is here. I just know they only have about 4 members

**Lanora Melillo:** The project is much too large for 4 members

**Jessica:** I have not seen bylaws.

**Jessica:** It is myself and 4 members

**Lanora Melillo:** So, my thought would be...we pool together maybe a mini-group to join just for this project

**Lanora Melillo:** or is that not allowed?

**Sophie Brookover:** You might be able to establish a task force for it

**Sharon Rawlins:** If there's no bylaws you probably can do it, but might have to ask Pat Tumulty first.

**Lanora Melillo:** Thanks. I'll run it past her. I just wasn't sure 100%

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you Sophie and Sharon

**Lanora Melillo:** Jess, I'll e-mail you and we can discuss it before I e-mail Pat

**Theresa Foster:** Our By-Laws include the Performer's Showcase Committee and as long as the committee is made up of CSS members, it should be no problem.

**Lanora Melillo:** Theresa, thanks!

**Jessica:** Showcase is in less than two weeks, on Nov 2nd Registration is up on the NJLA website

<https://njla.org/content/2017-performers-showcase>

**Sharon Rawlins:** Jess, are the performers mostly geared for children or are there family or YA geared performers too?

**Jessica:** Performers are all for children/families with children

**Sharon Rawlins:** @Jessica. Thanks.

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you, Jess.

### **Good to the order**

**Lanora Melillo:** We only have about 5 minutes. Does anyone have anything else they would like to add?

**Pham:** Nope. Thanks everyone!

**Jessica:** I had a few questions

**Jessica:** Where can we advertise? Listservs? Facebook page?

**Jessica:** And, Can it be approved for CE credits?

**Lanora Melillo:** Yes. Do you have access to our Facebook page still?

**Jessica:** I haven't tried to get on the Facebook page, but I will post if I am getting permission.

**Lanora Melillo:** @Jess Okay. I'll see if I can adjust that for you.

**Lanora Melillo:** @Jess if not then I can add it.

**Jessica:** Last thing: I would like to create a logo for next year and redo our page on the NJLA website. I also want to change the way we find performers. We can talk about this at our next meeting. Please put it on the agenda.

**Lanora Melillo:** Yes, I'll add it

**Lanora Melillo:** Please feel free to e-mail as well Jess

**Melis:** CSS Meeting Schedule Lanora sent has a logo...

**Lanora Melillo:** I do have a logo if you want to use that one

**Lanora Melillo:** It's on our Facebook page

**Jessica:** Performers' Showcase logo I mean

**Lanora Melillo:** But, if you want to make another one, I can either create one for you or you can do it yourself

**Liz Burns:** I just wanted to say TBBC is looking forward to the Nov meeting and if anyone has any questions ahead of time, let me know

**Lanora Melillo:** @Liz, thank you for hosting!

**Liz Burns:** also if there is something in particular you want to see etc

**Melis:** I just wanted to ask how we can get the transcript of the meeting?

**Lanora Melillo:** @Melissa I think we get that from our host Alyssa

**Theresa Foster:** I've requested a transcript and once the minutes are done will post it on NJLA Members with our regular minutes

**Alyssa Valenti:** I will email the transcript to Theresa :)

**Michael Maziekien:** Just one update from executive board that I don't believe has been covered: NJLA Executive Board just voted to approve statement on Privatization created by the Public Policy Committee...

**Michael Maziekien:** And also I will be at Youth Services Forum Monday and I hope I'll see you there!

**Pham:** Thanks for the update Mike.

**Sophie Brookover:** That's great, thanks, Mike!

**Lanora Melillo:** @Michael - Thank you!

**Sharon Rawlins:** YAY! So glad so many of you are able to be there.

### **Adjournment**

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you everyone for joining us today

**Lanora Melillo:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 8 – 10 am Joint meeting with YASS the NJ State Talking Book and Braille Center



### **NJSL Report for CSS Executive Board Meeting, October 20, 2017**

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

### **CSLP Newsletters and 2018 Manual Information**

As the State Rep for the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) I try to share information of interest to all the public libraries in NJ, since all of you are members of CSLP, whether you are using the materials or not.

You won't be receiving a 2018 *Libraries Rock* print summer reading manual this year, only online access to it through the [CSLP website](#). I will let you know when the manual is live and provide instructions via this listserv on how to access it online. The print incentives catalogs for CSLP will be sent to you through the statewide delivery service at the end of October, along with the instructions for accessing the online manual. You can also start ordering 2018 incentives now, by logging into the [CSLP website](#) and clicking on SHOP or by going directly to <http://shopcslp.com>



We have created an online tutorial to show you how to use the online manual.

Using the new Searchable Online Manual:

<https://youtu.be/jfSMdhsaqw8>

One to make it easier for you to log into the online manual:

Creating a log in for the Online Manual:

<https://youtu.be/o1dC0ap8vSM>

I've been remiss in not sending out the link to the September newsletter because the October newsletter is already out. We are trying to communicate better with you to share information about what CSLP's doing. The [CSLP website](#) archives these newsletters as well. Here are the links to September's (View as a [webpage](#)) and October's ([View as a Webpage](#)) newsletters. You can also subscribe to the newsletter directly through our MailChimp account with your email address by going to the CSLP homepage or by using this direct link: <http://eepurl.com/cYq7o1>

### **SAVE THE DATE: Early Literacy Workshop, February 26, 2018**

Early literacy workshop for public library children's services librarians conducted by 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. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

### **Other Organizations:**

#### **Sharon Draper at Princeton Public Library, Oct. 24, 2017**

Sharon Draper, the five-time Coretta Scott King Book Award-winner and former National Teacher of the Year recipient will be at Princeton Public Library [on Tuesday October 24, 2017 at 6 pm](#).

As one of the community partners in Princeton University's Princeton & Slavery Project, the library is presenting a series of programs this fall. The centerpiece of this series at the library is this appearance by Ms. Draper. She will discuss her historical novel for young adults, "Copper Sun" which is the story of 15-year-old Amari, whose happy life with her family in Ghana is destroyed when she is stolen from her village, imprisoned, and ultimately taken to America and sold into slavery.

The Princeton & Slavery Project investigates Princeton University's historical involvement with the institution of slavery. For more information and listing of additional events please visit [slaverysymposium.princeton.edu](http://slaverysymposium.princeton.edu)

Admission is free. Seating will begin [at 5 pm](#) in the library's Community Room on the first floor. The talk will [start at 6 pm](#). Copies of "Copper Sun" will be sold after the talk. The library is located at [65 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ](#). For more information call [609-924-9529](#) or visit [www.princetonlibrary.org/](http://www.princetonlibrary.org/)

### **Apply for the Miss Rumphius Award!**

The New Jersey Center for the Book is currently seeking nominations for its Miss Rumphius Award.

Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's wonderful book, *Miss Rumphius*, which won the National Book Award in 1983, this Award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are stellar in spreading ideas and literacy.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, November 6, 2017.** The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian, library staff member, certified educator, or teacher assistant, and must have developed creative activities to enhance learning and literacy. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and able to be replicated by other librarians and educators.

The nominee must be willing to help produce her or his program for other classrooms and/or libraries. A monetary amount of \$200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient in 2018. The nomination shall include: the full name of the nominee and the place of employment; shall describe the activity or program in complete detail; shall describe the setting in which it takes place; shall indicate the collaborative aspects; shall indicate the innovative aspects of the program or activity and indicate how it can be replicated; shall include the full name and title of the nominator with address, email, phone number and fax number; shall include a letter of support from an administrator, from a former or current student, from a client or patron, or from a member of the staff..

Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the Miss Rumphius Award to Carol Phillips ([carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com)).

If you have any questions, contact Carol Phillips, ([carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com)).