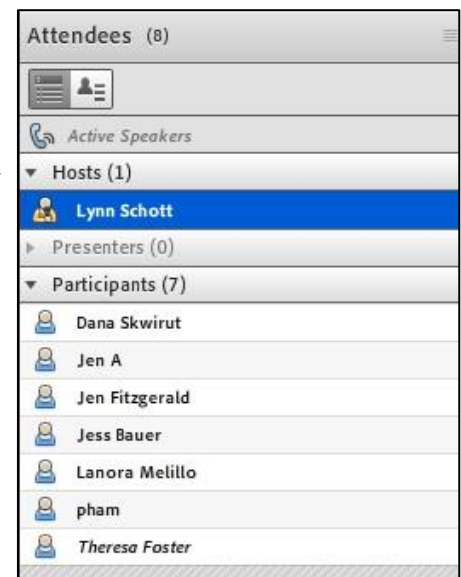


**NJLA Children's Services Section Meeting w/ Executive Board
Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2017 @ 3:00pm
Meeting Held through Adobe Connect**



Welcome and Call to Order

Lanora Melillo: I do not think Lisa is joining us.

Lanora Melillo: We will start exactly 3pm since we only have an hour

Lanora Melillo: Okay, let's start. Good afternoon everyone. Thank you everyone for joining us today for our last meeting of 2017!

Approval of Minutes from 11/8/17

Lanora Melillo: I have quite a bit of things to go over, but before that can I get approval for last month's meeting?

Lanora Melillo: Thank you again for those who did attend and help run it with my grandmother passing. I couldn't attend.

Jen Fitzgerald: Sorry to hear that Lanora. I wasn't at the last meeting either so I can't approve...

Pham: Approve

Theresa Foster: I sent out the Minutes

Lanora Melillo: Thank you, Pham. Anyone want to second? Jen - it's just the minutes.

Dana Skwirut: I can second

Lanora Melillo: Great, thank you!

Meeting Dates for next year

Lanora Melillo: So our meetings for next year are the following:

- Friday at 10am Jan. 26 at Old Bridge - Joint meeting with Garden State
- Friday Feb 23 - online at 3pm
- Friday, March 16th at 12:30pm (brown bag) - after summer reading workshop Mullica Hill Branch at Gloucester County Library System
- Friday, April 27th at the Elizabeth Public Library (main branch)
- Friday, May 18th at 3pm (online)
- Friday, June 15th at 3pm (online)

Lanora Melillo: Should have put them in separate. Theresa, I think you have them, right?

Theresa Foster: Yes.

Lanora Melillo: Great. Any questions about the meetings?

Lanora Melillo: Pham is running the one in Jan.

Pham: Yes!

NJLA Annual Conference

Lanora Melillo: Okay, let's move on to the conference. There is nothing to share now. Pham when do we find out what's been accepted?

Pham: Sometime in January. We submitted nine and a brown bag luncheon

Pham: I'll let everyone know an update at the next meeting

Lanora Melillo: I can't wait to find out!

Pham: Me too!

Lanora Melillo: Thank you!

Pham: Anytime

CSS Toolbox

Lanora Melillo: Okay, moving on to the toolbox...

Lanora Melillo: NJLA CSS Toolbox - Follow Up

Lanora Melillo: We had 13 attendees including the speaker

Lanora Melillo: Carmela Balacco from Family Link NJ spoke about early intervention and continued intervention. She provided information packets for all attendees.

Lanora Melillo: Her contact info is carmelab@njeis.org; www.njreic.org

Lanora Melillo: They offer activities and workshops including:

Lanora Melillo: Overview of the NJEIS and services they provide to patrons

Lanora Melillo: Transition from EI to preschool

Lanora Melillo: Sponsored workshops by community members on some of the following topics:

Lanora Melillo: Behavior and Developing a positive behavior support plan

Lanora Melillo: Communication

Lanora Melillo: Inclusive Education

Lanora Melillo: Child Development

Lanora Melillo: and

Lanora Melillo: Library Story times - collaborate with your library for children with and without disabilities and provide free pajamas to some communities

Lanora Melillo: Our other speaker was Danielle Cesena from Glen Rock Public Library. She talked about collection development.

Lanora Melillo: If you are interested in her slides and links, you can e-mail her at danielle.cesena@glenrock.bccls.org.

Lanora Melillo: Carmela will be e-mailing me some links and her slides. So, I can share those

Lanora Melillo: Any questions?

Pham: No.

Lanora Melillo: I'll give a couple of minutes so everyone can read

Reports: Summer Reading

Lanora Melillo: Okay, moving on!

Lanora Melillo: Sub-committee updates

Lanora Melillo: Summer Reading - Natalie Cheetham shared her report and we will attach it. She wrote The Summer Reading Committee met on Friday, December 15th @ the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset.

Lanora Melillo: They discussed a number of items including progress with our website update, our submission to NJLA to co-sponsor a drum circle with the Urban Libraries section at this year's conference, and how to increase our social media presence. In addition, committee

members shared their preliminary ideas for the workshops in March.

Lanora Melillo: Online access code to the manuals should have been received by now.

Lanora Melillo: Registration for the March workshops will open on Monday, February 5th, 2018.

Lanora Melillo: The committee will next meet on Friday, January 5th @ 10am at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset.

Lanora Melillo: Let me know when you're ready for me to go on

Reports – State Library (**full report at end of transcript**)

Lanora Melillo: Next is the state report from Sharon. I am only going to do the highlights. We will include her entire document in the minutes.

Lanora Melillo: 1. Registration for registration for an Early Literacy Workshop on February 26, 2018 is now open. 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

Lanora Melillo: 2. Sharon also is including some activity sheets she received during LibraryCon Live! Which was an online conference held earlier this month.

Lanora Melillo: 3. CSLP – 2018 Summer Reading Manuals. All 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. Sharon shared information on how to access the manual.

Lanora Melillo: 4. CSLP -Theme ideas for 2021 and 2022 Summer Reading Programs Needed by Jan. 12, 2018. You may e-mail Sharon swawlins@njstatelib.org.

Lanora Melillo: 5. CSLP - Themes for 2019 theme is space, the 2020 theme is fairytales/mythology/fantasy

Lanora Melillo: 6. NJ Center for the Book -Apply for the Miss Rumphius Award! – Deadline Jan. 15, 2018. Sharon has shared information about this award.

Lanora Melillo: 7. Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant Accepting Applications

Lanora Melillo: I know it's a lot. If you have any questions, let me know. And when you're ready to move on.

Pham: Go ahead my Leader

Reports – Garden State Children's Book Awards

Lanora Melillo: Haha thanks :) I guess we are all excited to have a break soon!

Lanora Melillo: Garden State Book Awards updates from Dawn Zeig

Lanora Melillo: 1. Will be going over their minutes for our joint meeting next month. Two of their committee members presented at the NJASL

Lanora Melillo: 2. Two of their committee members presented at the NJASL Conference Last month and about 20 librarians attended.

Lanora Melillo: 3. Still waiting to hear from the conference committee regarding their annual luncheon and speaker

Reports – Books for Kids

Lanora Melillo: Now, the next thing I want to talk about is Books for Kids

Lanora Melillo: I got an e-mail about a week ago regarding Books for Kids. I was CC'd on it.

Lanora Melillo: It has come to our attention that collected books are not to be used via ILL

Deliver Services. LibraryLinkNJ's delivery exists solely to support statewide library resource sharing which includes interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing. We may not use it for distribution of materials by an outside organization.

Lanora Melillo: At this moment, we have put a pause on next year's Books for Kids and I am hoping to meet with the organizers and someone from NJLA executive board to propose an alternative solution so we do not have to cancel. If anyone has any suggestions, please e-mail me at lmelillo@scotlib.org.

Lanora Melillo: If you want to be part of that discussion, please let me know

Lanora Melillo: I think this is a very important book drive. As a child whose mother was on welfare and food stamps - books were never the first thing on our minds. Neither were libraries.

Lanora Melillo: So, I would hate to see it not continue.

Lanora Melillo: Let me know when you're ready or have any questions.

Pham: I'm ready, and maybe we can talk about it some more at the next meeting in person.

Dana Skwirut: I'm ready though I'll be thinking about that

Theresa Foster: Agreed

Lanora Melillo: Yes, that would be great.

Reports – Public Policy

Lanora Melillo: Now onto Dana who is here for Public Policy.

Lanora Melillo: I did not get updates from Michael - NJLA pres.

Dana Skwirut: I have a small update - The Johnson Bill (A1427/S2633) passed the Senate this week. This bill would allow voters of a municipality to approve an increase in the municipal free public library funding. It only needs a signature from the governor to become law.

Lanora Melillo: Thank you!

Reports – Performer's Showcase

Lanora Melillo: and now onto Jess for Performer's Showcase. I apologize Jess - things have been hectic with me and haven't had a chance to talk to you about the volunteers

Lanora Melillo: but, let's make a phone date for 2018!

Jess Bauer: That is my only update. I have not worked on the Showcase since it took place in November.

Lanora Melillo: I don't blame you!

Jess Bauer: I would love volunteers to help me :)

Jess Bauer: I also want to do a poster session at NJLA

Lanora Melillo: I think that would be a great idea.

Jess Bauer: I will work on this after the New Year :)

Lanora Melillo: Sounds good.

Good of the Order

Lanora Melillo: That is all of our updates... does anyone have anything to add or share?

Theresa Foster: Do you know when we have to start working on elections?

Lanora Melillo: I don't know 100% but I can find out for you

Theresa Foster: Melissa is in charge this year as Member at Large

Lanora Melillo: I'll e-mail Melissa

Lanora Melillo: and CC you as well.

Lanora Melillo: Probably a good idea to get started on that as soon as we can

Pham: I hope to see everyone at the January meeting at Old Bridge.

Dana Skwirut: I'll be there!

Theresa Foster: Me too!

Lanora Melillo: Except me! I'll be in CA seeing my adorable baby niece

Pham: Well, that's acceptable Lanora.

Pham: Woo hoo to everyone else.

Lanora Melillo: Thank you everyone for a fantastic 2017

Pham: Thank you for being an awesome President

Theresa Foster: Agreed

Jess Bauer: I might be able to make the Jan 26th meeting... I will put in a request for it now

Pham: Thanks Jess. If not, no worries. Theresa takes fabulous notes

Lanora Melillo: Yes, thank you Theresa

Theresa Foster: :-)

Theresa Foster: Thank you



NJSL Report for Joint CSS Executive Board Meeting, December 22, 2017

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

Early Literacy Workshop, February 26, 2018 – Registration Open

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](#)

Activity Sheets from LibraryCon Live!

I attended the first virtual LibraryCon Live! Event sponsored by LJ and SJL. There were lots of fun panels with authors and librarians talking about comics and comics programming. I'm attaching activity sheets you can copy to give to kids to complete from DK's Justice League.

CSLP – 2018 Summer Reading Manuals

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 on accessing the online manual, which has improved its searchability for the 2018 manual.

CSLP -Theme ideas for 2021 and 2022 Summer Reading Programs Needed by Jan. 12, 2018

It's that time of year when we look for the best of the best general themes for future CSLP Programs! This year we are asking for suggestions for not only the 2021 program year, but also the 2022 program year. Contracting with illustrators further out into the future allows them more time to fit us into their schedule, and increases our ability to work with the artists that our members suggest. It also aligns

theme suggestions with the strengths of the illustrators and provides more flexibility with integrating their art into the manual production process. This ultimately provides us with the opportunity to provide more products with our artwork, and getting all of our summer reading promotional materials into the hands of our members in a more reasonable timeframe. A reminder that the 2019 theme is space, the 2020 theme is fairytales/mythology/fantasy. The illustrator for 2021 is Salina Yoon. Please email Sharon Rawlins, srawlins@njstatelib.org with your ideas by January 12, 2018

Other Organizations:

NJ Center for the Book -Apply for the Miss Rumphius Award! – Deadline Jan. 15, 2018

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, January 15, 2018. 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).

ALA Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant Accepting Applications

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>