

# NJLA CSS Meeting

March 16, 2018

Mullica Hill Branch Library, Gloucester County Library

## Attendance:

Lanora Melillo (President), Lisa O'Shaughnessy (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Theresa Foster (Secretary), Melissa Mitchell (Member-at-Large), Candace Worrell (Past-President), Sharon Rawlins (State Lib.), Jen Apgar, Mary Dulin, Teresa Carlton

## Welcome:

The meeting was *Called to Order* by Lanora Melillo at 1:45pm.

Introductions around the table of CSS members.

We did have some issues setting up the online viewing and will be trying again during our next meeting.

## Minutes:

February 23, 2018: Lisa O'Shaughnessy Approved, Candace Worrell Seconded.

## Next Meeting:

Friday, April 27 @ 10:00am at the Elizabeth Public Library. The meeting will include a Picture Book: Book Share. Lanora will send out details about entering the building. There is plenty of available parking.

## NJLA Conference (Pham Condello)

- Conference Schedule is listed online: <http://www.njlaconference.info/schedule>
- CSS We will have a table to showcase any highlights. If you wish to volunteer or have any ideas on things that should be highlighted, please e-mail Pham Condello. [phamcondello@gmail.com](mailto:phamcondello@gmail.com)
- Two of our scheduled speakers for our NJLA pre-conference ***Social Justice and Children's Rights in the Library*** dropped. If anyone is interested in replacing them, contact Pham ASAP. It is on Wednesday from 2 – 5pm. <http://www.njlaconference.info/content/social-justice-and-childrens-rights-library>

## CSS Reports from Sub-Committees:

**Summer Reading** (Natalie Cheetham) Summer Reading Workshop season has begun!

- We presented our first workshop on Monday, March 12 to a full house. We received a lot of positive feedback and are looking forward to our other locations.
- Please spread the word that there is still room available for our last workshop in Monroe Township on Monday, March 26. Doors will open at 9:30am. Workshops will run from 9:30am-2pm. There will be an incentive swap at each location, so gather up your unwanted incentives to trade.
- At the end of March, all of the content that was presented will be posted on our website: [www.njsummerreading.org](http://www.njsummerreading.org), and we will also make our "Make-It" boards on Pinterest visible to the public.
- Summer Reading Committee is Co-Sponsoring the ***Unifying Drum Circle*** with Urban Libraries and Members Services on Thursday at 8:30pm  
<http://www.njlaconference.info/content/unifying-drum-circle>

- Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 11th @ 10am at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset. This is our first meeting for the 2019 season, and anyone wishing to join is encouraged to attend.
- Any questions or comments are always welcome at [njlasummerreading@gmail.com](mailto:njlasummerreading@gmail.com).

#### **State Library** (Sharon Rawlins)

- Please see end of Minutes for Full Report

#### **NJLA Executive Board** (Lisa O'Shaussey)

- No Report

#### **Public Policy** (Dana Skwirut)

- No report

#### **Performer's Showcase** (Jessica Bauer)

- Attendees would like EU Credits for attending; makes it more worthwhile and easier to get time out of the library. Lanora spoke with Pat Tumulty and we would have to talk with Pat prior to our event to determine EU Credits. Pat needs planned date and details.
- Jessica is still looking for volunteers to make a list of past performer's which is currently on paper [jbauer@sclibnj.org](mailto:jbauer@sclibnj.org)
- Jessica is still looking for our "favorite" and "recommended" performers. She is trying to include YA and Adult presenters too because many Librarians work across departments and many presenters are flexible with gearing a program to a differently aged audience
- The website needs to be more user-friendly and may need to just include past-past presenters, so it doesn't include to many people who are clamoring to be included in the listing
- Lanora is creating a Survey Monkey to go out to CSS/YASS for recommendations

#### **Garden State Children's Book Awards**

- We had our final meeting to create the 2019 ballot on Friday, February 23.
- Our officers for 2018-2019 are:
  - Chair: Robin Rockman
  - Vice-Chair: Vicki Wright
  - Secretary: Amy Behr
- We will continue to hold our meetings in Old Bridge.
- We assigned tasks for the GSBA luncheon on June 1st. Our luncheon speaker is Marc Tyler Nobleman.
- Our 2018 award winners are:
  - Non-Fiction: Gingerbread for Liberty by Mara Rockcliff
  - Fiction: Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
  - Fiction Series: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School by Jeff Kinney
  - Early Reader: I Will Take a Nap by Mo Willems
- Unfortunately, none of our award winners are able to attend.

#### **CSS Elections**

- No winners have been announced yet

- CSS did not have anyone run for Secretary/Treasurer and did not have a second candidate for VP.
- CSS Executive Board has the ability to appoint interested CSS Members into positions. A Secretary Treasurer and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will have to be appointed for 2018-2019.

### **Good of the Order**

- Lanora is working on image promos to post on social media for the panels were sponsoring/co-sponsoring
- There was a general discussion about CSS Meeting attendance. Sometimes our meetings are listed as Executive Board meetings and it is not clear that they are CSS Meetings open to the entire Section of Children's members
  - We need to market our meetings as CSS Meetings and not use the limiting language of Executive Board
  - Other Sections may have their Executive Board Meetings 30 minutes prior to their Section meetings.
  - Sections are required to have a certain amount of Executive Board Meetings
  - Sometimes our meetings are on NJLA Calendar, sometimes not
    - We have to tell Pat Tumulty to get them on the calendar
  - We have a lot of CSS members active in Committees that are already taking them out of their libraries.
  - We could include guests after our meetings
  - We could continue to incorporate Professional Development and Workshops into our meetings
    - Our next meeting will include a Picture Book Share!
    - We have partnered with YASS for meetings in the past
    - We've had meetings with GSCBA (January)
    - We've had meetings following the Summer Reading Workshop (March)
    - Hosted Toolboxes at meetings
    - We've had meetings at YS Forum (but this is a paid event)
  - Partnering with CSS committees is a good way for members to see what our Section does
  - We try to move our meetings around the state, but sometimes members like a fixed location
  - We have to consider the style of our meetings. We often have a Round Table approach. YASS has Board at the front of the room and attendees audience style. There are pros and cons to each style
    - Some people like to just listen audience style
    - Round Table can be intimidating – but it also can promote group discussion
  - We could have a Brown Bag Luncheon "What is CSS?"
  - Lanora is creating a Survey Monkey account and will talk to Pham about surveying the Section for ideas for 2018-2019

### **LibraryLinkNJ Updates**

#### **Delivery**

- [Updated statement on delivery](#) (handily formatted in PDF for your printing & sharing needs)
- [New RFP is out](#), and bids have been received, opened, and evaluated. The process will wrap up with the new contract awarded by March 30.

## Continuing Education

- April 17: [Seasonal Networking Mixer](#) at Parsippany-Troy Hills PL -- registration opens on 3/19
- April 26: Readers' Advisory Genre-tastic webinar w/Robin Bradford & Stephanie Anderson -- registration opens on 3/26
- May 8: Tech Trends You Need To Know webinar w/Bohyun Kim -- registration opens on 4/9
  
- We're starting to plan for FY19! Our fiscal year starts on July 1, and we're going to be planning learning opportunities tied to our new [Strategic Plan](#). I'm always happy to hear ideas, possibilities, and suggestions from colleagues. Give me a buzz at [732.943.6109](tel:732.943.6109) or [drop me a line](#) anytime.
- Happening right now: Project Management & Facilitation Skills workshops. We had to reschedule our final Facilitation Skills workshop due to last week's snowstorm. That will be held on May 2.
- [Super Library Supervisor](#) lottery winners have been informed that they've secured spaces in this annual series of workshops. Colleagues who did not secure a space are on the wait list & will be moved up if we have cancellations.



## NJSL Report for CSS Executive Board Meeting, March 16, 2018

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

### Leap into Science Network Initiative

New Jersey has been selected as one of six states to participate in the first year of a national [Leap into Science](#) network initiative. Our state leadership team organizations include the New Jersey State Library, New Jersey Makers Day, a New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation and the Newark Museum. The four-year initiative is led by [The Franklin Institute](#), the [National Girls Collaborative Project](#), and the [Institute for Learning Innovation](#), and will be evaluated by the Education Development Center, with support from the National Science Foundation.

Developed by The Franklin Institute, Leap into Science is a nationwide program that integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. The program empowers educators to offer programs in community settings like libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage underserved audiences in accessible and familiar settings. This evidence-based program will be made available to a limited number of informal educators in New Jersey through in-person trainings. Funding for this project allows us to provide reduced cost resources through 2021.

- *15 kits per year*
- *Train 90 Librarians/Educators*
- *Looking for Rural and Suburban Libraries*
- *Looking for unique organizations to partner with like United Way*

## **New Jersey State Library Selected as Training Partner in Supercharged Storytimes for All Program**

The NJ State Library was recently selected as a training partner in the Supercharged Storytimes for All Program. The Program is generously funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and support from OCLC. The objective of the Program is to train a cohort of trainers in the revised Supercharged Storytimes for All curriculums so that those trainers will then train public library practitioners in their state or region in the same curriculum. The curriculum comprehensively covers foundational early literacy concepts and aligns with other library training that educates parents and caregivers about their role in supporting early literacy. [The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#) is advising the course's training on effective community outreach to children and families from diverse backgrounds to the program. The course will also include instruction on PLA's [Project Outcome](#) evaluation tools for assessing impact of storytime programs. The State Library will not receive any payment for its participation in this Program.

- *Train the Trainer program – Picking 3 people in the state to be trainers*
- *Rigorous training schedule – 6 weeks (May – June and 6 hours a week)*
- *Will then train a minimum of 25 Librarians*
- *Looking to train Librarians in Salem and other rural counties*

## **2021 & 2022 Themes for Statewide Summer Reading Programs – Animals & Change the World**

Thank you to all who voted to narrow down the themes from all over the country that were suggested for the 2021 CSLP Summer Reading Program theme. After all the states' votes were tallied, the winner is **Animals!** Sorry the top ones we suggested didn't win. Salina Yoon (<http://salinayoon.com>) has been selected as our artist for 2021.

In voting for the 2022 theme, I submitted the same votes you suggested for 2021: **theme #4: Change the World/Social Justice/Unity/Kindness/Inclusion/Change/Diversity/Equity/Make a Difference/Embrace Different Culture. The next 2 votes are a tie – for theme #2: Art/Visual**

**Arts/Theater/Creativity/Imagination/DIY/Maker and theme #6: Food/Cooking and Culture.**

I'm excited to announce that the 2022 artist is **Sophie Blackall** and the **theme for 2022 is Change the World/Social Justice/Unity/Kindness/Inclusion/Change/Diversity/Equity/Make a Difference/Embrace Different Culture.**

## **Soliciting for Slogan Suggestions for 2020, 2021 & 2022 CSLP Summer Reading Programs**

Your creative help is needed in selecting **SLOGANS** for the **2020, 2021, and 2022 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading Programs in public libraries.** Please suggest a catchy slogan (or 5!) for the all ages themed programs that work for early literacy, children, teens, and adults for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Please be mindful of copyright and be inclusive to all. Upon submissions, slogans will be reviewed by Manual Committees for copyright, accessibility, and will be narrowed down to the top slogans to be voted on by CSLP membership at the 2018 CSLP Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Here are the themes and the artists selected for the upcoming years:

- **2020 Artist:** LeUyen Phan **Theme:** Fairytales, Mythology, Fantasy
- **2021 Artist:** Salina Yoon **Theme:** Animals (zoo/farm/pets/nature/exotic/habitats/wildlife/safari)
- **2022 Artist:** Sophie Blackall **Theme:** Change the World/Social Justice/Unity/Kindness/Inclusion/Change/Diversity/Equity/Make a difference/Embrace different cultures.

Please email your suggestions to me, **Sharon Rawlins**, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org) by **March 22, 2018.**

## Statewide Summer Reading Workshops-Registration Open

The Summer Reading Committee is heading out across the state to help you prepare for your best summer ever.

The remaining workshop dates are:

- 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

Each workshop runs from 9:30am-2:00pm and is full of inspiring ideas for all ages presented by our committee members.

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

I have 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 searchability for 2018.

## Other Organizations & Events:

### NJ Resources in Honor of Women's History Month

- International Women's Day (<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>)
- Division on Women's "Women's HERstory Month" (<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/women/womanshistorymonth.html>)
- New Jersey Women's History (<http://www.njwomenshistory.org/>)
- New Jersey Hall of Fame (<http://www.njhalloffame.org/>)

### White House Egg Roll and NJ Design Contest

The NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) has posted a design contest for the White House Egg Roll. Schools from across New Jersey are invited to design an egg to represent our state during the White House Easter Egg Roll! Using the guidelines outlined below, please submit one design from your school to the **NJDOE by noon Friday, March 16, 2018**. One egg design and one alternate will be selected by the NJDOE staff and forwarded to the US Department of Education for consideration to be included in the White House Easter Egg Roll event on April 2, 2018.

Guidelines: <https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2018/MAR/06/17986/White%20House%20Egg%20Roll.pdf>