

NJLA Children's Services Section Meeting w/ Executive Board
Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2018 @ 3:00pm
Meeting Held through Adobe Connect

Lanora Melillo: We are going to start at 3:05

Lanora Melillo: We do have some announcements to make. But before we we start, I need two approvals of the minutes from last month. This was the meeting ran by Pham.

Lanora Melillo: Prior to the conference

Jess: I approve

Ann Kershner: I approve

Lanora Melillo: Thank you.

Lanora Melillo: I do not have any old business to address - so we will move on to new business

Lanora Melillo: First on our agenda is the conference wrap up. I will ask Pham to e-mail me that if she is unable to join us.

Lanora Melillo: Okay, so from Natalie.. here are the summer reading updates.. please let me know when you're ready to move on.

Lanora Melillo: The Summer Reading Committee has not met since the last CSS meeting, so there is not much to share. Thank you to everyone who attended the Drum Circle that we co-sponsored at NJLA with Urban Libraries, Diversity and Outreach and Member Services. Just a reminder for any last minute planners, all of the programs that were presented at this year's workshops are available on our website: www.njsummerreading.org . We also have links to our Pinterest Boards on our website where you can find book and movie lists, decoration ideas and additional programming suggestions. We encourage everyone to share your Summer Reading photos to our Facebook page throughout the summer. <https://www.facebook.com/njlasummerreading/> The Committee will next meet on Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset. Anyone interested in joining the committee should email njlasummerreading@gmail.com

Lanora Melillo: I'll wait a couple of more minutes before I do Sharon's report since her report is a little bit long

Lanora Melillo: Okay... Part 1

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Jen Fitzgerald: okay

Lanora Melillo: I'm not going to copy past everything.. Just the highlights... there are a couple of more

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Lanora Melillo: Okay.. let me know when you're done. Theresa if you don't have the full report, I'll FWD it to you

Lanora Melillo: There are some other updates that you can read on your own, but those were the ones Sharon had on the top of her report

Theresa Foster: Great thanks.

Jen Fitzgerald: yes, thank you, lots of good info

Lanora Melillo: Yes, it is - I didn't want to leave those out.

Lanora Melillo: Next on our list is the GSBA - Robin Rockman sent me the report

Lanora Melillo: Mark Tyler Nobleman was our keynote speaker at the GSCBA lunch at conference. He gave a great talk on the story behind two of his books. We had 77 attendees. Our table was part of the CSS table and seemed to go over well. The chocolate was definitely a hit (shocking, I know). Please share with the CSS members that if anyone is interested in joining the committee, they can email me for more information. We have only 3 meetings a year. The reading is done from about October through mid-February. It is a wonderful committee to be on with a great group of librarians throughout the state.

Ann Kershner: I'd be interested. What's Robin's email?

Lanora Melillo: robin.rockman@oradell.bccls.org

Ann Kershner: Thanks so much!

Lanora Melillo: I didn't get any updates from Lisa, Dana, or Sophie.

Lanora Melillo: Jess do you have any updates for us?

Jess: We have 10 performers confirmed and are waiting to hear back from two more.

Jess: We are doing great!

Lanora Melillo: Good - I hope the survey got results that will help

Melissa Mitchell: That's so cool

Jess: We are concerned about the program being the same week as YS Forum

Jen Fitzgerald: yes, I was thinking that might be an issue :/

Lanora Melillo: And the same location!

Colleen: oh! Is there a way to combine them?

Melissa Mitchell: Same location could be a good thing

Lanora Melillo: I'll be attending the showcase and sending my other staff to the forum.

Ann Kershner: Yes, combining them sounds good.

Lanora Melillo: Jess - I can help brainstorm. Have you contacted Sharon yet?

Lanora Melillo: I know it's too late to combine probably

Lanora Melillo: plus that'd be a super long day

Jess: There are two hours of performances in the morning and two hours of performances in the afternoon..

Ann Kershner: Maybe performers could shorten their programs and be a session within the YS forum?

Lanora Melillo: I think at this time, we might need to just roll with the punches and help Jess promote the event.

Both are important.

Jess: They already only get 15 minutes to perform and answer questions. The remainder of the time is spent taking down their display and the next one setting up on stage.

Ann Kershner: Maybe there could be concurrent performing snippets and people could choose which ones to attend?

Ann Kershner: Opps, sorry, didn't know that.

Jess: Performers travel from NY, PA, CT... they want a good 15 minutes in front of the entire group

Lanora Melillo: Just let me know what I can do to help get the word out. I think they are both equally important.

Jess: agreed

Lanora Melillo: Thanks Jess for the update

Jen Fitzgerald: Might be worth considering combining with another event in the future, but I think it's a little late at this point in the planning process, is what I'm hearing

Colleen: Maybe we can co-advertise and push what Lanora is doing - Showcase for Supervisors, Forum for staff

Colleen: (watch this'll be the year the forum has a program on being a supervisor)

Lanora Melillo: Normally the Youth Services forum is early Oct.
Lanora Melillo: I don't have any other updates.. Thank you again Jess.
Jen Fitzgerald: Yes, October will be here before we know it ... I still can't believe it's the middle of June already!!
Lanora Melillo: I am sure Pham will be sharing the dates for the upcoming meetings soon
Lanora Melillo: Does anyone have anything they'd like to share?
Lanora Melillo: or add?
Lanora Melillo: Before we end the meeting?
Colleen: Good luck on your Summer Reading programs!
Melissa Mitchell: Seconded
Jen Fitzgerald: Thanks for leading Lanora!
Ann Kershner: Thanks, Lanora!
Theresa Foster: Have wonderful summers everyone and thank you Lanora!
Lanora Melillo: Thanks everyone.
Melissa Mitchell: Yes, thanks Lanora
Melissa Mitchell: thanks.
Jen Fitzgerald: And thanks Doug for hosting
Jen Fitzgerald: Have a great summer everyone :)
Lanora Melillo: Thanks again, Doug for hosting.



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

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Libraries/Organizations participating in Leap into Science will:

- Send a group of two or more educators (whenever possible) to a 4-hour of training on the high-quality science and literacy curriculum
- Receive ongoing support and become a part of a Leap into Science National Network
- Have access to the national Leap into Science leadership team and online resources
- Participate in ongoing evaluation activities (i.e. surveys, interviews, site visits)
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A message for parents:

About Summer Meals

In general, summer meals programs, funded through the USDA, are free and require no identification or income verification from parents. Unfortunately, many parents simply do not know they exist. In fact, in 2017, just 24 percent of low-income NJ children received these meals.

Meals are served at places where children congregate -- parks, schools, pools, recreation programs and a growing number of libraries. Meals must meet USDA nutrition guidelines, which call for balanced

meals that contain low salt and sugar and whole grains. This summer, New Jersey expects to have about 1,300 sites across the state serving meals to kids under 18.

Not only do these programs provide nutritious meals, they also give kids a chance to engage in fun, healthy activities during the summer months. Please help combat childhood hunger and ensure that children have the summertime nutrition they need to return to school in September ready to learn.

[Find easy-to-use resources to spread the word to parents in your community.](#)

If you have questions about this information, please contact:

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Other Organizations & Events:

ALA's Great Stories Club

ALA is now accepting applications until July 9th for the Great Stories Club, a grant program in which library workers lead reading and discussion programs with underserved teens in their communities. Working with small groups of teens, grantees will host reading and discussion programs for up to four thematically related books -- chosen by librarians and scholars to resonate with reluctant readers struggling with complex issues like academic probation, detention, incarceration, violence and poverty. <http://www.programminglibrarian.org/articles/apply-now-great-stories-club-book-club-underserved-youth>

Summer Reading Lists

ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee has updated our **Summer Reading Lists** with new and exciting titles! The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer. Four Summer Reading book lists are available for Birth-Preschool and grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8.

Each list is [available here to download for free](#). The interactive lists can be customized to include call numbers, library address, summer hours, and information about summer reading programs for children before making copies available to schools and patrons.

Titles on the 2018 Summer Reading Lists were compiled and annotated by members of ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

2018 Diverse Summer Reading List from Lee & Low Books

Summer reading is a great time to engage readers—but it can be a missed opportunity if summer reading lists are full of outdated or non-diverse titles. Reinvigorate your summer reading program with our 2018 diverse summer reading list for grades Pre-K – Gr. 8. Our list includes both fiction and nonfiction, bilingual Spanish/English titles, and a diverse range of cultures. These titles provide engaging and entertaining suggestions to build off-of summer suggested reading lists from your school or public library. Download the printable [PDF here](#).