

Children's Services Section
Friday, September 15th
9:30 AM - Refreshments
10:00 AM - Meeting
Old Bridge Public Library

Attendance: Lanora Melilio, Pham Condello, Lisa O'Shaughnessy, Theresa Foster, Melissa Mitchell, Leala Arnold, Jessica Bauer, Dana Skwirut, Jacklene Oakes, Jen Fitzgerald

- **Welcome and Call to Order**

10:00am Lanora called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves.

- **Approval of Minutes from 5/17/17**

Chat Transcript -- Lanora approved, Pham seconded

- **Old Business**

- **Officer Duties**

Recap of duties assigned to each position

- **President** - presides at all meetings
- **First Vice-President/President-Elect** - represents the Section at NJLA Conference Committee meetings and submit programs to Conference Committee
- **Second Vice-President** - attend a minimum of two NJLA Executive Board meetings per term and assist the First Vice-President in planning conference programs; and manage the CSS social media presence
- **Secretary/Treasurer** - keep the minutes of all meetings; keep financial records
- **Member-at-Large #1** (1st term) - official liaison to the NJLA Public Policy Committee, attending a minimum of three meetings during their term
- **Member-at-Large #2** (2nd term) - responsible for the nomination of the CSS Executive Board slate
- **Past-President** - advisor to the Board in order to assure continuity of purpose

- **New Business**

- **Meeting Dates for next year**

Looking toward more virtual friendly meetings that accommodate everyone. Access to accounts (i.e. Skype) can be a barrier to participation. Some libraries do not allow participation during work time.

Many meetings around the state to compete with. (i.e. YASS, Public Policy and YS Forum were all meeting 9/15). Ask libraries around the state who wants to host CSS meetings. Should have parking options.

- **NJLA CSS Toolbox**

CSS is responsible to host a Toolbox for new librarians this year. YASS likes professional development meetings, so they are hosting two Toolbox's this year. YASS likes the Unconference format.

Lanora sent out a survey to see what CSS members would like to do at a Toolbox, she received zero responses. Maybe an Unconference? Great opportunity for networking and idea sharing.

Lanora will reach out to her Low-Tech contacts for Hands-on Maker programs at the Toolbox.

- **Conference Updates**

There is now a CSS Skype account and a CSS Gmail account for working with the NJLA Conference Committee, etc.

NJLA Conference has been renewed for 4 years in Atlantic City at Harrah's for the Wednesday – Friday after Memorial Day weekend. Same days as BEA ☺

“SAVE THE DATE and prepare to SPEAK FREELY at the 2018 NJLA Conference. We'll be back at the Waterfront Conference Center at Harrah's on Wednesday, May 30 through Friday, June 1, 2018.” <http://njlaconference.info/>

Pham submits children's proposals on behalf of CSS. Program proposals are due by November 10. Topics and ideas are welcome. There will be a Google form for submitting children's proposals. Pham will send an e-mail for the details to submit. There is no requirement for programs to be co-sponsored by another Section. Ideas can be sent directly to the Conference Committee, but anything specific to children's will go back to Pham before officially being submitted on behalf of CSS.

New this year, accepted presentations will need to be submitted early on USB. Presentations will be checked for compatibility and preloaded on to the laptops in each conference room prior to conference. All conference rooms will already have laptops and projectors and there will be no need to get them.

Pham has Lanora's Google form which links to excel. Lanora e-mailed each consortium individually last year about submitting programs. Sharon has the details.

Pham had the Evaluations from last year. People want to see the following:

- Special Needs Storytime
- Hands-On Maker Programs (include at CSS Toolbox?)
- Simple or Low-Tech Maker Programs
- Tech for Low-Tech Librarians
- More Tween Programming
- Outreach Ideas, not just for visiting schools
- How to Circulate Materials that aren't Circulating
- Low Cost Programming
- Storytimes for Small Libraries
- Reader's Advisory – Children's Reader's Advisory – Baker & Taylor Book Buzz
- Song Exchange

- Serving Special Populations – Underserved Populations
 - Cons at the Library
 - Maker Program, Now What?
 - Maker Spaces without a Space – Media Spaces / Changeable Spaces
 - Importance of Book Clubs
 - Collection Development
 - Social Media
 - Lending Unconventional Items
 - Early Literacy
 - Diversity & Inclusion (2nd Gen)
 - ASL
 - Passive Program Ideas
 - Cultural Programming
 - Intermediate and Advanced Programming
 - How to be an Ally
 - Political Unrest in the Community
- South Plainfield hires performer's for Special Needs Storytime and could be a good resource. Ms. Mija.
 - Hands-On Maker programs have to account for not being able to move any tables or furniture in the Conference rooms.
 - Some members want to learn to offer programs rather than pay performers
 - CSS has done a lot of these programs that people want to see at NJLA Conference. Members may be missing sessions because there are so many sessions are offered in each timeslot and because not everyone gets approval to go both days of Conference.
 - Megan from Emerging Technologies with LibraryLink NJ is doing a Tech Forum for 2018 and can be a good contact for maker and tech related panels.
 - There is opportunity to piggy back authors that will be at BEA during the same time period. However, it is a 2 hour drive from NYC to Atlantic City.

We are seeking Pre-Conference ideas. Do we want to do a Pre-Conference?

- **Review of last year's goals and goals for this year**
 - Get more panels accepted for the conference
 - Created a google form, excel sheet to keep track of panels
 - Suggestion: SurveyMonkey asking what our members want
 - Consistent Communication
 - Secured a google account through NJLA to keep documents
 - Created a Google calendar with events
 - Suggestion: Create a checklist for events and sign-up sheet

Delegating out panel coverage at NJLA Conference

Working out technical issues in advance

Consistency in PDF formats

- Higher Meeting Attendance

- Events being held during NJLA Events
- More virtual meetings
- Rotating meetings throughout the state
- Joint meetings

Last year our meeting attendance was higher than previous years
 We have to have a certain number of in-person meetings each year
 Meeting in-person in September is important to get to see everyone, it just happened
 this meeting overlapped with many other meetings and events around the state

- **Reports from subcommittees**
 - **Summer Reading (Natalie Cheetham)**

The Summer Reading Committee has not met since May, so there aren't any real big updates.

Summer Reading statistics are due by October 13th. This is a firm deadline. If you do not submit your statistics for 2017, you will not receive summer reading materials for 2018. There is a link to submit your statistics on www.njsummerreading.org

Due to budget cuts and increasing costs, this year all libraries will be only be provided with online access to the CSLP manuals.

After a number of security breaches last year, the committee is currently reviewing proposals for a new website.

The committee will next meet formally on Friday, September 29th @ the Franklin Township Public Library.

If anyone is still interested in serving on the committee, please email me at njlasummerreading@gmail.com

- **State Library (Sharon Rawlins)**

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

Registration Open for the 2017 Youth Services Forum, Monday, October 23, 2017: The 27th Youth Services Forum will be Monday, Oct. 23, 2017 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. The keynote speaker is children's author Tara Lazar (*7 ate 9*, *The Monstore*, and others). Registration is online only this year. To register and see the program descriptions go to the [NJLA website](#). **The deadline to register is October 13, 2017.** Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Continuing education credits will be available and raffle prizes will be awarded. Handouts and presentations from the sessions will be posted on the NJ State Library website after the Forum. The NJLA Store will be there too, so come prepared to buy lots of great merchandise! For more information, please contact Project Manager Jen Schureman, jschureman@gcls.org, 856.223.6027, or Project Consultant Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609.278.2640 ext. 116.

2017 Summer Reading Program Statistics:

Please submit your statistics through [Google Forms](#) or go to here for the link: [NJ Summer Reading website](#). If your library keeps track of reading using something different,

such as hours or minutes, please convert them to numbers of books using this formula: 1 book = 1 hour (or 60 minutes), 1 book = 100 pages. Please Note: You will not receive summer reading materials for the 2018 program without submitting statistics for 2017's summer reading program. **The deadline to submit your statistics is October 13, 2017.** This is a FIRM deadline because the final report from the statewide program is due at the end of October.

2018 Summer Reading Manuals:

Although the manuals will only be available via online access for all public libraries this year, all public libraries will receive a printed incentives catalog from Upstart/Demco through the statewide delivery service (or through their library system's local courier) sometime at the end of October. You can also purchase items online starting Oct. 1st by going to the CSLP shop page at www.shopcslp.com

Today (Sept. 15th) is the deadline to submit suggestions for 2019 CSLP Manual's Space Theme for all ages: Use the link on the CSLP homepage, or go to this direct link: <https://www.cslpreads.org/draft-online-idea-submission/>

JerseyClicks Changes: Beginning July 1, 2017, JerseyClicks no longer uses Auto-Graphics for database authentication. EBSCO databases on JerseyClicks use geolocation authentication. We also provide library barcode and username/password authentication URLs for EBSCO databases. Currently ReferenceUSA is using a combination of referring URL and library barcode authentication, though by the end of the month they will be using geolocation as well. All of the databases and URLs to add to library websites can still be found at www.jerseyclicks.org.

Fade to Books Grant Project: Nine public libraries were selected to participate in the barbershop literacy project known as Fade to Books, an initiative that places books in the barbershops as a way of encouraging reading among its young customers. These are the selected public libraries: Willingboro, Paterson, Atlantic City, Keyport, Old Bridge, Newark, Roselle, East Orange and Montclair. This is an exciting time as four libraries launched their projects August 1, 2017 and the remaining five libraries launched theirs on September 1, 2017.

Libraries Selected to Host Math and Science Story Time (MASST) Program Series:

The NJ State Library and the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University collaborated to offer ten public libraries the opportunity to apply for funding to participate in the *Math and Science Story Times (MASST) Series: Bringing math and science to life through reading and art for preschoolers in a community-based setting*. This is a STEM initiative that serves the Spanish-speaking community. A few libraries offered the series in the summer, with others planning them for the fall.

The public libraries selected to host this series are:

- Elizabeth Public Library
- Fairview Free Public Library
- Palisades Park Public Library
- Summit Free Public Library
- Twin Rivers Branch of the Mercer County Library System
- Union Public Library
- Van Buren Branch of Newark Public Library
- Nilsa Cruz-Perez Branch of Camden County Library System

- North Plainfield Memorial Library of the Somerset County Library System
- Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, South Amboy

Each library received resource kits, training, and a Spanish-speaking presenter, if needed - a total value of up to \$750 each.

Other Organizations and Events:

Tips for Evaluating Graphic Novels

Junior Library Guild (SLJ's sister company) assistant editor [Wendy Xu](#) created [this wonderful handout on evaluating graphic novels](#). She is a Brooklyn-based illustrator and [comics artist](#). Wendy is also the co-creator of and currently draws the webcomic "[Mooncakes.](#)"

2018 Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award!

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Grants Administration Committee are now accepting online applications for the 2018 Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Awards. This award, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group and Random House Children's books, provides a \$600 stipend for up to four children's librarians to attend their first ALA Annual Conference. The award also includes an invitation to the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder banquet.

The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2017!**

[Read more](#) from the press release and [apply!](#)

KidLitCon: Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA, November 3-4, 2017

This is an annual conference of people who write about and talk about children's and teen literature, including librarians, authors, teachers, parents, publishers, and readers. Attendees share a love of children's books, as well as a determination to get the right books into young readers' hands. People attend KidLitCon to learn about best practices in evaluating and reviewing books, how and why to become award committee judges, and how to defend and promote the books that kids need and want.

People also attend KidLitCon for the chance to spend time face to face with kindred spirits, other adults who enjoy and care about children's and YA literature. Attendees come away energized, bursting with ideas for programming and projects.

This year's keynote speakers are Rachel Renee Russell, author of the best-selling Dork Diaries series; Pamela Tuck, author of *As Fast As Words Could Fly*; and author/illustrator Floyd Cooper, whose dozens of books depicting African American children and families have won multiple awards and honors. Our own Liz Burns from the NJ State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center and NJ school media specialist Leigh Woznick from the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School are just a few of the presenters.

Highlights: Middle Grade Villains, YA Books in the Classroom, Diversity in Picture Books, and many more exciting topics!

KidLitCon is in a different city every year, so this is a one-time-only chance for local librarians to attend without incurring travel costs.

More information on Kidlitcon can be found at: <http://kidlitosphere.org/kidlitcon/>

KidLitCon registration and sponsorship link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kidlitcon-2017-hershey-tickets-36030057873>

Twitter: @kidlitcon

- **Garden State Children's Book Awards (Dawn Zeig)**

Next meeting is October 13 at the Old Bridge Public Library. YASS and CSS are working on overlap of middle grade titles. They are working on an author for the luncheon.

GSCBA is a separate Committee apart from CSS meetings unlike YASS which combines their GSTBA meetings with their YASS Section meetings.

- **NJLA Executive Board (Michael Maziekien)**

No report

- **Books for Kids (Carol Levin)**

Books for Kids collects gently used and new books and gives them to libraries with patrons in need for free. If you want to help and be a part of Books for Kids contact Carol Simon Levin directly at clevin@sclibnj.org.

- **Public Policy (Dana Skwirut)**

Their first meeting was also on Friday, September 15th.

- **Performer's Showcase (Jess Bauer)**

Diane is helping Jessica to takeover Performer's Showcase. Jessica is planning to organize an online format for next year with FAQ's and informational pamphlets online (other states have this) as well as a list of all past presenters available online.

Performers have to submit their interest by February. Jessica will be looking for ways to find recommendations from librarians. What are our favorite performers that we have had at our libraries? Needs to know who we LOVE. Jessica would also like to get feedback from librarians who hired these performers after Performer's Showcase to see success and response.

There are 12 spots for performers with 3 stand-bys. Three Committee members, each member is responsible for contact and follow-up with some of the performer's. Jessica MC's and introduces the performers.

Jessica needs access to website to update it. Pham and Lisa will update Facebook accordingly and Jessica will send them photos to add to FB and the web.

- **Good of the order**

Sharon Rawlins is looking for a library that might be willing to host a State Library sponsored early literacy program by Betsy Diamant-Cohen (Mother Goose on the Loose) in January 2018. Or at the end of February (19-28). Betsy is also available April 2 – 15 as well. She'd be doing a program on play in the context of Every Child Ready to

Read and share how playful activities ignite imagination and build skills. They'll be STEM/STEAM activities included too.

She's looking for libraries in Central Jersey that have good parking for this event since it's the only one she'll be doing in the state. Food wouldn't be included in the event; everyone would have to pay for lunch themselves.

- **Adjournment**

Lanora adjourned the meeting at 11:20am.

CSS 2017 Meetings

Friday, Oct. 20 – 3pm

Online - General Meeting - Online Singalong Swap

Wednesday, Nov. 8 - 10am

Joint meeting with YASS the NJ State Talking Book and Braille Center

Friday, Dec. 15 – 10am

Madison Public Library – Children's Toolkit

Friday, Dec. 22 – 3pm

Online - General Meeting

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Friday, Jan. 26 – 10 am

Garden State Book Awards – Joint Meeting

Friday, Feb. 23 – 3pm

Online - General Meeting

Friday, March. 23 – 12:30pm (Bring Your Own Lunch)

Gloucester County Library System Mullica Hill Branch

Friday, April 27 – 10am

Elizabeth Public Library - Picture Book: Book Share

Friday, May 18 – 3:00pm

Online -Conference updates

Friday, June 15 – 3:00pm

Online - Conference wrap up