**NJLA Children’s Services Section Joint Meeting with NJLA Young Adult Services Sections**

**Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2014 @ 10:00am**

**Meeting Held at South Brunswick Public Library**

**In Attendance:**
Colleen Affrime , 1st Vice President Ocean County Library, Toms River

Jennifer Schillig, 2nd Vice President Monroe Township Library

Doug Poswencyk, Member-at-Large #2 Watchung Library, Somerset County Library System

Theresa Foster, Secretary/Treasurer Ocean County Library, Barnegat

**Minutes:**

The previously posted minutes of October 17, 2014 were approved. Colleen approved, Theresa seconded.

**Call to Order:**

Erica Solomon, YASS President, started the meeting at 10:02am.

**Introductions:**
Everyone introduced themselves.

Young Adult Services Section (YASS) discussed what they do: <http://njlamembers.org/yasection>

Children’s Services Section (CSS) discussed what they do: <http://njlamembers.org/chisection>

CSS promoted their Unconference on December 5th at the Ocean County Library, Jackson Branch from 11am - 1pm. Join us for the CSS monthly meeting held at 10am prior to the Unconference.

YASS opened up the room for their **Member Updates**.

**Reports:**

**Talking Book and Braille Center:**

Liz Burns didn’t have an update, but talked about the Talking Book and Braille Center: <http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/>
and how to Apply for Service <https://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/apply_for_service/>

* We cannot get their audiobooks through ILL
* They can send out program materials to us, but they cannot be lent to our patrons
* Librarians can’t sign for reading disabilities (Doctor is needed), but we can sign for visual disabilities

**LibraryLinkNJ**
Sophie Brookover talked about LibraryLinkNJ <http://librarylinknj.org/about-us>

* Check out last month’s webinar Internet Explorers and this month Beyond Storyime: <http://librarylinknj.org/ce/past-classes> ALL webinars, materials, and in-person programs are archived on the LLNJ website. You do NOT have to have signed up for the webinar to access the archive.
* Membership meeting is December 2nd, registration closes November 21st. Speaker will talk about User Experience, not just on the wed at three locations around the state! <http://librarylinknj.org/content/librarylinknj-fall-membership-meeting-2014>

 **Summer Reading Committee Report** - Chrissie McGovern, Co-chair NJLA Summer Reading Committee

**Manuals**The NJLA Summer Reading Committee met at the NJ State Library on Tuesday, October 21st to pack summer reading manuals for shipment to libraries. Each library or branch will receive one shrink wrapped package that includes an early literacy manual, a children’s manual, a teen manual, and an adult manual. Upstart catalogs with incentives for 2015 were also shipped with the manuals.

**Workshops**The committee will be hosting four workshops in March:

Monday, March 9th- Mullica Hill (Gloucester County)

Friday, March 13th- Wayne (Passaic County)

Monday, March 23rd- Franklin Twp (Somerset County)

Monday, March 30th- Monroe Twp (Middlesex County)

Look for registration information in late January/early February.

**NJLA Conference**

The committee has put together a conference proposal for the 2015 NJLA Annual Conference. The 2015 overall theme for all ages is heroes, and a panel of authors/illustrators has been put together to discuss the theme of heroes in their literary work. Panelists include authors and illustrators of literary works that appeal to a variety of age groups. The current panel includes:

Joan Holub, author- *Goddess Girls* series, *Heroes in Training* series, *Mighty Dads, Zero the Hero, Little Red Writing*

Bob McLeod, author/illustrator- *Superhero ABC,* and illustrator of numerous Marvel comics

Kevin Pyle- *Take What You Can Carry, Katman, Blindspot, Prison Town, LAB USA*

Chris Healy- *The Hero’s Guide to Saving the Kingdom, The Hero’s Guide to Storming the Castle, The Hero’s Guide to Being an Outlaw*

Eric Cooper- *Knight Seeker, Knight Seeker III*

 *\*\*\*\*The Summer Reading Committee will cover all costs of the panelists.*

**Members**

Due to some pregnancies and job changes, the committee is currently seeking new members. Committee members must be able to commit to attending the four workshop dates in March. If interested, please send an email to committee chairs, Chrissie McGovern & Mary Ecklund: njlasummerreading@gmail.com .

Summer Reading Committee’s next meeting is Friday, December 12th at the Franklin Township Library.

**NJ State Library Report** – Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

**Fifteen NJ Public Libraries Receive ALSC/LEGO Junior Maker Space Project Toolkits**

On June 18th, 2014 the White House hosted the first-ever Maker Faire and proclaimed the date a National Day of Making. As part of this event, LEGO Systems, Inc. and the American Library Association’s Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) launched the Junior Maker program to bring Junior Maker Space to libraries in each state. This project focuses on giving children ages 4 to 6 areas to make and create in their local libraries. Fifteen public libraries in New Jersey, including the Trenton Public Library in the state capital, and several other libraries near the capital, including Mercer County Library and Hamilton Public Library have been selected to receive a physical toolkit to host ongoing Junior Maker sessions in children’s reading areas. The other public libraries selected to receive the toolkits include Newark, Jersey City, Paterson, Elizabeth, the Ferry Avenue branch of the Camden County Library, the Toms River branch of the Ocean County Library, Clifton, Passaic, Union City, Bayonne, East Orange, and Vineland. Each toolkit includes over 10,000 LEGO® bricks, an inspirational poster, activity guide and salient academic insights from the Cultures of Creativity report.

**Additional Summer Reading Information:**

**2015 Summer Reading Manuals Sent Out**

The early literacy, children’s, teen and adult 2015 summer reading manuals have been sent out to all NJ public libraries through the statewide delivery service. The CSLP incentives catalog is included in the package. If you order your incentives by Dec. 1, 2014, they will be delivered by March 1, 2015.

**Statistics from 2014 Summer Reading Program(s):**

Total books read by readers of all ages 1,922,850

Total registration by all ages 131,270

Total participants by all ages 167,204

Total programs for all ages 27,153

Total program attendance by all ages 596,365

**NJ State Library to Deliver Accredited High School Diploma Program at Select Libraries throughout the State**

The New Jersey State Library (NJSL), an affiliate of Thomas Edison State College, launched its Online High School Completion Program on October 6, which will allow a select number of NJ residents in the selected public libraries to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate at their local library. The groundbreaking program is designed to reengage adults in the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary education or the workforce.

The State Library was awarded a Literacy Innovations Program grant in the amount of $146,475 from the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The funds will be used to purchase scholarships to Gale’s Career Online High School Program, part of the world’s first accredited, private online school district, which will be offered to NJ residents at no cost to the applicant. The following libraries have been selected to offer this program to their communities:

• Camden County Library System

• Elizabeth Public Library

• Long Branch Free Public Library

• Scotch Plains Public Library

• Somerset County Library System

• Trenton Free Public Library

The program will target NJ residents who dropped out of high school and have not returned nor taken the GED exam. Participants must be at least 19 years of age and have completed one year of high school. Scholarship recipients will be able to earn a high school diploma completely online, giving them the convenience of an anytime-anywhere online learning platform, and the ability to select a career pathway and gain career skills in high-growth, high-demand job disciplines. This is the first program of its kind to be offered across NJ.

**NJLA Executive Board –** Jennifer Shillig

The Executive Board meeting for October was cancelled due to lack of interest. The next meeting will be at Parsippany <http://njla.org/content/njla-executive-board-meeting-21>

**Conference**

The deadline to submit proposals is November 21st

* #WeNeedDiverseBooks – they’ve been doing a lot of presentations lately. Contact them through weneeddiversebooks.org, or Sophie, Liz, and Megan can contact individual members. Colleen Affrime has contacted Lee and Low books and they ARE interested in participating. Co-presented by YASS and CSS: <http://weneeddiversebooks.tumblr.com/>
* Library as Incubator Project – Making isn’t just digital. Sophie can approach them. YASS/CSS/Emerging Technologies: <http://www.libraryasincubatorproject.org/>
* Member services is putting together a resume review and mock interview program – if anyone is a supervisor and is interested in being a mock interviewer, contact Lanora.
* CSS is looking for a co-sponsor for Cultural Competencies program. CSS has a possible presenter from a Brooklyn Friends organization. He has done presentations for Ocean County for $5000. An alternative is suggesting him as a Keynote Speaker for next year since he is so expensive. Megan will contact Sandra Hughes-Hassell at UNC Chapel Hill as a possible alternate.
* CSS is partnering with the Small Libraries Section to present about successful partnerships between public and school libraries.
* CSS: LEGO robotics presentation
* YA: Nothing Passive About It – self-directed programs, with passive programs examples set up in the poster area.
* YASS & CSS joint: Book Buzz. If we can get a double session more publishers can be brought in, including Lee and Low, Penguin, etc.
* CSS: Nontraditional collections. American Girl Doll lending program with historical information about that time period in NJ. Working with local history organization. Megan England could present about circulating Makerspace items and board games within the library.
* Mental Health First Aid: Diversity and Outreach section was discussing this as well. This might be a collaboration opportunity. Lots of recommendations for this organization and training. Or this could be a pre-conference proposal. It is typically an 8 hour training.
* Saleena Davidson: present about doing your own Comic-Con. Cherry Hill can collaborate. There were presenters at Comic-Con this year.
* Sharon Rawlins & Liz Burns will be changing up the format of their Best Fiction for Young Adults. It will be a Siskel and Eibert style thumbs up and thumbs down format where each offers their varied opinion.
* Liz Burns offered Contemporary Fiction for grades 6-12. “Get Real: Books beyond John Green and Sarah Dessen”
* Liz Burns: A coworker is presenting “Arms Open Wide: Serving those with reading challenges” – looking for another panelist. Sponsored by Diversity and Outreach, but YASS and CSS are welcome to co-sponsor.
* Lanora knows the author of the graphic novel “Giants Beware” and can put anyone in touch who would like to invite him.

CSS was welcome to leave early as YASS finished up their agenda.