**Children Services Section – Virtual Meeting via Adobe Connect**

February 24, 2017

**Welcome/Call to Order**

**Candace**: Welcome everyone!

**Approval of Minutes**

**Candace**: Motion to approve last meetings minutes  
  **Colleen Affrime**: seconded  
  **Candace**: Great  
  **Candace**: Motion passed

**Old Business**

**Conference** *(Lanora Meillio)*

**Candace**: The gist is: Conference is happening, everyone should go, we may need help  
  **Lanora**: Hi everyone, sorry... We are a bit busy with the after school crowd. I still have some empty spots open for moderating  
  **Colleen Affrime**: :)  
**Lanora**: I began working on some images to be posted on Facebook. If you are presenting. Each room should have a projector; however, you are responsible for bring your own laptop. I can share the link with that information.  
**Candace**: Lanora, I'm going to start my report; jump in at any time when you get the chance

**Lanora**: Cadace  - is there anything else you'd like me to report on?  
  **Candace** :Lanora, do you need any help with conference?  
  **Candace**: Would you like people to email you if they are interested and let you know when they are available?  
**Lanora**: Yes, I have I think two open spots. I was wondering if you wanted to do the Escape the library challenge one Cadace  
  **Jessica Bauer**: Lanora, what kind of help do you need?  
  **Candace** :I can do that one  
**Lanora**: I did get a few e-mails. If anyone else would like to let me know. I also need to know who will be at the brown bag lunch to let Rosy know  
**Lanora**: Rosy would also like to do a joint meeting next year  
  **Jessica Bauer**: I will be at the conference all three days  
  **Candace**: Lucky you, Jess!  
  **Candace**: I'm asking as well, so fingers crossed.  
**Lanora**: I need someone who is willing to volunteer their laptop. I don't personally own one and we don't have them at work.  
**Lanora:** I'll be there for Tuesday and Wednesday  
**Jessica Bauer**: I definitely have one I can bring  
  **Lanora:** Also, for the promotional materials NJLA conference committee would like the sections to participate in this. I don't have access to the Facebook page. but I can share images with whomever does  
**Lanora**: Thanks Jess  
  **Colleen Affrime**: I should be bringing one as well  
  **Colleen Affrime**: (a laptop)  
  **Lanora**: It's just for backup just in case someone doesn't have one  
  **Lanora**: I have my surface, but that won't help presenters  
  **Candace**: Do you need any more moderators?  
  **Jessica Bauer**: I have access to the NJLA CSS Facebook page. Is that what you’re talking about?  
**Lanora**: yes.  
**Lanora**: I e-mailed an image to Cadace already, but I have a few more  
**Lanora**: I think just the Escape the Library one  
**Lanora**: Cadace -- I will e-mail you Grabenstein's PR info, so she can get in contact with you  
**Candace**: ok  
  **Jessica Bauer**: Lanora, email me whatever needs to go on Facebook and I will take care of it

**Lanora**: Thanks - I will do that Jess. I'll be sending them to you over the next two weeks

**Professional Development Responsibilities**

*NJLA committees will be responsible for sponsoring professional development opportunities* ***every other*** *year. Submissions will be collected on a rolling schedule:*

*Programs scheduled for January through April -- Submit by October 1*

*Programs scheduled for May through August -- Submit by February 1*

*Programs scheduled for September through December -- Submit by June 1*

*We may actually have funding available!*

*Still will not pay a NJ librarian*

*To be eligible for these funds, programs would have to be scheduled on set dates during the year and meet specific requirements. The hope is that this previously unavailable funding will encourage NJLA groups to explore new topics and bring in speakers with fresh ideas that will help invigorate library staff and provide them with tools to perform their jobs more effectively.*

*The specific requirements mentioned above have not been specified yet.*

**Candace**: Professional Development Responsibilities  
  **Candace**: NJLA has charged each committee with developing professional development for its members  
  **Candace**: Originally it was each com. had to sponsor one per year  
  **Candace**: The new guideline have rolled that back to every other year  
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  **Candace**: Programs scheduled for January through April -- Submit by October 1Programs scheduled for May through August -- Submit by February 1            Programs scheduled for September through December -- Submit by June 1  
**Candace**: The HUGE news is that there may actually be funding available for speakers!  
  **Sharon Rawlins**: That is great news  
  **Candace**: But still not if you are speaking and a nj librarian  
**Candace**: To be eligible for these funds, programs would have to be scheduled on set dates during the year and meet specific requirements. The hope is that this previously unavailable funding will encourage NJLA groups to explore new topics and bring in speakers with fresh ideas that will help invigorate library staff and provide them with tools to perform their jobs more effectively.     The specific requirements mentioned above have not been specified yet.  
**Candace**: CSS cosponsors the Youth Services Forum with the State Library and with the YA section  
**Candace**: We also sponsor the Tool Kit  
  **Sharon Rawlins**: And with NJASL too  
**Candace**: Thanks, Sharon  
**Candace**: The tool kit is already offered every other year; we alternate with YA  
  **Lanora**: Don't we co-sponsor the Makers Tool Kit too?  
**Sharon Rawlins**: Was there any discussion about coordinating these programs with LLNJ and the State Library? How will we know what each committee is proposing to do? We don't want to step on toes or overlap with programs.  
**Candace**: There was not, Sharon  
**Candace**: I can bring that to the attention of the Prof Development Committee  
**Sharon Rawlins**: Thanks.  
**Candace**: Next year will be CSS's turn to sponsor the Tool kit  
**Candace**: So start brainstorming! :)  
**Colleen Affrime**: I'm guessing the answer is no, but any idea on how much money?  We actually do a lot of different professional development things

**Candace**: There have been no details provided about $ yet

**New Business**

**Google Account**

**Candace**: To make that easier, and to help plan conference, we are starting a shared Doc with program proposals and contact info to provide a history to the planning process. It can be difficult since we change leadership annually.   
**Lanora**: I have that document already  
**Lanora**: It's in a file on my Google doc, but I can easily share that with you  
**Candace**: Are there any more q about professional development?  
**Colleen Affrime**: We could also create an institutional google acct which we may already have  
**Candace**: I thought that one was discontinued?  
**Theresa Foster**: I believe it was asked that we discontinue it when we migrated to NJLA Members  
**Colleen Affrime**: I don't know. I need to check my files, but YA was just talking about how they were creating a new account as well as several social media accounts so we might be able to reactivate it????  
**Candace**: Colleen, can you please check on that and let us know?  
**Theresa Foster**: NJLA wanted all our minutes and by-laws on the NJLA Members page - that was part of the discussion, because everything was on Google for many years  
**Colleen Affrime**: Yes I'll just let you know when I get it  
  **Colleen Affrime**: We can't do a shared doc on the members page can we?  
**Theresa Foster**: I don't believe so  
**Candace**: With contact information and all--would that be viewable by the general public?  
**Lanora**: No. A google doc can be secure. Also, I can make one on windows that is also secure.  
  **Candace**: I think google may be the best way to go  
**Lanora**: I have the newest version of windows online, so I can easily do that. Just let me know what you prefer  
**Candace**: and easily shared amongst planners and Board  
  **Theresa Foster**: Google is better. I'll look for what our old login was, but I believe it had been created by someone who is no longer in CSS anymore  
**Lanora**: Theresa - if you can get it, let me know and I can transfer the docs that I've been keeping over to it  
**Colleen Affrime**: I just found a note that says "Can use google drive - talk to Theresa".  I think from 6/15.

**Elections** *(Report from Amy Behr)*

**Candace**: We did find nominees for the election!  
**Candace**: Elections should be opening come March, be sure to vote  
  **Candace**: and start thinking about running for a position next year  
**Candace**: I give my endorsement that it's...I wouldn't say fun, but definitely ok  
**Candace**: I would run again

**Colleen Affrime**: I would too; I just want a year break.  
**Candace**: Endorsed by two presidents!  
**Sharon Rawlins**: Sounds reasonable!  
 

**Reports from subcommittees**

**Summer Reading Committee** (*Report from Natalie Cheetham)*

**Candace**: I have the summer Reading Report from Natalie

*The Summer Reading Committee met on February 10th @ the Franklin Township Library in Somerset.  This meeting was a dress rehearsal for our upcoming workshops in March.  The committee members have all worked hard on their presentations and they will be sharing a lot of great ideas to get people ready for this summer.*

*Workshop registration opened on February 6th.  The Wayne location filled up within the week; however, there are still spots available at our three other locations:*

*·     Mullica Hill on March 10th*

*·     Franklin Township in Somerset on March 20th*

*·     Monroe Township on March 27th*

*Anyone wishing to register should visit njsummerreading.org*

*Doors will open for each location at 9:30; the workshops will run from 10am – 1:30pm.*

*Any questions about workshops should be emailed to* [*njlasummerreading@gmail.com*](mailto:njlasummerreading@gmail.com)

*The committee is happy to co-sponsor “Behind the Books with author/illustrator David Macaulay” on at NJLA on Tuesday, April 25th @ 11:30am.  After David’s presentation, we will be raffling off one of his original sketches from his work on this year’s CSLP poster to one of the attendees.  A book-signing will follow.*

  **Candace**: One of his original sketches from his work on this year’s CSLP poster to one of the attendees.  A book-signing will follow.  
**Jessica Bauer**: I am so excited to meet him!  
**Candace**: Now is probably a good time to mention that the next meeting will be following the Monroe Summer Reading Workshop on 3/27  
**Candace**: Be sure to bring some books!

**State Library** *(Report from Sharon Rawlins)*

**Candace**: Sharon, you're up  
  **Sharon Rawlins**: I sent you my report last night so I won't repeat it all here. The main thing is that I'm soliciting for slogans for the 2019 summer reading program for children - theme is space. And for the theme for 2020. Send ideas to me. And, you are invited to apply for a math and science story time kit and funds to have a Spanish speaker for children’s programming through Rutgers-NIEER. I sent out the application info on the listservs recently. Deadline is soon, sorry! March 3rd.  
  **Candace**: Is the teacher arranged for by the grant or does each library find their own?  
**Candace**:\*teacher=Spanish speaker  
**Sharon Rawlins**: Supposedly NIEER will work with you to get a speaker.  
  **Sharon Rawlins**: At least that's what we've agreed to.  
**Candace**: great  
**Candace**: that makes life easier and the grant more appealing :)  
  **Sharon Rawlins**: Yes. I agree.

***NJSL Report for CSS Executive Board Meeting, February 24, 2017***

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

***Apply to host children’s Math and Science Story Time (MASST) Series – Deadline to Apply, Friday, March 3, 2017***

*The NJ State Library and the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University are partnering to offer 10 public libraries the opportunity 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, a STEM initiative that serves the Spanish-speaking community. Public Libraries and invited to apply to be selected to participate in hosting the series, and to receive resources kits, training, and be provided with a Spanish-speaking presenter, if needed.*

[*MASST*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=cJZlOrARXeeagcvbhA9q_CpS56vA1tgPBBXOcv1hQZT_5AIz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.masstprogram.org%2f)*is a story time series focusing on children ages 3-6 and their families in Spanish, English, or both. This program being offered is for the Spanish-speaking community and includes 8 sessions, each focused on a different area of science or math. Session kits include lesson plans, books, and materials. Sessions involve reading, gross motor activities, singing, and hands-on creative projects that link to the focal topic. Children attend one or more MASST sessions with their family members or caregivers, and related handouts encourage families to extend learning into the home.*

*Applicants who wish to participate in, and host the Math and Science Story Time (MASST) Series at their public library are required to read the guidelines and complete an application form, found*[*here*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=GR69tqH3TkcIjoBjLzcBtwKvMHyoTxT679TrPxzlQmH_5AIz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.njstatelib.org%2fnews%2fapply-host-childrens-math-science-story-time-masst-series%2f)*on the NJ State Library’s website. Ten public libraries will be selected to host and receive the materials for the MASST sessions, valued at $750 for each library.*

*Please email the completed application form along with supporting materials to Sharon Rawlins at*[*srawlins@njstatelib.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=EZ3K2HPdEHMkD8YWeFbTQPAi6J9d6-MM_-JOMipKDUdjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=mailto%3asrawlins%40njstatelib.org)*by****Friday, March 3, 2017 at 5 pm.***

*The winning libraries will be notified by email by****March 14, 2017.***

*Questions? Contact Sharon Rawlins at*[*srawlins@njstatelib.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=EZ3K2HPdEHMkD8YWeFbTQPAi6J9d6-MM_-JOMipKDUdjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=mailto%3asrawlins%40njstatelib.org)*, 609-278-2640 ext. 116.*

***2017 Summer Reading Workshops:***

*It’s time to start thinking warm thoughts.  The summer reading workshops are coming!*

*Once again, the Summer Reading Committee is heading out across the state to help you prepare for your best summer ever.*

*Mark your calendars.  The workshop dates are:*

*     Monday, March 6th at the Wayne Public Library - filled*

*     Friday, March 10th at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library System*

*     Monday, March 20th at the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset*

*     Monday, March 27th at the Monroe Township Public Library*

*Each workshop runs from 9:30am-1:30pm and is full of inspiring ideas for all ages presented by our committee members.*

*Have some old prizes that you just can’t get rid of?  Participate in our new Incentive Swap!  Bring your old prizes and walk away with something new.*

*Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to get a head start on your summer planning.*

*Registration opens on Monday, February 6th at 10am.  You must have a login for our website (*[*http://njsummerreading.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=4AWEO1E8Cw-6wYHj7G5VXICVPGxVy6Mvym6fFwhh8_pjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fnjsummerreading.org)*) in order to register for the workshops.*

*Please email*[*njlasummerreading@gmail.com*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=n9eENJwr16XYkYXjbMofpZnOHkXNr6tuxZVd15H2Yl5jRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=mailto%3anjlasummerreading%40gmail.com)*with any questions or concerns.*

*We hope to see you soon!*

***2017 Summer Reading Manuals:***

*All public libraries should have received their 2017 Summer Reading Manuals that were shipped in late October/early November. Libraries not on the delivery service had their manuals sent to the main library in the county where they are located. That library should make arrange to get the manual to your library. Libraries received print with one DVD, or a USB, or the manual online only. Not every library got what they wanted as indicated in the summer reading survey. I will be using those survey results to purchase the manuals for 2018. Each purchase of any manual gives you access to the online version as well. Here are the steps to accessing the online manual:*

*     Go to:*[*http://cslpreads.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=g36tQumpKQLQyH-tfSLEMBTIceoJ0_rlskDkqmEQ-9tjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fcslpreads.org)

*     You must have a CSLP login and password. If you are not registered on the CSLP website, please create an account by clicking on Login/Register in the upper right hand corner of the CSLP website.*

*     Once you are logged into the site, click on*[*Proprietary Downloads*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=iuL-UyxompAB68i5xwBt8Y1anKhOcj03Z05FXCR_9qNjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cslpreads.org%2fmembership-sponsorship-2%2fmember-libraries%2fproprietary-downloads%2f)*located on the tool bar.*

*     The first time you enter this section, you must request the on-line manual access code by clicking on the Online Manual Request, located in the left hand column of the page.*

*     Choose your STATE code.*

*     Complete the request from with your: City, Library Name, first and last name, and email address and then click the Submit button*

*     The 2017 manual access code will appear on your screen and an email confirmation will be sent to you. You should only share this code with those staff members in your building who have a CSLP website account.*

*Once you have the building access code, go back to the CSLP website****Proprietary Downloads****and click on: Online Manual Access. From here you will be able to see each of the four manuals to download or print any part you are interested in.*

*If you have any problems accessing your manual, please contact the CSLP office at*[*contact@cslpreads.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=X_LQWxq2CikfRNUpFi8tbLs4g0fCSManFiUddTRIm8ZjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=mailto%3acontact%40cslpreads.org)*or by phone at: 866-657-8556.*

***Archived 2017 Summer Reading Webinars:***

*To view the CSLP sponsored****Build a Better World! Early Literacy Webinar****held on Jan. 26, 2017 go to this page:*[*http://shopcslp.com/cslp/pages/webinars*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=j7Ef91GSO3V5RKB3J0emF7OQ328rJSd_EaO3oMg3rrtjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flists.njstatelib.org%2fcgi-bin%2fdada%2fmail.cgi%2fr%2fnjyac%2f673194871066%2fsrawlins%2fnjstatelib.org%2f)

*To view the CSLP sponsored****Build a Better World! Children’s Webinar****held on Jan. 10, 2017 go to this page:*[*http://shopcslp.com/cslp/pages/webinars*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=j7Ef91GSO3V5RKB3J0emF7OQ328rJSd_EaO3oMg3rrtjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flists.njstatelib.org%2fcgi-bin%2fdada%2fmail.cgi%2fr%2fnjyac%2f673194871066%2fsrawlins%2fnjstatelib.org%2f)

***2017 Info2Go! Collaboration for Summer Reading!***

*Idaho Commission for Libraries offered a webinar on Jan. 9, 2017 on collaboration for summer reading. This was an opportunity for participants to share their stories of collaboration and ask questions on how to get started in developing community partnerships.*

*The archive is available here:*[*http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/info2go*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=38yrQN03XpO7iJkW4V8sjjfMtccLhwLcCth1hbBuyYtjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flists.njstatelib.org%2fcgi-bin%2fdada%2fmail.cgi%2fr%2fnjyac%2f802641350319%2fsrawlins%2fnjstatelib.org%2f)

***2017 "Build a Better World" Programming Ideas****The Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) for the State Library of Michigan presented a webinar on youth services programming ideas for 2017 Summer Reading on Jan. 9, 2017.  The link to the recording is here:*[***http://libraryofmichigan.adobeconnect.com/p9d69b4jaic/***](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=sCRb0ndsndqHeGJgAvYyJeDO_4MWvC5-k2ejdpLgkFFjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2flists.njstatelib.org%2fcgi-bin%2fdada%2fmail.cgi%2fr%2fnjyac%2f779828043453%2fsrawlins%2fnjstatelib.org%2f)*. Please note that in the bottom left-hand box there are files available for download with resource links, and partway through the webinar, the slides are also available for download.*

***Other Organizations***

***Apply for Eclipse Glasses and Receive an Eclipse Education Kit****On August 21, 2017, a spectacular total eclipse of the Sun will be visible across the width of the continental U.S. for the first time since 1918.  Every state will have at least 60% of the Sun covered by the Moon, and lucky people on a narrow path from Oregon to South Carolina will see the stunning beauty of totality. STAR\_Net’s NASA@ My Library initiative with support from NASA, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Research Corporation, and Google, is distributing over 2 million solar viewing glasses and an Eclipse Education Kit to public libraries.*[*Apply for Eclipse Glasses & Education Kit!*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=bYvbch_CvSL2F48ae4nm81NqfE2WcIYCMyGZq8doxA9jRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2ft.e2ma.net%2fclick%2fymx3r%2fa8p58r%2fm9mt6g)

***BookLinx Book Evaluation Group Looking for Reviewers***

*BookLinx Book Evaluation Program has scheduled their next meeting for  [May 16th](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx" \t "_blank), 2017. They continue to recruit new reviewers.*

*Please find below their participant information.  The next meeting announcement listed below is also on their website (*[*booklinx.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=MivN4oaKBPvh0O9KxK549Z1F4EBXA5yRWIv20bWZUtRjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fbooklinx.org%2f)*):*[*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)*at Rahway Public Library,*[*2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, 07065*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)*(Between E Milton Ave and Main St),*[*(732) 340-1551*](tel:%28732%29%20340-1551)*~Preview*[*4:00*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)*~Reviews/Selections*[*4:30-6:00*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)

*There are 2 ways that you may participate with BookLinx:*

*     As a reviewer who attends the meetings and selects her/his own books to review.*

*     As a reviewer who cannot attend the meetings but wishes to receive books for review.*

***When you attend meetings:***

*We have two meetings each year, usually October and May; held****at the Rahway Public Library****.  Check our website for meeting dates and updated information,*[*booklinx.org*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=MivN4oaKBPvh0O9KxK549Z1F4EBXA5yRWIv20bWZUtRjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fbooklinx.org%2f)*.*

*Our meetings are quite nice – at a lovely facility with free parking, refreshments, a chance to network and meet new colleagues – and get free books for your library.  CEU/PD hour certificates are also available for participants attending.  Bring a strong bag or two to carry your books ☺*

**[*4 – 4:30*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)*Preview Books – See all the latest books that our participating publishers are sending.*

**[*4:30 – 6:00*](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)*– Books selected at the previous meeting will be reviewed and new books will be selected to be reviewed for the next meeting.*

***When you choose to receive and review books sent via LibraryLinkNJ delivery:***

*     Please let us know (*[***booklinx@gmail.com***](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=fm5UI9krmHLUptuWFUPI6vOiXm16HHYl_6hiDE2UuLhjRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=mailto%3abooklinx%40gmail.com)*or*[***info@booklinx.org***](https://outlook.chtownship.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=W5eyPUQw44iPxOA9Ra1NX9_PzsC4zOxMwSycgJ2b1M5jRwUz4FzUCA..&URL=mailto%3ainfo%40booklinx.org)*) before our meeting which types of books you would like to review (YA, Picture, Board, Graphic Novels, Easy Fiction, Junior Fiction, Junior NonFiction, Junior Biography).  Publishers have been sending lots of YA books and we would appreciate it if you would review at least two YA books.*

*     After the meeting date, 5-10 books will be delivered to your designated school or public library via LibraryLinkNJ delivery service authorized route.*

**NJLA Executive Board** *(Report from Jessica Bauer)*

**Candace**: Jessica, are you’re ready to report?  
  **Jessica Bauer**: I went to Princeton to the meeting, but found out t was in Plainsboro instead, so I will be going to the March meeting as it turns out. Sorry!  
**Candace**: ok  
**Sharon Rawlins**: Did they change the location without letting you know again? I've heard that happens a lot. Very frustrating.  
  **Jessica Bauer**: It was on the NJLA calendar as being in Princeton "the last time I checked" and then I never checked again...  
**Jessica Bauer**: Princeton is right down the road from Hillsborough so it wasn’t a big deal. But as of now I am waiting for the March location to be announced and will try my best to make it there.  If not, I will ask to be skyped in to the meeting :)

**Sharon Rawlins**: That's a good idea.

**Public Policy** *(Report from Melissa Mitchell)*

**Candace**: Melissa, do you have anything to report?  
**Melissa Mitchell**: Yes, from the Feb 3 meeting:  
**Melissa Mitchell**:1) NJ Assembly bill A4500 (regarding School Library Media Specialists legislation) passed, now Senate support is needed.

2) It was debated whether NJLA should do a postcard campaign to legislators. In the end, it was decided that we should send one email a month to legislators, as less can be more.

3) The NJLA Statement on Inclusion was further refined, with the title changed as you see it here. Other wording changes included not specifying “welcoming all races, religions, gender and viewpoints” and any other classes of persons, to the broader text “where all are welcome.”

4) The Committee has begun working with “NJ 11th for Change,” which is an advocacy group from the 11th district. The group is working on a number of issues and attempting to get responses from Rodney Frelinghuysen, who has been avoiding town hall meetings and otherwise being unresponsive.  
  **Candace**: Thank you, Melissa.  
  **Melissa Mitchell**: Yup.  
**Candace**: Any questions for Melissa?

**Performer’s Showcase** *(Report from Dianna Cann)*

**Candace**: I have the Performer's Showcase report from Diane

NJLA Performers' ShowcaseThe new chairperson for NJLA Performers' Showcase Committee is Jess Bauer, Librarian - Youth Services, Somerset County Library System of New Jersey, Hillsborough Library branch  
Diane will remain on the committee to work with Jess for a smooth changeover.    
They've discussed the first phase of the chairperson's responsibilities and Jess has gotten started.

**Candace**: Congratulations and a big thank you to Jessica!  
  **Jessica Bauer**: I love the Performers Showcase!  
  **Jessica Bauer**: Diane has been wonderful so far answering all of my questions

**GSCBA Report**

**Candace**: I have the GSCBA report from Jenna  
**Candace**: They are meeting today to hash out who will be on next year's ballot

*The Young Adult Services Section and the Children’s Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association are happy to announce the winners of the Garden State Book Awards for 2017.  Our winners were chosen by the children and teens of New Jersey.*

***Early Reader***

*My New Friend is So Fun by Mo Willems*

*Hyperion*

***Fiction***

*Sisters by Raina Telgemeier*

*Graphix Imprint of Scholastic*

***Fiction Series***

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid:  The Long Haul by Jeff Kinney*

*Amulet Imprint of Abrams*

***Non-Fiction***

*Kid Presidents:  True Tales of Childhood from America’s Presidents by David Stabler; illustrated by Doogie Horner*

*Quirk Books*

***Fiction Grades 6-8***

*The Crossover by Kwame Alexander*

*Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*

***Fiction Grades 9-12***

*Ms. Marvel: No Normal by G. Willow Wilson; illustrated by Adrian Alphona*

*Marvel*

***Non-Fiction Grades 6-12***

*Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods by Rick Riordan and John Rocco*

*Disney Press*

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**Candace**: I was surprised at the True Childhoods of American Presidents  
**Sharon Rawlins**: But, given the recent elections, maybe it's not so surprising after all.  
**Candace**: mmhmm The latest one could be quite interesting

**Good of the Order**

**Colleen Affrime**: I just found the Gmail info:  [njlacss@gmail.com](mailto:njlacss@gmail.com) and the password

**Theresa Foster**: It's [NJLA.css@gmail.com](mailto:NJLA.css@gmail.com)  
**Theresa Foster**: Facebook and Gmail were the same I believe  
**Theresa Foster**: We disbanded a Google Site where you needed permission to view the info -- but all that stuff merged over

**Candace**: Theresa, can you please redact the password from the minutes?

**Theresa Foster**: Yes -- I'll check the one Colleen had with mine and change it and send it to who...

**Candace**: You can send it to Lanora and me; we can pass it down to the new vp  
**Theresa Foster**: Jessica what login do you use for FB is it [NJLA.CSS@gmail.com](mailto:NJLA.CSS@gmail.com)

**Jessica Bauer**: Username: [NJLA.css@gmail.com](mailto:NJLA.css@gmail.com)  
**Theresa Foster**: Ok.

**Lanora**: I will be also at the Makers Toolkit if anyone needs additional information from me.

**Jessica Bauer**: Lanora, what needs to be done if I volunteer for the brown bag lunch?  
**Lanora**: The brown bag lunch is essentially a reciting and information session to really let people know what we do and what the CSS and YSS is all about.  
**Lanora**: So, you can talk about the Performer’s showcase if you'd like  
**Jessica Bauer**: Yes, that sounds good!  
  **Candace**: I can come to the brow bag lunch  
**Lanora**: :) I'll add your name to the list. My Gmail is [MelilloL@gmail.com](mailto:MelilloL@gmail.com) and work e-mail [LMelillo@scotlib.org](mailto:LMelillo@scotlib.org)  
**Candace**: If I don't get waylaid in the NJLA store  
**Lanora**: I'll add your name too. I believe I have someone from GSBA already, but I'd like someone from summer reading as well  
  **Lanora**: I have to take a look at my notes. Anyone is welcome to come if they want to share any information about CSS  
**Pham Condello**: I’m on the Conference Committee and will be staffing the registration desk, so I don't know what I can do.  But if I have time I’ll let you know.

**Adjournment**

**Candace**: Ok everyone, are we good?

*(Repeat)* **Candace**: Now is probably a good time to mention that the next meeting will be following the Monroe Summer Reading Workshop on 3/27.