

## **NJLA CSS Meeting Agenda for Friday, October 19, 2018 3PM**

### **Virtual meeting**

#### **\* Welcome and Call to Order**

In attendance: Aaron Pickett, Lanora Melillo, Cynthia Becker, Jess Bauer, Cassie Runkel-Mechler, Ann Kershner

#### **\* Approval of Minutes from September**

September minutes were not posted; this was tabled for the November meeting.

#### **\* New Business:**

- Goals for this year
- Children's toolbox (unconference)- need locations, dates and ideas, such as what do new librarians need to know, new storytime formats etc. Please let me know if anyone is willing to hold these at their libraries. I am looking to have them at different times and locations around the state

- We want to make these meetings more accessible and useful for all members, but we realize that with as many subcommittees CSS has it is hard for even committed librarians who want to be involved to do everything, so we definitely think that combining meetings with subcommittees would help.

#### **\* NJLA Annual Conference Update (Aaron Pickett)**

- Some have emailed possible conference ideas and are possibly looking for other collaborators on their panels. There is a Google Docs spreadsheet that everyone can view where we can list "not quite ready" conference ideas so people can look them over and see if they would be interested in working to bring these ideas to fruition.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12j8zKK6nAgL7T19lcLJGuHAjzHKopvHup5YK4IY2PUs/edit?usp=sharing>

- As a reminder, if you have a full fleshed out idea that you'd like to submit for a conference idea, you can submit it directly at this website:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecLJTn0SBDd5kGt49nISim4UprAuwGpdoWVqz19a7XWZSY\\_w/formResponse](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecLJTn0SBDd5kGt49nISim4UprAuwGpdoWVqz19a7XWZSY_w/formResponse) although we would like to know what folks are submitting so we don't duplicate efforts.

#### **\* Reports from subcommittees**

##### **■ Library Link NJ (Sophie Brookover)**

- The Future of LibraryLinkNJ• A brief snapshot of results from our Save LLNJ Survey, which closed on 9/20: Would you support the library community prioritizing its funding request to the legislature to identify stable, ongoing funding for LibraryLinkNJ as the top priority for library funding in FY2019 and FY2020?o Total responses: 689o YES: 94% (645)o NO: 6% (44)Background information: LibraryLinkNJ has adopted a budget for July 2018 - June 2019 that requires libraries participating in delivery services to contribute to its cost for the period January 1, - June 30, 2019.
- The current budget - even with library contributions for delivery – is still \$370,000 short of full funding for LibraryLinkNJ. This deficit is the result of several unfortunate circumstances, including an increase in the cost of services and continued flat funding from the state. In years past, we have made up for any deficits through reserve funding.

That funding, however, has now run out. If additional funding is not secured and secured soon, LibraryLinkNJ will close for good. LibraryLinkNJ has already had to put a contingency plan in place, with staff layoffs starting in January 2019 and with LibraryLinkNJ dissolving entirely in June 2019. There is great uncertainty regarding the future of all of the services LibraryLinkNJ provides: delivery, continuing education, innovation projects, and a voice for advocacy for the entire library community as a whole.

- LibraryLinkNJ is funded through the Network Aid line in the State Library's budget. That budget line funds a number of other services in addition to LibraryLinkNJ. We are doing this survey in hopes of demonstrating that there is a high level of consensus among the library community to sustain funding for LibraryLinkNJ and its services into the future. We appreciate your time and hope you will join our efforts to save LibraryLinkNJ!• Advocacy Form: Action Item open until further notice. We're gathering stories from staff at member libraries about the difference LibraryLinkNJ has made in your careers and in your libraries' abilities to serve your communities. If you have a specific story to share about LibraryLinkNJ services -- continuing education, innovation project funding, and delivery -- we'd love to hear from you!
- Virtual Town Hall Meetings: we're holding these updates for our membership via Adobe Connect on as close to a monthly basis as we can. We can accommodate up to 100 individual participants in real time, but if someone at your library registers, you can participate with them as a group. We are also archiving recordings of and agendas from each meeting on our website.o October Virtual Town Hall Meeting: This meeting was held on 10/17, and included updates from our Advocacy Task Force and a recap of a major meeting on 10/15 we held with stakeholders from around the state. o November Virtual Town Hall Meeting: will be held on 11/7; we'll open registration for it by 10/26
- Everyone is encouraged to fill out their advocacy form here:  
<http://librarylinknj.org/node/add/support-librarylinknj>
- CE Updates: Recent webinar archive: Revisiting Changes, Trends, and Values: Futures Thinking for Libraries, with Miguel Figueroa• MentorNJ Networking Event was held on 10/5 at Monroe Township Public Library• Save the date for Readers' Advisory PLUS, an all-ages Readers' & Cultural Advisory Unconference on February 6, 2019 at the Monroe Township Public Library (snow date: February 8)! We're partnering with NJLA's Readers' Advisory Round Table and LibraryReads.

#### ■ State Library (Sharon Rawlins)

- Statistics for the 2018 Statewide Summer Reading Program – Deadline was 10-12-18. I am double-checking to see if all public libraries submitted their 2018 summer reading program statistics using this link. If your library didn't submit them, I will try to follow up with a phone call. If I don't receive them by October 26th, I will delete your library from the incentives order for 2019 that I will be sending to Upstart/Demco in early November. Questions should be directed to Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org).
- Registration closed for 2018 Youth Services Forum –Deadline to register was Oct. 12, 2018. This annual event, sponsored by NJLA, NJSL, and NJASL will be held Monday, Oct. 29, 2018 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan from

8:45 am – 3 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Project Manager Sandi Cronce, Willingboro Public Library, [scronce@willingboro.org](mailto:scronce@willingboro.org), 609-877-6668 or Sharon Rawlins

- NJ Center for the Book Presents: Poetry Indeed! Based on the success the students of New Jersey have had in the Library of Congress Letters about Literature contest, the New Jersey Center for the Book will host an event, POETRY INDEED! on October 26, 2018, from 1 to 4 PM at the Livingston College Student Center of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, in Piscataway. The event is free and open to the public.
- The Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship provides a \$4,000 grant to a qualified children's librarian to spend a total of four weeks or more reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature of the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville. The Baldwin Library contains a special collection of 130,000 volumes of children's literature published mostly before 1950. The fellowship is endowed in memory of Louise Seaman Bechtel and Ruth M. Baldwin. Learn more about this fellowship opportunity and how to apply! Deadline: November 1!
- LJ and SLJ are having a virtual library conference: LibraryCon Live! 11-7-2018 Join Library Journal and School Library Journal for their inaugural LibraryCon Live! virtual conference. It's a day-long celebration with beloved authors of fandom stories and characters, from pulse-pounding sci-fi horror to innovative reboots of classic series to mind-bending speculative fiction across formats. You'll also learn from librarians and industry insiders on how to plan and host your own Comic Con-style event. Plus, network online with other fans and explore the virtual exhibit hall where you'll hear directly from publishers about their newest books and engage in live chats with featured authors. LibraryCon Live! is a free, completely virtual conference—no traveling and no cost! Register here: <http://vshow.on24.com/vshow/LibraryCon2018/registration/15486>
- ALA's ALSC group has a survey to help prioritize their research agenda. Info is below: The Research Agenda Task Force needs your help! We are in the beginning stages of creating the ALSC Research Agenda, and we are hoping to compile your comments and opinions to guide us as we create a prioritized research agenda. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/29GM5NFAs> an extra incentive, we are raffling off two \$25 gift cards to Amazon. Simply take the survey and you will be entered to win. To help you get started, here are a few answers to questions you may have. What is a research agenda? A research agenda is a document that guides inquiry. The ALSC Research Agenda will list areas of priority for research, including possible research questions to guide potential researchers.

■ **Garden State Book Awards (Robin Rockman)**

- We met on September 28th, 2018 for our first meeting of the new year.
- We have a full committee, reaching our cap of 20 members. We are requesting approval from the CSS Executive Board to allow us to increase or remove the limit so that we

can bring on more readers and keep on school media specialists as readers, even though they are having an increasingly difficult time making the meetings

- The current ballot is out now! Please encourage your readers to vote. We have a brand new category of Graphic Novels (replacing our Series category). Ballots to print out, tips on how to promote GSCBA, electronic ballots, and other information can all be found here: <http://njlamembers.org/content/garden-state-childrens-book-awards>. The deadline for libraries to submit their tallies is January 11, 2019.

- We will have a table at the Youth Services Forum on October 29th at Monmouth County to promote the award

- We would like to update our logo.

- We would also like to update our voting guidelines. In the past, all votes were submitted on behalf of the libraries. I have attached our voting guidelines so you can see the formula for determining the winner. However, as we have started to shift towards individual online voting, and feel that this is where all voting will be heading, our formula does not really account for these votes. We would like to revise our guidelines to account for this shift. We don't see this change happening with the current ballot, but for the 2019-2020 ballot. Basically, it would free up librarians to direct voters to online voting, which we think would be easier for libraries to engage their readers. All votes would be counted individually. The Young Adult Section has made this transition already, but our formula for determining winners has held us back.

*\*\*\*CSS members agreed to changing the voting guidelines and tentatively agreed to changing membership cap, tabling it for the November meeting for formal approval.*

#### ■ Public Policy (Jen Fitzgerald)

- Public Policy Committee is looking for more Assembly and Senate Sponsors for the Per Capita State Aid bills, which would provide \$10.5 million for public libraries -- see flyer <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12ExzQydnAfDLXWeE4Nz6wcP79aqRQqv6/view?usp=sharing> . Please ask contact your legislators and share widely. There is also this image for sharing on social media -- [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IXz4Q2Aj\\_Zp8ulPyaCx3NJLjG4Ks6lyS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IXz4Q2Aj_Zp8ulPyaCx3NJLjG4Ks6lyS/view?usp=sharing) (Note: Consult your library's policy on advocacy before sharing.)

#### ■ Executive Board (Jen Fitzgerald)

- The NJLA executive board let us know that the Strategic Plan Task Force is developing a survey and hopes to have it ready to launch on November 1. The exec board did meet this week, so they may provide more updates for the next time CSS meets.

#### ■ Summer Reading (Natalie Cheetham)

- The Summer Reading Committee last met on Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset. The committee went over summers at their libraries and discussed possible improvements to this year's workshops.
- We have changed the name of our Pinterest account to NJLA Summer Reading, so that it is consistent with our Facebook and Gmail addresses.
- Workshop dates have been scheduled, so people are encouraged to save the dates:  
Monday, March 11, 2019 @ the Wayne Public Library  
Friday, March 15, 2019 @ the Mullica Hill Branch of the GCLS

Monday, March 18, 2019 @ the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset

Monday, March 25, 2019 @ the Monroe Public Library

Registration for the workshops will be made available through our website:

njsummerreading.org in early February.

- Several members of the committee will be congregating in Trenton next week to send out CSLP materials for next summer. Once again, libraries who submitted statistics will be given instructions on how to access the CSLP manual

#### ■ Performers' Showcase (Jess Bauer)

- Performers' Showcase is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 1st. We have 40 registered already. Registration closes on Mon, Oct 29th. On-site registration is permitted on the day of the event. Schedule is online  
<https://njla.org/sites/default/files/2018%20Performers%27%20Showcase%20Schedule.pdf>
- This is the first year that professional development credits will be awarded to attendees.
- Jess also created a google form that potential performers can fill out if they want to be considered for a future Showcase, and it can be found here:  
<http://njlamembers.org/content/performers-showcase>. If performers (or libraries looking to recommend a performer) are interested, they can add to this form throughout the year.
- Jess would like to have a volunteer to help organize the info from past Showcases so that we can have a directory available online. She is going to write up a "job description" so we can share the volunteer position with our members.

#### \* Important dates

- Youth Services Forum, Keepin' It Fresh -October 29, 2018 – deadline to register is this Friday however you can still register onsite. Monmouth County Library – Headquarters, Manalapan, NJ Reminder: Please park in the lot behind the library
- Performers Showcase- November 1 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, Manalapan, NJ. Reminder: Please park in the lot behind the library
- Diversity & Outreach: Do-It Conference - November 8, 2018 Raritan Valley Community College, Conference Center
- The LMx children's librarians are having an unconference on Friday, December 7th at 10am-1:30pm at the East Brunswick Public Library. Everyone from wherever is encouraged to attend and we will be giving out sweet prizes (Snap Circuits or Straws and Connectors sets) to every library which attends, while supplies last. We'll have the RSVP info about that by our next CSS meeting on 11/7 or check your email for an invite.
- 2019 NJLA Conference, Engage & Inspire - May 29-31, 2019 Harrah's Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ. Conference Proposals are due Friday November 30, 2018

#### \* Adjournment

\* **Next meeting:** Wednesday, November 7 at 3:00 at the Jackson Branch of the Ocean County Library. Please come at 2:30 if you'd like to meet and greet with other members. Bring ideas for what you'd like to see from CSS in the coming year (toolboxes, trainings, etc.)