

NJLA CSS Meeting
Tuesday, May 7 at 3pm
Mount Olive Public Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. In attendance: Jen Fitzgerald, Dana Skwirut, Aaron Pickett, Ann Kershner

2. Approval of Minutes from April

- a. Approved by Aaron
- b. Seconded by Dana

3. Old Business

- a. NJLA conference
 - i. Conference table
 - 1. Aaron will bring button maker and supplies.
 - ii. Online registration ends on May 15
- b. Vote in the NJLA election! You should receive emails to vote for the NJLA executive board members as well as the CSS executive board members. If you belong to other sections as well (e.g., YASS), you will receive additional email ballots for those. Polls close on May 15.

4. New Business

- a. 2019-2020 Meeting dates and ideas
 - i. Aaron will finalize on dates when exec board for next year is settled. However, he has reached out to some locations to see if they can host:
 - 1. Sept - Somerset County, probably Warren branch. Could also be Bernards Twship. We discussed doing this as an "Open house" style meeting where folks can "try it out" before becoming CSS members officially. Also, reaching out to / inviting LIS students.
 - 2. Oct - virtual
 - 3. Nov - Cherry Hill
 - 4. Dec - East Brunswick (perhaps team up w/ LMxAC unconference ?)
 - 5. Friday, Jan 31 - joint meeting with GSCBA @ 9:30 at Old Bridge Public Library (snow date February 7)
 - 6. February - virtual
 - 7. March - potentially Ocean County Library System
 - ii. Try to do more joint meetings with other NJLA section; potentially YASS, Diversity & Outreach, Administration

5. Reports from subcommittees

- a. Library Link NJ (website)
 - i. Job shadowing available for MLIS students interested in working in public or academic settings: <https://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/job-shadowing>
 - ii. Small meet-ups available for library staff on a variety of topics: <https://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/meetup>

b. State Library (Sharon Rawlins)

- i. The DOE, NJ State Library, NJASL, and NJLA are in the beginning stages of developing a joint pilot project to provide 6th grade students with public library cards in selected parts of the state. More information will be forthcoming as plans progress on this project.
- ii. A CSLP committee created a how-to guide to help libraries connect kids and teens with healthy food when school is out. The guide begins with an overview of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a federally funded, state-administered program. Next is a checklist for libraries to determine their eligibility and take the first steps toward becoming an SFSP site. For libraries not in geographic areas that are eligible for SFSP, or for whom SFSP is not a good fit, there's a section on alternatives to SFSP and other ways to help. This section is also for those who don't plan to serve food at the library, but still want to support summer feeding. Next is a collection of tips, checklists, best practices, and innovative ideas to plan for a successful summer, from space considerations, to programming, to staffing, and more, including basic talking points and additional advocacy and awareness materials to build support. Finally, a resource list gathers links to essential and supplemental sources to help librarians connect children and teens in their communities to healthy food throughout the summer. The CSLP Child Health and Wellness Committee also created the Summer Meals factsheet and it can be downloaded here: www.cslnreads.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/cslp_summer_meals_factsheet_rev0519.pdf (PDF file). The first page of the factsheet is available as an image file. It is attached here: www.cslnreads.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/cslp_summer_meals_infographic_rev0519.png (PNG file). Both factsheet downloads can be found on the resource list of the Libraries and Summer Food guide: <https://www.cslnreads.org/libraries-and-summer-food/#resource>
- iii. Meetings continue bi-weekly between State Library and Governor's Policy Office staff regarding public library construction. The regulations are almost finished, and we will soon be consulting with Treasury on questions that we have for Bond Counsel.
- iv. **Continuing Education:** Every month, the State Library Information Center holds author talks and classes as part of the NJSL Presents series. See the NJSL Events calendar for more information <https://www.njstatelib.org/events/> The State Library's Lifelong Learning and Library Support departments also have a monthly continuing education schedule https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/cetraining/continuing-education-from-the-new-jersey-state-library/
- v. **Additional Leap into Science Trainings Offered in 2019:** Trainings for educators (libraries, museums, afterschool organizations) by the state leadership team consisting of staff from the NJ State Library, NJ Makers Day and the Newark Museum will continue in Cohort Year 2 of this initiative. In 2019, they will

focus on training around the concept of wind for staff in public/school libraries/afterschool organizations who work with children ages 3 – 10 and their caregivers in underserved urban or rural communities. Leap into Science is a nationwide program developed by The Franklin Institute Science Museum and the National Girls Collaborative Project funded by the National Science Foundation that integrates open- ended science activities with children’s books. If you are interested in participating in this training, please contact Sharon Rawlins, srawlins@njstatelib.org.

- vi. **Cross Cultural Communicators in Public Libraries Project:** If you speak Spanish to serve your public library patrons and community members on a regular basis or occasionally, this program is for you! If you have colleagues or someone at your public library, please let them know of this great learning opportunity. There is no cost to participate! There are four locations in New Jersey you can choose from:

1. 10/17 Atlantic County Library System – Mays Landing
2. 10/18 Ocean County Library – Toms River
3. 10/24 Fairfield Free Public Library
4. 10/25 Somerset County Library System – Warren Township

Please see [this page](#) for more information and to register. For more information, go to the project website: www.njstatelib.org/cccil or contact: Mimi Lee, Project Director mlee@njstatelib.org or Paula Guzman-Bell, Project Coordinator at pguzmanbell@njstatelib.org

- vii. The NJ State Library is coordinating an informational program in an effort to facilitate discussion around the topic of opioid overdose and naloxone administration in libraries. The goal is to encourage the sharing and gathering of ideas and input for possible future programming. The free training will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060. [View the promotional flyer & Register here](#)

- viii. **Coretta Scott King (CSK) Celebrating the 50th Anniversary**

1. Go to the [CSK Programs in 2019](#) website to explore our CSK 50-50 Initiative, also known as Fifty States Celebrating the CSK 50th Anniversary. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee is challenging librarians, educators, and all lovers of children’s literature across the nation to hold one or more programs, classes, presentations, speeches, etc., highlighting the committee, award-winning books, authors, or illustrators in each of the 50 states.
2. If you accept this challenge, please send us an email us to diversity@ala.org so your state will be recognized for participating in the 50-50 Initiative. You might see your event highlighted over our CSK social media channels and the CSK50 website.
3. Visit the CSK 50th Anniversary [website](#) for program ideas and to access a variety of free downloads, including publicity templates and a variety of other resources.
4. During the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee will have the following 50th

Anniversary celebration activities: the CSK 50th Anniversary Gala, Friday, June 21, 2019, 7-9 p.m.; CSK Annual Program, Saturday, June 22, 2019, 4-5 p.m.; CSK-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement Award Reception, Saturday, June 22, 2019, 6-7:30 p.m.; and CSK Annual Awards Breakfast, Sunday, June 23, 2019, 7-10 a.m.

5. Also, visit the *Our Voice: Celebrating the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Awards*, the art exhibition curated by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL) in partnership with the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee at a location near you. Our Voice is the first comprehensive art exhibition celebrating the Coretta Scott King Award Illustrators from its inception to the present. Over 100 artworks are featured, and the art exhibition has shown to record breaking crowds. Click [here](#) for further information.

ix. NJ Association of School Librarians

1. The call for proposals is now open for NJASL's 2019 Fall Conference! This year's conference will be held at the Hilton East Brunswick on Monday and Tuesday December 9 & 10. We are so excited to have John Schu aka [Mr. Schu Reads](#) and [Jacqueline Woodson](#) as our keynote speakers.
 2. This year's theme is "Better Together." In keeping with that theme please share your ideas and expertise by submitting a proposal to present. Whether you're a first-timer or a perennial presenter, there's a format for everyone: Spark and Tell (10 minute session); Speed Learning (15 minute session); and Concurrent (60 minute session). More detailed descriptions of each format can be found on [the proposal form](#).
 3. If you have any questions, please reach out to Beth Thomas, Conference Chair at njasl19@njasl.org.
- c. Garden State Children's Book Awards (Robin Rockman)
- i. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Garden State Book Awards Luncheon at Conference on Friday, May 31st at 12:30 PM. You do need to register for it and it can be added on (if you already registered) by emailing the NJLA office at njla_office@njla.org. The cost is \$35.
- d. Public Policy (Jen Fitzgerald)
- i. No updates at this time.
- e. NJLA Executive Board (Karin Finnegan)
- i. No updates at this time.
- f. YS Forum (Sharon Rawlins)
- i. Do you have an innovative idea/program/experience that you would like to share with your fellow Youth Services Librarians? The 2019 Youth Services Forum planning committee is soliciting **new**, **different**, or **innovative** program proposals that have not been presented before at other venues for this Forum for youth services librarians and staff serving children and teens. The Forum, sponsored by NJLA, NJSL, and NJASL, is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 7, 2019 at the Monroe Township Public Library (Middlesex County).
 - ii. If you would like to submit a proposal, please fill out and submit this [Google Form](#). **Deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, May 17, 2019.** If you do not have all the information, such as the speakers' names, please indicate TBA. If you have any questions, please contact Project Manager Sandi Cronic,

Willingboro Public Library, scronce@willingboro.org, 609-877-6668 or Project Coordinator Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

- iii. "Keep Fresh and Stay Rad" is the **tentative** theme.
- g. Performer's Showcase (Jess Bauer)
 - i. If anyone has a recommendation for a performer for the Showcase happening November 14, please send info to jbauer@sclibnj.org. I would love some new talent, so please take a minute to send over the performer's contact information.
- h. Summer Reading (Natalie Cheetham)
 - i. All presentations from this year's workshops are now available on our website: <https://njsummerreading.org>
 - ii. We also have three different "Make-It" boards on Pinterest with ideas for this summer, in addition to book and movie lists. Our username is NJLA Summer Reading Committee. We also encourage people to follow us on Facebook and share any questions or pics from their own reading programs there. Our username is NJLA's Summer Reading.
 - iii. We hope that you will visit us at NJLA this year. We are presenting author/illustrator Leeza Hernandez at COUNTDOWN: From Sketch to (Illustration) Space Launch! on Thurs., 5/30: 9-9:50am, Wildwood 22&23. We will also have a table.
 - iv. The committee will next meet this Friday, May 10th at 10am at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset.
 - v. We welcome any questions/comments/etc. at njlasummerreading@gmail.com

6. Books and Baked goods brainstorm and share session

- a. Aaron -- picture book readalouds: *Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug*; *Old Dog Baby Baby* (especially good for baby storytime); *Jabari Jumps* (nice for diverse representation); *Inside Outside* (wordless picture book good for kids grades K-2)
- b. Ann -- picture book for storytime with infants/toddlers: *Stop, Go, Yes, No!*
- c. Dana -- picture books for drop-in storytime ages 3-5 with space theme to introduce summer theme: *Life on Mars*; *Earth: My First 4.54 Billion Years* (early nonfiction; a follow-up called *Moon! Earth's Best Friend* is coming out soon); *Kitten's First Full Moon*; *A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars* (maybe more for older kids though); *I Want to Be an Astronaut* (there's an app where you can take a picture with child's face in astronaut helmet). Some non-space-themed ones are *Wolfie the Bunny* and *Llama Destroys the World*.
- d. Jen -- yoga/movement books for storytime and/or school outreach: *Stretch*; *My Daddy is a Pretzel*; *Yoga Bunny*. Plus a yoga game with poses with cards printed from www.flowandgrowkidsyoga.com and laminated.

7. Important dates

- a. NJLA conference -- 5/29 through 5/31

8. Adjournment

- a. Next CSS meeting: Virtual meeting on Friday, June 7 at 3pm. Link will be sent out beforehand.