New Jersey Library Association

**Children’s Services Section**

***Friday, February 24, 2023 Virtual Meeting Agenda***

***9:45 a.m.***

**CSS Bylaws**

The eboard met to discuss updating the CSS Constitution and Bylaws and will be meeting again in the future to continue the process. An updated Constitution and Bylaws will be forthcoming.

**NJ TBBC**

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled has recently launched a new site in Spanish, making it easier for Spanish speakers to learn about NLS services: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/es/>

Liz Burns and Jen Apgar presented two different sessions at ALA’s recent LibLearnX Conference.

The Shop Talk session was titled That All May Read: Resources for your Print Disabled Community

The Learning Lab session was titled Exploring Accessible Materials and Library Partnerships to Serve the Print Disabled Community

Both sessions were well received and had a great turnout.

**YASS/GSTBA**

The YASS was conducted at EBPL and included deliberations for GSTBA 6-8 grade fiction. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/17 and will include deliberations for 9-12 Grade fiction titles.

**GSCBA**

Deliberations will be held Friday, March 3.

**NJASL**

NJASL Spring Mini Conference will be held Saturday, April 1 virtually with the theme of Hope & Healing. NJASL continues to deal with how to respond to book bannings, and how best to support libraries facing these challenges.

**NJALA**

NJALA’s conference will be held June 6 at the Mercer County Community College. The theme is “Be the Change.” Proposals are open until mid March and can be submitted here: <https://forms.gle/iZ2yF52GPact8tGB6>. NJALA is also seeking NJALA is also presenters for monthly virtual presentations. Contact [njalaconference@gmail.com](mailto:njalaconference@gmai.com) if interested or if you have any questions.

**2023 NJLA Conference**

The 2023 NJLA Conference will be held 5/31-6/2 at Harrah’s in Atlantic City. The theme is Sustainably Forward. Please share ideas for CSS’s presence at table space with Heather at [heather.kristian@gmail.com](mailto:heather.kristian@gmail.com)

**Elections for 2023-2024 Cycle**

If anyone interested in running for an open position, reach out to the CSS board. The positions below are open.

a. First Vice-President/President-Elect. One year as vice-president and the succeeding year as president. b. Second Vice-President. One year. c. Secretary/Treasurer. Two years. d. Members-at-large. Two years.

**NJSL Report**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

**The 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival April 16, 2023 Trenton, NJ -**

I need your help to promote this to get an audience.

Here are several PDF links for flyers to post if you would: https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Film-Festival.pdf; https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Film-Festival-11x17-1.pdf

Youth services staff in libraries are invited to encourage the youth they work with, ages 9 -18, to make their own short videos retelling the plot of a Newbery Award winning book in just 90 seconds! For more information about the 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival and how youth can submit their videos by March 3rd visit: https://90secondnewbery.com/.

Any films submitted by the deadline will be shown at the inaugural 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival sponsored by the New Jersey State Library on April 16, 2023 at 3 pm at the NJ State Museum’s Auditorium in Trenton (located next to the NJ State Museum). The festival will be hosted by author James Kennedy, founder of the 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival, and co-hosted by author Chris Grabenstein.

The young filmmakers, their family, friends and anyone interested in short films based on Newbery Award winning books are welcome to attend this free event. You’ll also have the opportunity to meet and have books signed by both Chris Grabenstein (Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library; The Smartest Kid in the Universe, Dog Squad, Shine! and more) and James Kennedy (The Order of Odd-Fish).

Free parking is available on weekends in the State House garage and in lots adjacent to and behind the Museum. Questions? Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org.

**Summer Reading Workshops-Registration is Open**

The Statewide Summer Reading Committee is looking forward to having youth and adult services public library staff attend the annual summer reading workshops this year. Two of the workshops will be in-person and the third will be virtual. All workshops will be from 10 am – 1:30 pm. The dates for the workshops are:

· Friday, March 3, 2023 - Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill (in-person)

· Friday, March 10, 2023 - Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library Main Library (in-person)

· Friday, March 24 - Virtual workshop

Register for the workshops by going to the NJ Summer Reading website. You must be subscribed to the website to access the workshop registration page.

For the in-person workshops, you’re invited to bring a program idea, especially one for adults, an example of your reading logs and instructions, and/or craft sample to share with the group. Questions? Email njlasummerreading@gmail.com.

Soliciting for Suggestions for CSLP Summer Reading Program 2026 Slogan and 2027 Theme – Deadline 5 pm February 24th

It’s that time of year when I ask that staff in public libraries give me your suggestions for the 2026 Slogan to go along with the theme of dinosaurs and for the theme for 2027. The artist for the 2026 dinosaur themed program is Kaylani Juanita.

I have set up Jamboard for you to suggest your ideas. Others can see what’s being anonymously suggested too, so hopefully, you can engage with each other on your suggestions. Please suggest up to five catchy slogans and themes for the all age programs that work for early literacy, children, teens, and adults and post your suggestions on the Jamboard by 5 pm February 24, 2023.

Upcoming themes and slogans are:

2025: Color Our World : Colorea nuestro mundo – (Artist: Brian Floca) (Theme is Art)

2024: Adventure Begins at Your Library : La aventura comienza en tu biblioteca – (Artist: Juana Martinez-Neal) (Theme is Adventure)

2023: All Together Now : Todos Juntos Ahora – (Artist: Frank Morrison) (Theme is Unity, Kindness, Friendship)

Please be mindful of copyright and be inclusive to all. Upon submissions, slogans will be reviewed by CSLP Manual Committees for copyright, accessibility, and will be narrowed down to the top slogans to be voted on by CSLP membership at the 2023 Annual Meeting in the fall.

Thank you! I know you’ll have wonderful suggestions!

**State Librarian’s Monthly Update – January 2023**

In an effort to keep the NJ library community informed and involved with what’s happening at the NJ State Library, the State Librarian is sharing monthly update reports for libraries. Check out the January 2023 update here.

**New Jersey State Library 2022 Year-End Wrap Up**

As 2022 came to a close, we reflected on our accomplishments, services, and programs in our year-end report. Feel free to read the report to see how we were able to support New Jersey libraries in better serving their communities this past year. Click to View Full 2022 Year End Report

**CSLP Informational Packet for 2023 Summer Reading Program**

CSLP had a delay in getting their catalog printed. The packets containing a cover letter explaining the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) summer reading incentives your library will receive for 2023, a printed CSLP catalog, and flyer with the code to access the online manual are being sent out to all libraries now. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Rawlins at srawins@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640 x 116.

**2023 CSLP Manual Available Now & Here is the Code to Access It**

In case you missed it, and your packet hasn’t arrived yet - here’s the code for NJ public library staff to access the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading manual: https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/New-Jersey-2023-CSLP-Manual-Access-Code.pdf

Please don’t share this code with the public. School libraries don’t have access to the code but are encouraged to reach out and partner with their local public libraries on the summer library program. The theme is kindness and the slogan is “All Together Now.”

News/Events/Campaigns from Other Organizations

SAVE THE DATE: **Delaware Library offering In-Person TitleTalks with Baker & Taylor** April 26, 2023

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, the Route 9 Library & Innovation Center in New Castle, DE is hosting an in-person TitleTalk with Baker & Taylor. The event will feature talks from publishers about upcoming children's & teen titles, an author keynote, and lots of giveaways! It is open to library staff from surrounding states in addition to those in Delaware. It will be totally free to attendees (including lunch) although registration is required. Box lunch will be provided. Register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/titletalk-summer-fall-2023-previews-tickets-558764699257>

**Minimum SNAP Benefits Increased**

Governor Phil Murphy has signed a bill to ensure every SNAP household in NJ will receive at least $95 in monthly benefits starting March 1st. The emergency allotments that were provided during the COVID-19 pandemic will be ending as of February 28th and the new minimum SNAP benefit will begin. Click to learn more.

**Bibliography of Picture Books About Dealing With Anxiety**

Developed by Kim Becnel and Robin Moeller, Professor, Appalachian State University, with the support of a Carnegie Whitney Grant. It features 267 reviews of books that were published between 2010-2022 an uses an SEL framework to ideally help librarians, educators, parents, guardians, and counselors better identify books that might work best for the children with whom they work. The bibliography can be found at mls.appstate.edu/picture-books-about-dealing-anxiety. Libraries and other youth-centered organizations are welcome to link directly to the bibliography as a resource for patrons and clients.

**School Library Journal’s 5th Annual Middle Grade Magic Virtual Event**, Thursday, March 9, 2023

Join School Library Journal for their fifth annual Middle Grade Magic virtual event, a day-long celebration of authors and creators dedicated to crafting literature for children ages eight through 12. Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at some of the most anticipated new titles for kids and tweens, from modern coming-of-age tales to eye-popping graphic novels to immersive fantasy.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to check out the virtual exhibit hall, chat directly with authors, download educational resources, and enter to win prizes and giveaways. For more information and to register

On April 4th, join **Penguin Random House, Library Journal, and School Library Journal for our Spring 2023 virtual book and author festival**, a free day-long event celebrating reading, authors, and librarians everywhere! As we lead up to National Library Week, enjoy a day packed with author panels and interviews, book buzzes, virtual shelf browsing, and adding to your TBR pile.

You’ll hear from many of your favorite authors, whose work runs the gamut from Picture Books to Young Adult titles to the best new Fiction and Nonfiction for adults. There is something of interest for every reader. To Register.

**Celebrate Día** with Updated, Free Resources!

ALSC encourages libraries and community organizations to connect children with diverse books and programming opportunities through Día - Children's Day/Book Day. Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. National Día Program Registry 2023. Is your library hosting Día programming this year? We invite you to share information about public programs you are hosting in your community. The Día Program Registry is a national database showcasing all types and sizes of Día programming that is searchable by state. Program coordinators who use the registry also receive a personalized webpage to help promote their Día events. For more information, visit the Program Registry webpage. Free resources for download! Check out the 2023 Día reading lists and social media graphics on our website. These colorful resources make it easy to promote your Día programs and celebrate #bookjoy!

**Podcast for Children Ages 4-9**

I’m sharing this for informational purposes only that a colleague shared with me. A librarian is part of its production team. It’s called Once Upon a Meadow, www.onceuponameadow.com

It features fictional stories about a community of creatures who must find ways to live in harmony, despite their differences. It explores themes of environmental and social justice. Each story is interwoven with original music, and episodes end with young listeners sharing their thoughts about the story’s message.

**Grants from Other Organizations**

**Día Grant Available** – Deadline to apply is March 8, 2023 The Center for the Study of Multicultural Children’s Literature (CSMCL), an organization advocating for multicultural children’s literature is offering a $500 grant in selected multicultural children’s books to a library serving children and families that is hosting a 2023 Día library program with an African American focus. Grant applications are open and available on the CSMCL website. The submission deadline is March 8, 2023. The award recipient will be announced on or about March 13, 2023. For more details, visit the CSMCL grant webpage.

**Great Stories Grant** – Deadline to Apply March 15, 2023 ALA is applications for the Great Stories Club themes "Deeper Than Our Skins" and "Finding Your Voice" from January 18 — March 15, 2023.

Applicants may only apply to host one themed series and must make their selection within the online application. Please review the Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions before filling out an application. Great Stories Club resources are available to everyone, even without a grant. Libraries are encouraged to use reading lists, discussion questions, and other resources from previous Great Stories Club themes. All materials are free. To view them, visit our Resources page.  <https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/greatstories/resources>

**2023 Talk Story Grant Available** – Deadline to apply is March 15, 2023

Applications being accepted for American Indian, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander programs. They are due by March 15, 2023. Application, eligibility details, submission form, and past winners can be found at [www.apalaweb.org/talkstorytogether/grant](http://www.apalaweb.org/talkstorytogether/grant)

In attendance:

Teresa Carlton

Heather Kristian

Rachael Trotter

Sharon Rawlins

Jen Apgar

Ryan Oxlid

Vicki Wright

Kristen Churchill

Matheson Westlake

**The next CSS meeting is Friday, 3/31 at 9:45 a.m.**