**NJLA Reference & Adult Services Section Minutes**

**February 6, 2023, 2:00 pm via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Kate Russo,Teresa Carlton, Rich Wiest, Karen Vaias, Maribeth Fisher,

Cyndy Czesak, Lisa Bruckman.

**The meeting was called to order** at 2:01 pm by Karen Vaias and seconded by

Teresa Carlton.

**Kate gave an update on the Conference Proposals accepted of those submitted**

**by the Reference & Adult Services Section which are now scheduled for the NJLA Conference 2023, to be held Wed., May 31st to Friday, June 1st, 2023.**

**The following sessions for the NJLA Conference 2023 were scheduled:**

* **Jumping Through Hoopla** --

Thursday, June 1, 11:00-11:50am Karen Vaias (?).

* **Serving the Underserved Discussion - Bring your own lunch** --

Jeff Cupo (Adult Services, Elizabeth Public Library).

Thursday, June 1, 12:30-1:30pm

* **Dealing with Challenging Patrons** --

Thursday, June 1 2:10-3:00 John Trause

(Dir., Oradell Public Library)

* **Don't Panic! Legal Reference Interview Tips** --

Thursday, June 1, 2:10-3:00pm Cindy Czesak.

* **Working with Vendors: and how to get them to work with you!** –

Thursday, June 1 @ 2:10-3:00pm; Karen Vaias.

* **Reference & Adult Services Mixer**  --

Thursday, June 1, 5:00-6:00pm Kate Russo.

* **Adult Interactive Programming: Getting them back in the door** –

Friday, June 2 @ 2:10-3:00p Karen Brodsky? Kate Russo?

**Library Checkin: What's Happening at Your Library*:***

**Kate announced the South River Public Library** has scheduled events for

their **Centennial Celebration of the Library all year long (2022-2023).** For example: speaker on Terrarium crafting, held an Art Contest to create the Centennial Celebration Logo for students of the district.

**Karen commented that Library of the Chathams is celebrating its**

**125th Anniversary** (deemed QuasQui anniversary). To begin planning.

**Teresa commented that the Gloucester County Library System has begun planning the 250th Anniversary**

**Celebration of the United States,** led by a national organization ( I believe this organization is –

**America250 - a on-partisan U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, created by Congress**, and its

supporting nonprofit America250 Foundation https://www.america250.org/), with other NJ libraries like

Salem County. The NJ celebration will be called a “Lighthouse Challenge” to students of NJ, who can

collect visit tokens when visiting each museum in the state. **Discussion is still in process: planning for**

**July 4th, 2026.**

* **Snapshot Day,** *April 1 - April 30th, 2023.*

**Maribeth commented that Scotch Plains Public Library** is discussing

with the Recreation Dept. of Scotch Plains a collaborative collection of stories from Library patrons/fans for Snapshot Day shares.

* **Take your Daughter/Son to Work at your Library Day,** February 4th, 2023.
* **Take your Kids to Work Day,** April 27th, 2023.
* **Next Section Meeting is February 16th, Thursday, at 10:00 am** for a

continuation of the Dec. 5th discussion on “Soft Skills” and the importance of assessing candidates based on “Soft Skills” also.

1. **"Do You Qualify as an Ally?" by Jill Geisler (2020)**
2. **"Tips on Soft Skills" by Laura Haynes (2022)**

<https://alacorenews.org/2022/01/18/tips-on-soft-skills/>

**December Minutes approved at 2:23 pm.**

**Called to Adjourn** by Teresa Carlton, seconded by Karen Vaias.

**Meeting ended 2:25 pm.**