



**Young Adult Services Section (YASS) 2021-2022**  
**ZOOM: Meeting February 18, 2022**

Note: The Zoom meeting was recorded.

9:45 am: Login & Introduction

10 am: Business Meeting, GSTBA Fiction Grades 6-8

**Section Leadership:**

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Akeima Buchanan, Vice President

Maryjean Riou, Secretary

Elisabet Kennedy, Social Media Manager

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Attendance: Katie Salerno, Akeima Buchanan, Ryan Oxild, Emily Mazzoni, Erica Deb, Kate-Lynn Brown, Sharon Rawlins, Maureen Herman, Jen Apgar, Heather Kristian, Melanie Bruchet, Jessica Gentile, Ann-Marie Aymer, Melaina Squicciarini, Jane Sawyer, Jenna Ingham, Daniella Sinai, Caversano, Moira Whittington, Colleen Afrime, Dana Vocht, Jason Weissmann, Rebecca Osowski

**YASS Business Meeting**

**NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, February 18, 2022**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org)

**March 2022 Summer Reading Workshops – Registration Open**

The Statewide Summer Reading Committee has scheduled the dates for the 2022 Summer Reading Workshops, two of which will be in person (depending on the current pandemic situation) and one will be virtual. All workshops will start at 10 am.

- Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Livingston Public Library (in person)
- Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - virtual workshop
- Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill (in person)

Registration opened February 14<sup>th</sup>. Register on the NJ Summer Reading [website](#). You must be subscribed to the website first.



## **Suggestions Needed for 2025 CSLP Slogan and 2026 Theme for Public Library Summer Reading Program**

I'd love your creative suggestions for the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)'s **Slogan for the 2025 program (theme is Art)** and **2026 Theme**.

Slogans are short, catchy phrases like "*Tails and Tales*" for the Animal theme. The themes are broader categories like Space, Music, etc. A [Jamboard](#) has been created for you to suggest your ideas. Everyone can see what's being anonymously suggested, 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 February 25, 2022.

## **NJSL, NJLA and LLNJ Partner to hold Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Town Hall**

The New Jersey State Library is proud to collaborate with the New Jersey Library Association and LibraryLinkNJ, The New Jersey Library Cooperative on a framework for addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in New Jersey's libraries.

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To learn more about this initiative, please attend the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Town Hall Meeting on **February 24th at 3PM**. [Click to register](#).

## **The 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival**

Challenge the youth up to age 18 that you work with to retell the plot of a Newbery Award winning book in just 90 seconds by creating their own videos! It's a great opportunity for a project to do with youth by combining literacy and the arts together in a project.

The State Library is sponsoring the 90 Second Film Festival and has invited author James Kennedy, the Festival's founder, to appear at the Film Festival on April 30, 2022 at 7 pm at the NJ State Museum's Auditorium in Trenton (located next to the NJ State Museum). In order to host this event, we need the young people to create fabulous films for the Festival so they, and their friends and family, can attend the in-person screening to show off their films. The deadline for students to create and submit the film to Mr. Kennedy has been extended to February 25, 2022.



Mr. Kennedy will be pre-recording a webinar to provide tips on how to create amazing 90 second videos of Newbery Award winning books for the youth you serve. I will share that information with you when it's available.

More information about the 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival and how to submit a 90-second video can be found here: <https://90secondnewbery.com/>.

### **February is New Jersey Libraries Snapshot Month**

The NJLA Public Relations Committee asks you to join them from February 1 through February 28 in shouting out the amazing programs, interactions and services that make a difference every day in New Jersey Libraries. [Click to Find Out How You Can Participate in Snapshot Month.](#)

### **State Librarian's Monthly Update – January 2022**

In an effort to keep the NJ library community informed and involved with what's happening at the NJ State Library, State Librarian will be releasing a new monthly update report for the field. [Check out the January 2022 update here.](#)

### **New Jersey State Library 2021 Year-End Wrap Up**

As 2021 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 2021 Year End Report](#)

### **Other Organization Resources/Grants/Events/Webinars**

### **School and Public Libraries Fact Sheet**

In case you didn't see this fact sheet providing information about the goals of public and school libraries and their unique roles that was created by members of NJASL and



NJLA, here's the link from the NJLA website:

[https://www.njla.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=984:public-and-school-libraries-fact-sheet&catid=26:njla-executive-board-statements-and-resolutions&Itemid=161](https://www.njla.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=984:public-and-school-libraries-fact-sheet&catid=26:njla-executive-board-statements-and-resolutions&Itemid=161)

## **NJ Stem Pathways Network (NJSPN) – NJ STEM Month**

NJ STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN) has dedicated March 2022 as NJ STEM Month.

NJSPN is always looking for examples of organizations, including public and school libraries, and afterschool organizations who are offering STEM programming for their communities. They invite anyone to share their STEM activities/events on their NJSPN calendar. I know some of you might be aware of them and have already added events to their calendar in the past, such as your NJMakersDay activities. Here's their [NJ STEM Month Official Calendar](#) that you can post your events on. If you do that, you're asked to use the official NJ STEM Month logo to publicize any STEM March event. You can download the logo from the official [NJ STEM Month webpage](#).

Here is another way you can participate in NJ STEM Month activities by using social media to publicize NJ STEM Month:

- **Twitter Contest:** Follow [@NJSTEMPathways](#) and use [#NJSTEMMonth](#), the official hashtag of NJ STEM Month. They also have a contest with prizes for anyone who tweets to support [#NJSTEMMonth](#). Everyone who uses [#NJSTEMMonth](#) will be entered to win a prize; winners will be selected randomly.

NJ STEM Pathways Network is a strategic public-private alliance, established in 2014 by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, to define and guide a STEM vision for cradle to career pathways in New Jersey. The NJSPN is chaired by Laura Overdeck, Chair of the Overdeck Family Foundation and Founder of Bedtime Math and is managed by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey. The NJSPN aims to attract, cultivate and retain a 21st century workforce in New Jersey, ensuring the state remains a top global competitor in STEM industry and continues its rich history of innovation.

## **Submissions Are Now Open for the 2022 John Cotton Dana Awards**

Submissions are open for the 2022 John Cotton Dana Award (JCD). The [John Cotton Dana Award](#) is one of the most prestigious awards given to libraries and it honors outstanding library public relations. Up to eight \$10,000 awards will be provided by the [H.W. Wilson Foundation](#) in 2022.



Libraries of all types and sizes are encouraged to submit entries for a 2022 John Cotton Dana Award to vie for one of the \$10,000 awards. The entries should highlight a strategic communications campaign from the past year and previous winners have included rebranding efforts, promotion of archives and special collections, awareness campaigns, community partnerships and special events. Entries may be submitted by any library, Friends group, consulting agency or service provider, unless they are represented on the JCD committee.

The awards are managed by [Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures](#) (Core). The 2022 John Cotton Dana Award winners will be announced in June 2022.

To begin your submission or learn more please visit these sites:

[John Cotton Dana Application Details](#)

[John Cotton Dana Evaluation Criteria](#)

[John Cotton Dana Submission Site](#)

Learn more about the John Cotton Dana Awards from past winner and judges.

[JCD – EBSCO Blog – Tips to Run a Successful John Cotton Dana Award Campaign from Anchorage Public Library](#)

[JCD – EBSCO Blog - John Cotton Dana Award Winner’s “Amplify 817” Campaign: Music to Fort Worth’s Ears](#)

[JCD – EBSCO Blog – The 2021 John Cotton Dana Awards – A Look Inside the Judging Process](#)

**[Apply for the 2022 Miss Rumphius Award!](#)**



The New Jersey Center for the Book is seeking nominations for the **2022 Miss Rumphius Award**. Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's book, *Miss Rumphius*, winner of the National Book Award in 1983, this Award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are exemplary in improving and promoting literacy in their communities.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, February 25, 2022.** The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a professional librarian, library staff member, certified educator, or teacher assistant, and must have developed creative activities to enhance learning and literacy. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and able to be replicated by other librarians and educators. A monetary amount of \$200.00 and a NJCFB Miss Rumphius Award certificate will be presented to the recipient in 2022. Please use this [link](#) to apply.

Please submit your nomination (self-nominations are accepted) for the **Miss Rumphius Award** to Carol Phillips ([carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com)).

If you have any questions, contact Carol Phillips, ([carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com)) or visit the NJCFB website: [njcenterforthebook.org](http://njcenterforthebook.org)

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**NJ Talking Book and Braille Center:** (Jen Apgar)

TBBC has recently updated our application for new patrons. The most current version of our application can always be found on our website. If you have any older copies, please discard them and use the new one going forward. If you would like for us to send you new paper copies, please contact us. One important change to note is that now on page two, the certifying authority page, there is a check box to certify that the applicant is eligible for NLS services. This must be checked off by the person certifying



the application for the application to be considered complete.

Also new for the application is that it now requires a stamp to be mailed back to us, if you choose to mail it. It can still be emailed to us.

TBBC is also now open by appointment only for anyone who may wish to stop by TBBC in person or to pick up items. Please contact us to schedule an appointment.

### **NJLA Executive Board: No update**

**Children's Services Section (CSS):** (Lynette Fucci) The February [CSS Meeting](#) that is scheduled for Friday, February 25 at 9:45 a.m. In addition to our Board meeting, we will also have a discussion on diversity in children's literature. We will be viewing Tell Me Another Story presented by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. "Tell Me Another Story," is a 30-minute documentary presenting how multicultural literature is critical to our children's quality of life and the health of our society. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the video can be found here:

<https://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/tell-me-another-story/>

### **Library Consortiums and Systems: LMxAC still meeting**

**NJMD:** Livingston doing a week long, hybrid take and make program featuring Skype a scientist <https://www.skypeascientist.com/>, free STEM programming (Melanie), Plainsboro focusing on sustainability, bought a rainwater collection barrel with grant money, having Monarch Teaching Network talk about local pollinators (Maureen)

## **YASS Business, Important Information and Reminders**

**GSTBA:** (Emily, Moira) Next month, Young Adult Grades 9-12 fiction deliberations. Please let Emily or Moira know if you can't read something that you were originally assigned.

**NJLA Conference:** (Akiema) Sponsoring 2 non-YASS sessions, sponsoring 2 YASS sessions. YA LGBT panel, working together with Creating Brave Spaces

**Social Media:** (Liz) working on creating content, please send any content to Liz from your libraries that you'd like to be showcased on YASS accounts

**Member Updates:** Piscataway is hiring 2 part-time (childrens and teens)

<https://piscatawaylibrary.org/job-opportunities/>

(Kate-Lynn), NJLA newsletter is looking to populate people and places (moved jobs, retired, switched positions) email Kate-Lynn [newsletter\\_editor@njlamembers.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@njlamembers.org), YS forum needs interested people to join planning committee (Jenna), Survey being sent out by NJLA on how Googlesuites is used in libraries (Maureen), Honors and Awards applications are out <https://www.njla.org/honors-and-awards>



(Emily), NJLA Sponsor-a-Membership program (Akiema), Due 3/17 library school students can apply for the NJLA scholarship <https://www.njla.org/scholarship> (Dana), Piscataway author visit with Adib Korram, librarians really enjoyed it but mixed review from teens, still would recommend (Kate-Lynn), SCLSNJ hosting author talk with Jerry Craft (Katie) <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5705183> Highland Park working with Turning Point to collect paperback books and magazines to send to juvenile detention centers, Caldwell Public Library director Robin Rockman is looking to tour other small libraries for ideas on renovating a small library, please contact Robin if she can visit your building (Kristen), Summit Public Library is partnering with The Connection to host Dr. Sonja Cherry-Paul for a STAMPED book event

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/new-providence/articles/family-book-discussion-of-stamped-for-kids-racism-antiracism-and-you-with-dr-sonja-cherry-paul-on-sunday-february-27-at-the-connection>

**\*GSTBA\*** - Participants gathered to deliberate selections for the 2022 GSTBA fiction grades 6-8 ballot. 13 titles will be added to the ballot for the 2022 awards.

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 18, GSTBA Grades 9-12 Fiction Deliberations**

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