**NJSL Report for YA Section Meeting, Feb. 6, 2015**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

**Volunteers Needed for 2015 Youth Services Forum**

The Youth Services Forum Committee is looking for NJLA and NJASL members who are interested in assisting the Project Manager and Project Consultant to help plan and coordinate this year’s Youth Services Forum.

Planning meetings occur virtually by teleconference and email but it is also very helpful if you are able to attend the event in person. The date and location for the Forum has not been determined yet. For more information, please contact Project Consultant Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

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| **The State Library Releases its 2014 Annual Report** |

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| There were a number of significant accomplishments by the State Library and its partners during 2014. What follows is not an exhaustive list, but rather the "best of the best" that spans the range of the State Library's responsibilities and activities. Here’s the link to the annual report: <http://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2014-NJSL-Annual-Report-full-year.pdf>  **Active Shooter Training for Library Staff – Four Locations**  The New Jersey State Library is sponsoring this free training for library staff at four locations across the state.  The dates and locations are as follows:  Monroe Township Public Library, Jamesburg: March 3, 1 – 3:30 p.m. <https://eventbrite.com/event/15376873643/>  Parsippany Troy Hills Public Library, Parsippany, March 10, 1 – 3:30 p.m. <https://eventbrite.com/event/15377011054/>  Mt. Laurel Public Library, Mt. Laurel, March 11, 9:30 a.m. – noon <https://eventbrite.com/event/15419134045/>  Vineland Public Library, Vineland, March 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon <https://eventbrite.com/event/15377031114/>  State Library staff attended this training last year and found it invaluable in terms of thinking ahead in case of such an event. The course is taught by Camelot Security Associates who are primarily former New Jersey State Troopers.  To register, click on the link next to the location, date and time you want to attend. For questions contact Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer at [kpeiffer@njstatelib.org](file:///C:\Users\ysdept\AppData\Local\Temp\kpeiffer@njstatelib.org) or 609-278-2640, ext. 152.  **First Student to Graduate from NJSL’s Career Online High School Program Tells Her Story**  In the fall, Camden County Library received a grant from the New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development to offer 35 scholarships to Career Online High School, a program that offers the chance to earn an accredited high school diploma online through a partnership with the New Jersey State Library and Cengage Learning. After candidates were selected by the library, Cengage Learning administered the program, hiring and overseeing the certified teachers who are helping students with their course work. Kirsten Hoy, who was among the first to apply and enroll is the first graduate. To read her story, go here: <http://www.njstatelib.org/news/first-student-graduate-njsls-career-online-high-school-program-tells-story/> |

**REMINDER: Encourage your teens to participate in the 2015 Teen Video Challenge to promote the CSLP Summer Reading Program – Deadline March 6, 2015**

NJ is participating in the 2015 Teen Video Challenge (2015 TVC), a CSLP sponsored competition for teens to create videos that promote reading, libraries, and the 2015 CSLP teen summer reading slogan, “Unmask.” Teens ages 13 – 18 across the country are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their unique interpretation of the 2015 teen slogan *Unmask* in combination with reading and libraries. We want to encourage teens, before and during the summer months, to be a part of the summer reading process by showcasing their creativity and sharing their ideas before a national audience.

The winning video from each participating state will be named one of the CSLP 2015 Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide and will be posted on the CSLP website. **The deadline is March 6, 2015 to mail the video entry form to Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, 185 West State St., Trenton, 08625-0520.** The winner for New Jersey will be determined by March 20, 2015.

The winners from each of the participating states will be announced by CSLP in spring 2015.

$150 will be awarded to the creator or creative team of the winning state video and their associated public library will receive a gift certificate for $50 from CSLP and Demco/Upstart to purchase teen incentives for the summer reading program. For full details about the CSLP 2015 Teen Video Challenge and to find out how to enter the competition, please visit [www.cslpreads.org](http://www.cslpreads.org) or the [State Library’s summer reading web page](http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/consulting_services/youth_services/summer_reading/). The entry form and model release form are attached here and on the State Library’s summer reading web page.

**YALSA Items of Interest**

# The Best Children’s & Teen Books of 2014!

ALA and its Divisions announced the Youth Media Award winners on Feb. 2nd at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.  For details go to [www.ala.org/yma](http://www.ala.org/yma). For YALSA’s latest lists of recommended reading go to [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists)

**Are You Ready for 2015 Teen Tech Week™?**

Join YALSA in celebrating Teen Tech Week March 8—12, 2015 with the theme “Libraries are for Making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”  Visit [www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek) for information, planning resources, free downloadable bookmarks and posters, free webinars, and online forums to help you plan and prepare for a great event.  Teen Tech Week offers library staff the opportunity to throw open their physical and virtual doors and show teens and their families all of the great digital resources the library has to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and careers.

**Free Fact Sheets & Presentations to Promote Teen Services**

Last year YALSA released a report “The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action.”  A taskforce has created free one page fact sheets tailored to specific   audiences, such as library administrators, to help you connect with stakeholders and garner support for teen services.  Visit [www.ala.org/yaforum](http://www.ala.org/yaforum) and click on “resources.”

***Teen Services 101: a Practical Guide for Busy Library Staff***

Is your plate so full you’re struggling to find time to provide core services for and with teens?  Do you know a colleague who got ‘stuck’ with serving teens?  This book is for both of you! Full of practical information and tips, this book is a guide to providing basic but effective teen services.  Learn how to leverage volunteers and community partners to save time and boost your impact.  Purchase online: <http://ow.ly/GWj0L>

**Tell YALSA how you #act4teens!**

Please take 60 seconds to fill out this brief online form to tell us how you’re re-thinking teen services since reading the report “The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action.”  YALSA could use your example for a blog post or article in YALS. <http://ow.ly/GWlo6>

# Upcoming YALSA Activities & Events

* Feb. 9. Evaluating YA Literature e-course, [ala.org/yalsa/reading-critical-eye-evaluating-ya-literature](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/reading-critical-eye-evaluating-ya-literature)
* Feb. 10, free Teen Tech Week webinar, <http://ow.ly/GEpWR>
* Feb. 19, Library Policy Tune-up webinar, [www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars)
* Feb. 24th, Virtual Town Hall with YALSA’s President from 3pm to 4pm, eastern, via [Adobe Connect](http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/townhall_echats/)
* March 8 – 14, Teen Tech Week, [www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek)
* March 19, Teen Services Guidelines: What they mean for you and your library webinar, [www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars)
* March 24, free Teen Tech Week webinar, <http://ow.ly/GEpWR>
* April 16, Celebrate Teen Literature Day when YALSA launches its Teen Read Week site and announces the Teens’ Top Ten nominees
* April 16, Teen Services Programming: Opportunities & Outcomes webinar, [www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars)
* May 6, National Library Legislative Day, [www.ala.org/nlld](http://www.ala.org/nlld)
* May 14, Virtual Town Hall with YALSA’s President from 8pm to 9pm, eastern, via [Adobe Connect](http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/townhall_echats/)
* June 26- 30, ALA Annual Conference, <http://alaac15.ala.org/>
* Nov. 6-8, YALSA Young Adult Services Symposium, [www.ala.org/yalsa/events](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/events)