

NJLA Children's Services Section Meeting w/ Executive Board
Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2018 @ 3:00pm
Meeting Held through Adobe Connect

Pham: Hi Melissa! Welcome!

Melissa Mitchell: Hello all!

Sharon Rawlins: Hi, Melissa and Ann.

Ann Kershner: Hi!

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): Hi everyone!

Pham: I know there was a professional development in NY today so a few people are there.

Sharon Rawlins: Yes, that's right. Lucky them! I hope they didn't get rained on.

Pham: I didn't have a chance to type up last month's meeting notes sorry. So they'll be sent out along with this month.

Pham: Shall we begin? I'm sure everyone has a ton of stuff to do with the summer and conference coming up.

Sharon Rawlins: Sure.

Pham: We approved February's minutes at last month's meetings so let

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): sounds good.

Ann Kershner: Yes, Summer Reading is like our busy season!

Pham: Let's move on to Old business. Anything to report

Pham: Nothing? Shall we move on to new business?

Jess: I actually can't stay; I just wanted to say the date for Showcase has been confirmed. It will be Nov 1st. I have outreach starting now :)

Jess: I look forward to reading the notes.

Pham: Thanks Jess!

Pham: Have fun!

Sharon Rawlins: Thanks Jess! That's good to know.

Pham: Here is my conference update: Early bird registration has ended but you can still register on site! I am trying to make our NJLA CSS table at conference interactive and interesting. If anyone would like to help out, please let me know. You can email me later all your wonderful suggestions.

Pham: Let me know when it's good to move on.

Pham: Any questions about conference?

Ann Kershner: Maybe next year! This year a lot of our staff is going to the Book Expo, so I'll miss the conference

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): HI Pham - I haven't thought of any great interactive ideas myself, but will be happy to staff the table during the conference if there is something that we come up with.

Pham: Great! Thanks!

Pham: I understand Ann. It's hard to do both and you can't send everyone everywhere

Melissa Mitchell: I would help out with the table.

Pham: Nice. I'll set something up and send it out to the group.

Melissa Mitchell: Setting it up that is.

Melissa Mitchell: I could man it some on Thursday.

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): Me too -

Pham: Perfect. I'll email the both of you at the beginning of next week.

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): Me too - I am leaving midday on Friday, but could do some of the first day

Pham: Yay!

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): That's all I have re: conference...

Pham: Ok. Next up Summer Reading. Here is the report:

Pham: It's a long one so let me know what you are done reading and if you have any questions

Pham: The Summer Reading Committee met on Friday, May 11th @ the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset. This meeting served as a wrap up of our 2018 season and the first meeting of our 2019 season. We were very happy to see several new faces in attendance, as well as our returning members. The committee is excited to be co-sponsoring a Unifying Drum Circle at NJLA this year, along with the Urban Libraries Section, Diversity and Outreach Section, and Member Services Committee. The Drum Circle will be on Thursday, May 31st from 8:30-9:30pm in Wildwood 25 & 26. It's only an hour, so you can come drum with us and still have plenty of time for the Pool Party afterwards. Our new website is up and running. In addition to links to our Pinterest pages, the website features a performers list and all of the content that was presented at this year's workshops (plus some bonus stuff.) We encourage everyone to set up an account, look around, and send us feedback. We also encourage everyone to like and follow our Fa

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): sounds good!

Pham: and post on it throughout the summer. Have pictures of a great summer reading program you did? Share them to our page! Have a last minute question that you need answered? Post it to our page. We want to see and hear from you! Our username is @njlasummerreading The Summer Reading Committee is in early stages of planning for the 2019 summer reading program: Universe of Stories (space). Our meeting dates are as follows:

- Sept. 14th
- Dec. 7th
- Jan. 11th (Snow Date of Jan. 18th)
- Feb. 8 (Snow Date of Feb. 22)
- May 10th All meetings are held at the Franklin Township Library in Somerset and begin at 10am.

We are also in the process of booking our four workshop dates in March. As always, questions and comments are welcome and can be directed to njlasummerreading@gmail.com

Sharon Rawlins: Yes, it was a good meeting. Nice to have new people join the committee too. We really do want people to post photos on our Facebook page.

Ann Kershner: I look forward to sharing some Mt. Olive SR photos!

Pham: I was on that committee when I first started librarianship and I loved it

Pham: Any questions?

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): I'll share that info with our publicity person to see if he can share some of our photos from EBPL!

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): I'm good!

Pham: Sharon did you want me to put your info up or did you want to do it?

Ann Kershner: Do you have to be selected for the committee or can one volunteer for it?

Sharon Rawlins: Ann, you can volunteer for it. Everyone who does that is selected :)

Pham: :)

Ann Kershner: ;)

Sharon Rawlins: Pham, I don't know how to from my end. You can do so if you want. Sorry it's so long.

Pham: That's ok. Sorry for my typing errors folks.

Pham: Here is the State library's reports:

Pham: Give me a moment

Pham: I It's only copy and pasting a few parts

Sharon Rawlins: That's good!

Pham: Seeking Program Proposals for the annual Youth Services Forum – Submission Deadline May 18, 2018 The Youth Services Forum, an annual conference for youth services librarians, is soliciting for new, different or innovative program proposals that have not been previously presented at other conferences. The Forum, sponsored by NJLA, NJSL, and NJASL, is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 29, 2018 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. If you would like to submit a proposal, please fill out and submit this GOOGLE FORM 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 Cronce, 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.

Pham: Volunteer to be on a CSLP Committee The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), of which all NJ public libraries are members through a grant that the NJ State Library gives to NJLA, has a number of working committees. These include the vendor and artwork committees, the manual (early literacy, children's, teen, and adult) budget and finance, membership, social media, inclusion, Spanish early literacy, statistics, school outreach and the child & community well-being committee. These committees do their work virtually and you do not have to attend the in-person Annual Meeting to participate. Committees work from June to June, and they are three-year terms with a two-year limit.

Pham: For more information on the duties and timelines of the committees, please visit the CSLP Committee page: <https://www.csllpreads.org/membership-sponsorship-2/member-libraries/committees/Find> the committee you are interested in on the left sidebar, and click on Committee Description for details. If you are interested in signing up to be considered for one of the CSLP Committees, please fill out this 2018-2019 Committee sign-up form: <https://goo.gl/forms/gE8Mrxda9froDwei2Questions>? Contact the committee chair found on the CSLP Committee page.

Pham: Seeking Children's Library Staff for STEAM Leap into Science Training The New Jersey State Library, NJ Makers Day, and the Newark Museum are collaboratively hosting educator (i.e. librarians, afterschool organizations) trainings on Leap into Science Workshops focusing on the concept of balance, for informal educators from urban and rural communities statewide. Sign up if interested in the training. Deadline is May 25th. 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. It integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. Activities can easily supplement S.T.E.A.M. programs and fit your individual organizations goals. The program empowers educators to offer workshops in community settings like

libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage under-served audiences in accessible and familiar settings.

Pham: Libraries/Organizations participating in Leap into Science will:

- Send a group of two or more educators (whenever possible) to a 4-hour of training on the high-quality science and literacy curriculum
- Receive ongoing support and become a part of a Leap into Science National Network
- Have access to the national Leap into Science leadership team and online resources
- Participate in ongoing evaluation activities (i.e. surveys, interviews, site visits)
- Receive one set of curriculum and materials kit per organization (valued at \$300) Contact us at nileapintoscience@gmail.com with any questions.

Pham: SAVE THE DATE: 2018 Youth Services Forum, October 29, 2018 The 28th Youth Services Forum, sponsored by the NJ State Library, NJ Library Association and the NJ Association of School Librarians, will be held on Monday, Oct. 29, 2018 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. Program proposals are currently being sought for this Forum. For more information, please contact Project Manager Sandi Cronce, Head of Youth Services, Willingboro Public Library, scronce@willingboro.org, 609-877-6668 or Project Consultant Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609.278.2640 ext. 116.

Pham: 2018 Best Practices in Early Literacy Award Winners. The New Jersey State Library received eight applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award and the judges selected three winners. They are Scotch Plains Public Library for its "Outdoor Fun" program, Ocean City Free Public Library for its "Infant & Toddler Story Time Series" and South Plainfield Free Public Library for its "Storytimes" program. The award honors outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. These winning libraries will be honored on Friday, June 1, 2018 at the State Librarian's breakfast during the NJLA Conference in Atlantic City.

Pham: Other Organizations & Events: ALA's Great Stories Club ALA is now accepting applications for the Great Stories Club, a grant program in which library workers lead reading and discussion programs with underserved teens in their communities. <http://www.programminglibrarian.org/articles/apply-now-great-stories-club-book-club-underserved-youth>

Pham: ALA's Future Ready Project If you work for and with youth in a small, rural, or tribal library, the application period for Cohort 3 for ALA's Future Ready project closes on May 15. This is a great opportunity to receive funds, training and support to help middle schoolers prepare for college and careers. All are welcome to apply regardless of type of library, job title, or ALA/YALSA membership status. Learn more at: <http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2018/04/09/future-ready-with-the-library-cohort-3-time-to-apply/>

Pham: Summer Reading Lists ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee has updated our Summer Reading Lists with new and exciting titles! The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer. Four Summer Reading book lists are available for Birth-Preschool and grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Each list is available here to download for free. The interactive lists can be customized to include call numbers, library address, summer hours, and information about summer reading programs for children before making copies available to schools and patrons. Titles on the 2018 Summer Reading Lists were compiled and annotated by members of ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

Pham: 2018 Diverse Summer Reading List from Lee & Low Books Summer reading is a great time to engage readers—but it can be a missed opportunity if summer reading lists are full of outdated or non-diverse titles. Reinvigorate your summer reading program with our 2018 diverse summer reading list for grades Pre-K – Gr. 8. Our list includes both fiction and nonfiction, bilingual Spanish/English titles, and a diverse range of cultures. These titles provide engaging and entertaining suggestions to build off-of summer suggested reading lists from your school or public library. Download the printable PDF here.

Pham: Read Aloud 15 Minutes National Survey Report In 2013, Read Aloud 15 MINUTES launched a 10-year National Campaign to make reading aloud every day for at least 15 minutes, from birth, the national caregiving standard. Through three campaign pulses each year, Read Aloud 15 MINUTES and its diverse network of national and grassroots partners in all 50 states reach millions of parents with messages that stress the importance of daily reading aloud. It promotes healthy brain development, closes language gaps, builds literacy skills, fosters social-emotional growth and ultimately prepares children to succeed in the transition from home to school to career. The survey was undertaken to gauge the current state of American families' efforts to read aloud, their understanding of brain development and the central role reading aloud can play. Here is the report: <http://www.readaloud.org/documents/ReadAloudSurveyReport.pdf>

Pham: Okay. Let me know what you

Pham: are done

Pham: or if you have any questions for Sharon

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): Sharon - 2 quick questions about this - though the deadline has passed for the

YS forum are we still taking submissions or is that closed?

Sharon Rawlins: Since today's the deadline, I'm going to leave it open until tomorrow. If we don't get enough of a balance, Sandi and I may decide to open it up again.

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): and I had a few of my librarians interested in the STEAM training but we are a suburban library. Should they apply anyway in case there is space or is it strictly for more urban/rural libraries?

Sharon Rawlins: It really is just for urban/rural libraries even though rural is hard to define in NJ. Since this is a 3 year project, I would wait. We're hoping to tie some afterschool organizations into it and you might be able to be involved that way.

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): sounds good - I will let them know. Hope you have a good response!

Sharon Rawlins: I also have one other thing to add. This year at the NJLA Conference the NJ State Library's booth will feature summer reading. So, if anyone asks about it, direct them to exhibits.

Pham: Great!

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): excellent - thanks Sharon!

Sharon Rawlins: Thanks, Aaron. I think we do, although I haven't gone through to see if they are urban or rural yet. Deadline is May 25th for that.

Sharon Rawlins: Thanks for reading the report, everyone!

Pham: Let me know if we are good to move on.

Ann Kershner: ok

Melissa Mitchell: I'm good

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): yep!

Pham: GSCBA- Garden State Book Awards from Dawn - LibraryLinkNJ is graciously supporting funding for the GSBA Luncheon this year. Marc Tyler Nobleman promises to be a knock-your-socks-off speaker. Jeff Kinney's publisher sent us promotional pins to hand out and a full set of signed Diary of a Wimpy Kid books to give away.

Sharon Rawlins: Nice!

Ann Kershner: When is the luncheon?

Pham: Friday

Ann Kershner: like next Friday?

Pham: It's on June 1 at the Conference

Ann Kershner: Oops, sorry, my bad

Pham: No worries. :)

Sharon Rawlins: Phew! Don't scare me like that Ann! I'm not ready for the conference yet.

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): I'll be gone by then, but good luck to everyone in winning the signed set of books- that would be a mega prize!

Ann Kershner: really sorry ;(

Pham: I don't have anything for Public Policy or Executive board.

Pham: Jess gave us her update earlier. Next up library link

Pham:

- Budget: The LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board is preparing a budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019) to sustain the organization financially, as well as to meet its mission in the coming year. This is a very challenging task, due to the combination of the following factors: flat funding for the NJ Library Network since 2010, our own dwindling reserves, and dramatically increased delivery costs. The LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board will post materials pertaining to the proposed FY19 budget on the Membership Meeting event page on May 23. We encourage members to review the proposed budget and related materials in preparation for our June 13 Membership Meeting, where they will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on it. We encourage all interested staff at member libraries to register as soon as possible for the Membership Meeting, as seats are limited and are going fast.

Pham:

- Registration for our Spring Membership Meeting on June 13 is open. It's a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues and learn with our keynote speaker, Miguel Figueroa of ALA's Center for Future of Libraries. Seats are free & going fast so secure your space today!

Pham:

- Delivery Updates: LibraryLinkNJ signed an agreement with TForce Final Mile to handle our statewide interlibrary loan delivery service through December 31. We're sending out regular updates via email and publishing them to our main Delivery page.

Pham:

- We've wrapped up our Continuing Education programs for this fiscal year. Thanks for joining us! You can always learn at your convenience with our archives of all of our webinars and other events.

Pham: Let me know if you have any questions or if you are good to go

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): I'm good.

Sharon Rawlins: Me too.

Ann Kershner: ok

Melissa Mitchell: yep

Pham: Does anyone else have any other updates that they would like to share?

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): I don't think so, except to wish everyone well on summer reading (and hope that they are all much further along with it than we are here!)

Sharon Rawlins: Don't forget to go to the CSLP page and download the PSA. It's very cute.

Pham: Yes! I love it!

Ann Kershner: CSLP is loaded with lots of fun ideas, activities and graphics

Pham: Anyone else have anything? If not, the next meeting is June 15 at 3:00. Virtual once again

Ann Kershner: Really looking forward to GSBA's books for next year, too

Sharon Rawlins: Good luck to everyone on your summer reading program. If you need anything just let me know.

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): I'll check it out. We're still figuring out here how radically we are wanting to change how we keep summer reading stats - that's our main discussion point here. Looking forward to moving beyond that and planning lots of fun programs all summer long!

Pham: I hope to see everyone at conference. I'll send out an email about staffing the CSS Conference table

Aaron Pickett (East Brunswick PL): thanks for running the meeting Pham! See you then.

Ann Kershner: Thanks for an informative meeting

Sharon Rawlins: Thanks, Pham. I'll be around but don't want to commit to a time just yet. Thanks for a great meeting too.