



**NJLA Executive Board Meeting
September 18, 2018
Monroe Township Public Library
4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, NJ 08831**

Present: Amy Babcock-Landry, Jayne Beline, Mo Donohue, Tonya Garcia, Kate Jagers, Darby Malvey, Will Porter, Jen Schureman, Jessica Trujillo, Pat Tumulty, Leah Wagner

Attending Online: Radwa Ali, Emily Moore, Lynn Schott, Nancy Weiner, Chelsea Woods-Turner

Guests: Mary Chute, Laverne Mann, Carol Collins, Joyce Valenza

Absent: Michael Maziekien, Adele Puccio

Leah called the meeting to order at 9:36am.

- 1. Adoption of Agenda** - Darby made a motion to adopt the agenda. Jen seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Minutes** - Amy made a motion to approve the August 21, 2018 minutes. Kate seconded. All in favor.

Amy made a motion to amend the minutes from the June 19 meeting in regards to Woodbury Public Library. Will seconded. All in favor. The amendment reads as follows,

“NJLA was contacted by the Woodbury Public Library. The municipality is unionizing and wants the library employees to be included as mandatory members. The library contends that the library employees may only enter a contract with the Library Board. Woodbury Public Library has requested financial support in the one time amount of \$2,500 from NJLA.

The Executive Board discussed the issue and felt the resolution of the case would have precedent that affects many NJ libraries. The board wants to emphasize that NJLA supports all library workers right to unionize, however the union must bargain directly with the Library Board

of Trustees. The trustee association will also be contacted for financial support. The NJLA Board voted to contribute the funds.

3. Financial Report

- a. **Final Budget 2017-2018** - Last years financial year has been closed out and we are ending with a surplus. The conference committee is bringing in most of the revenue, income from programs and workshops and membership has decreased and vacancies in the office have a huge part in why our year end budget is so good.
- b. **Bill List Approval** - Amy made a motion to approve the list. Jen seconded. All in favor.

4. Reports within NJLA

- a. **Leah Wagner, President** - Leah will discuss the Annual Appeal at the October Meeting

Jen is the current liaison to the Core Values Taskforce. Jen will serve as the communicator between the Task Force and the Executive Board

Leah is looking into Zoom and MemberClick (an association management software) to better serve the members. This will hopefully be implemented by January 1.

- b. **Pat Tumulty, Executive Director** - The annual appeal donations are continuing to come in. We just received \$3,000.

Rolling membership has been a concern but Pat is looking into any pending memberships

Sen. Greenstein has just signed on as a prime sponsor for the companion School Library bill, A132, Information Literacy She also signed on as an additional sponsor for the State Aid bill.

Pat has a phone call with ALA about the School Library crisis in Union County.

The lawyer for Woodbury Library will file a motion by the end of the week

- c. **Jayne Beline, ALA Councilor** - *See Report Attached*

5. New Business

- a. **NJLA Budget (2018-2019) Action Item** - For this years revenue we will be leaning heavily on conference. Last year we were able to rely on sponsorship from the construction bond.

Membership dues have continued to drop significantly year after year. Amy reminded us that as members of the NJLA Executive board we should be campaigning in some way or the other. We should support our organization especially if we are going to the the main ones asking for others to support us.

Darby commented on the membership drop and would like for the Exec Board to set a precedent to Sections and Committees about scheduling their meetings at different times of the day to include School Librarians. If School Librarians can never attend a meeting, why would they join our organization and pay our membership fees? Jessica was concerned that with changing the times we would lose public librarians. Mo questioned if those librarians were coming to the meetings for the right purposes. Amy and Darby both agreed those are the librarians we need in our organization. Darby also brought up the joint NJLA/NJASL discount and how NJASL members would take more advantage of it if they felt they were getting something valuable out of the additional cost.

Joyce reminded us that we are not the only organization struggling with this and brought up using different online platforms to record and archive meetings to reach other librarians

Jayne brought up rolling memberships and online notices. Pat confirmed that the cost of postage was initially a reason to switching to online notification however she has found that emails are getting lost in people's inboxes.

Leah has spoken to Cheryl about the NJLA Store and this years budget reflecting a decrease in the store budget. Going forward we will need to think about moving away from the physical store, dropping the warehouse and decreasing supplies.

The Finance Committee approved a car lease.

The Budget reflects and increase in funding to ALA officers to support conferences attendance which will make the position more accessible.

Amy made a motion to approve the budget. Jayne seconded. All in favor.

b. Public Policy Committee Update – Laverne Mann - See Report Attached

Based on the Public Policy Committee Report, there was a discussion about LibraryLinkNJ. Pat emailed a timeline if interactions, positions, and statements between NJLA and LibraryLinkNJ. The topics seems to surround delivery. Will mentioned the emphasis on delivery is warranted and affects all different kinds of libraries. LibraryLinkNJ asked for NJLA's support for their plan to meet with the

governor's staff to see if there is an emergency fund available. Pat and Tonya agree that in order to support LibraryLinkNJ they need to know the specific ask.

6. Partnering organizations

- a. **NJ State Library** - *See Report Attached*

- b. **Rutgers LIS** - Joyce mentioned that SC&I is conducting a faculty search for a part-time lecturer. [Naomi Klein](#) was just named the inaugural Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair.

The third annual School Library Bus Tour is happening on October 16, 17, & 18.

Joyce has a study proposal to gather 5 Academic Librarians who serve first year academic students and determine the differences between students who had a K-12 School Librarian vs students without K-12 School Librarians.

SC&I will be meeting with the ALA Accreditation team

Student population numbers are up. This is the largest group of students who are interested in LIS. Out of 576 current students, 234 are interested in LIS, 58 are interested in School Librarianship.

- c. **NJASL** - Carol asked NJLA to support a strong and vigorous NJASL and hopes that we can find more ways to be cooperative.
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- ## **7. Action Plan for Next Meeting**
- Leah will see if Nick VanDorn from Member Services can attend our next meeting for discussion and to give a breakdown of statistics.

Pat will present the auditor report from the last fiscal year (2016-2017) at the next meeting.

- ## **8. Good of the Order**
- Darby and Christina Cucci from NJASL testified to the state BOE on behalf of School Libraries

The D&O conference had 71 members registered

The next meeting will be October 16 at Plainsboro Public Library at 4:30pm. Annual Appeal letters will be handled prior to the meeting at 3:30pm.

Jen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58am. Will seconded.

ALA Councilors Report September 2018

This report includes information excerpted from the report of Mary Ghikas, ALA interim executive director and emails from various ALA list serves sent to Council Members.

Midwinter Conference

The ALA midwinter conference will be held from January 25 -January 29, 2019. Registration and housing are now open.

In addition to having the privilege of representing NJLA at Council, I volunteered to assist Susan Jennings in facilitating the Chapter Councilors forum at the conference. The Chapter Councilors Forum gives Chapter Councilors the opportunity to find out what is going on in other state chapters and provides a forum to discuss problems and solutions.

ALA Membership Statistics

Total ALA membership is 57,700 compared to 55,974 in July 2017, a 3.08% increase. Personal regular membership is up to 29,541 compared to 28,685 last year, a 2.98% increase. Student membership is 7,802 compared to 7,143 last year, a 9.23% increase. There were small membership increases in Support Staff, Retired, Trustee, Associate, Non-salaried, International, Continuing, and Friend member categories. Additionally, membership was up for Very Small, Small and Medium Libraries. Large Library membership stayed the same. State Library, Chapter, and Non-Profit organizational memberships all had growth.

ALA Convenes New Task Force, Continues Preparations for 2020 U.S. Census

The [2020 Census Library Outreach and Education Task Force](#), which was co-convened by PLA and the OITP Advisory Committee, held its first meeting at the Annual Conference 2018. The task force will inform ALA's efforts to prepare libraries for the upcoming 2020 Census. The 2020 Census will be the first to offer the public an option to respond online, which may bring large numbers of users into libraries to complete their census questionnaire via library computers and internet connections. The Washington Office is [collaborating](#) with the Census Bureau, Census stakeholders and library leaders to ensure libraries are informed about the 2020 Census and can plan for potential demands.

The Census Bureau hosted an exhibit booth at Annual 2018 to provide information to libraries and plans to attend additional ALA and library conferences through 2020. The Washington Office is leading efforts to encourage the Census Bureau and community leaders to include libraries in their preparations and outreach activities. The Washington Office successfully advocated for language to be included in a Senate Appropriations Committee report encouraging the Census Bureau to collaborate with libraries. In addition, former Committee on Legislation (COL) chair, Kent Oliver, addressed the National Association of Counties' [conference](#) in July to discuss libraries' roles in informing their communities about the 2020 Census and to encourage local officials to collaborate with local libraries.

There is an upcoming webinar related to this issue: How Are People Counted in the Census?

Monday, September 24, 2018

4 p.m. EDT

[RSVP](#) required

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#) will discuss how people are counted in the Census, what a successful Census entails, and what “hard-to-count” and “undercount” mean when it comes to counting communities. They will also dive deeper into how the Census counts members of the military; individuals living in group quarters such as dorms, shelters, and more; non-traditional households; and children. There will be Q&A at the end.

Net Neutrality

In August 2018, ALA argued in support of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) strong, enforceable rules to protect and preserve the open internet with an [amici filing](#) with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. ALA joined the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and higher education organizations including the American Council on Education and EDUCAUSE in support of petitioners in the case of Mozilla Corporation v. Federal Communications Commission and United States of America. ALA asserts that the FCC’s 2017 Order will “imperil the internet’s continued operation as a reliable platform for research, learning and information sharing, and that the FCC’s decision should be reversed as arbitrary and capricious.” The ALA also continues to promote the importance of including libraries in this national and community effort to [advocate](#) for using the Congressional Review Act to restore strong, enforceable net neutrality rules.

ALA Welcomes Proposed Increases for Federal Library Funding in Senate Appropriations Bill

Federal funding for libraries continues to progress in a positive direction following a months-long campaign by ALA library advocates in conjunction with the ALA Washington Office. In late August, the [full Senate approved](#) its funding package with increases for library priorities including IMLS, National Library of Medicine, Library of Congress, and Career and Technical Education while providing level funding for LSTA, IAL, and Striving Readers. Many of these programs were targeted for elimination by the Administration earlier this year (for the second straight year). The full House is not expected to take up its [Appropriations Committee bill](#) (which includes similar, though not identical, funding levels for many programs) before the October 1 start of the Fiscal Year.

Grants, resources and announcements

ALA's Public Programs Office is continuing their relationship with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, and are now in the planning and development stages of creating a new traveling exhibition on financial literacy themes for kids aged 7-11 years old and

for the adults in their lives. The exhibition will tour to 50 U.S. public libraries for approximately 2 years, launching in late summer 2019.

They are assembling a group of 5 public librarians with experience in implementing financial literacy programming to serve as advisors to the project. The advisory team will assist in the development of 5 instructor-led activities and 5 family activities related to exhibition concepts, plus 10 additional library programming suggestions. The team will also help develop and curate a resource list, including a bibliography and website resources. This will all be included in the online Site Support Notebook materials provided to selected libraries as a programmatic resource and reference.

Each advisor will receive a \$500 honorarium, and the main activities will occur from October 2018 - April 2019. The duties of each librarian advisor/library partner on the team will be:

- * Participate in regular conference calls, frequency determined by the group, to share expertise, provide insight and feedback, propose content and contribute knowledge to ALA staff and fellow team members.
- * Conduct independent research and write program models as needed and report back to the team.
- * Serve as a peer reviewer for the opportunity by reading applications, reviewing and rating them.

To be considered as an advisor, we ask candidates to please email a resume and a one paragraph biography (max 300 words), highlighting experience with financial literacy programs for kids and families to Melanie Welch (mwelch@ala.org<mailto:mwelch@ala.org>) by Monday, October 1.

New Financial Literacy Project Kicks Off

The FINRA Foundation is providing a large, multi-year grant to support financial literacy programming in public libraries. Building on the success of the current *Thinking Money* exhibition, ALA's Public Programs Office will work with a project team consisting of FINRA Foundation staff, an exhibit developer and program evaluator to create and curate a new exhibition for children 7-11 and their parents, caregivers and educators. ALA and Foundation staff will select 50 public libraries to participate in the program through a competitive application process. Each library will host the exhibition for approximately 6 weeks, while implementing a minimum of 4 related programs, creating a national tour lasting approximately 2 years. The tour is anticipated to kick off in late summer 2019.

Rosen Publishing Group Sponsors AASL Distinguished Service Award

AASL is pleased to announce The Rosen Publishing Group as the new sponsor of the AASL Distinguished Service Award. The prestigious award recognizes an individual member of the library profession who has, over a significant period, made an outstanding national contribution to school librarianship and school library development. Nominated by their peers in the profession, award recipients receive \$3,000 and are honored at the AASL Awards Ceremony during ALA Annual Conference.

Presenters Invited to Explore Topics and Engage Attendees during AASL National Conference

AASL invites proposals for concurrent sessions to be presented during its National Conference & Exhibition taking place November 14-16, 2019, in Louisville, Kentucky. Complete proposals must be submitted by Monday, December 3, 2018, and final decisions will be announced on or before March 1, 2019. Submissions will only be accepted via online form. Email, mail or fax submissions will not be accepted. All questions regarding programming at the AASL National Conference & Exhibition should be directed to aasnational@ala.org or (800) 545-2433, ext. 4382.

ACRL 2019 Keynote Speakers Announced

ACRL announces its celebrated lineup of keynote speakers for the [ACRL 2019 Conference](#), "Recasting the Narrative," to be held April 10-13, in Cleveland, Ohio. Journalist Michelle Norris delivers the Opening Keynote on April 10, 2019; author Viet Thanh Nguyen headlines the Middle Keynote on April 11, 2019; and the Closing Keynote on April 13, 2019, features cartoonist Alison Bechdel. Registration and housing for ACRL 2019 are currently available. [ACRL 2019 Scholarship Applications](#)

ACRL is offering approximately 150 scholarships, worth more than \$100,000, for the 2019 Conference to be held April 10-13, 2019, in Cleveland. [Scholarship applications](#) to attend the conference are due on Friday, October 5. Available scholarship types are Early-career Librarian Scholarships, Mid-career Librarian Scholarships, Library Support Staff Scholarships, Library School Student Scholarships, and Spectrum Scholar Travel Grants. The [ACRL Conference Scholarship Fund](#) makes it possible to award scholarships to academic and research librarians and library staff to attend the ACRL Conference, and donations help support these opportunities.

ALSC is now taking applications and nominations for the Professional Awards and Grants. Each year ALSC gives away over \$100k in awards, grants, and scholarships to its members. Applications and nominations are open for [The Penguin Young Readers Group Award](#), [ALSC Distinguished Service Award](#), [The Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award](#), [ALSC Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant](#), and the [Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship](#).

Upcoming ALSC Webinars

ALSC has a number of exciting live webinars slated for this fall. ALSC is offering a two-part series: [Podcast Playground Part 1: Discovery of Kids Podcasts](#) and [Podcast Playground Part 2: Programming with Kids Podcasts](#). As part of efforts to provide cultural competency training, ALSC will also be hosting [Supporting Healthy Racial Identity Development for All Children](#) and [Beyond Awareness: Strategies for Demonstrating Cultural Competence in Library Service to Children](#). Other webinars offered this fall include [Advocacy for Everyone](#), [Everything You Wanted to Know about the CSK Award \(But Didn't Know to Ask\)](#), and a three-part series on Leadership in Youth Services: [Part 1: Leading Outside Your Organization](#), [Part 2: Leadership in Action](#), and [Part 3: Moving Beyond Youth Services](#). [Registration](#) is now open for all webinars and is free for both members and non-members to attend. ALSC's [archived webinars](#) are now free for all ALSC members and are offered at a small price for non-ALSC members.

PLA to Hold Short-Fiction Writing Contest This Fall

PLA is inviting writers to submit original works of short fiction for a National Writing Contest taking place this fall. The contest is part of the [Fostering Creative Community Connections](#) (FCCC) project, which seeks to promote reading and literary joy through public libraries. The project is funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and managed by the PLA, in partnership with community publisher Short Edition. The submission portal will open at 12 a.m. Central Time on Tuesday, September 25. All entries must be submitted prior to 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Tuesday, October 30. The winners will be notified in early December. The jury's top selection will receive \$1,000, and \$500 prizes will be awarded to up to two additional submissions. Additional details will be posted [here](#).

PLA Adds New Awareness Toolkit to Suite of Family Engagement Resources

As part of a key strategic initiative, PLA has released a free promotional toolkit to help raise awareness of [family engagement](#) through libraries. This new resource can be used to supplement libraries' marketing, fundraising, community relations and political advocacy work. The Family Engagement Toolkit was developed in partnership with ALA's Communications & Marketing Office, as part of ALA's [Libraries Transform](#) public awareness campaign. The Toolkit offers both strategy and tactics for family engagement advocates, including message points, customizable graphics, promotional ideas, and program examples from [IDEABOOK: Libraries for Families](#), a family engagement publication released in 2017 by PLA and the Global Family Research Project. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Innovation in Teen Services Award

YALSA has established a new award, the [Innovation in Teen Services Award](#), which recognizes a member who has brought a new idea to life through his/her library that has benefited the teens in the community. Eligible members can [learn](#) more and [apply](#) now through December 1.

What Public Libraries Do for Teens Infographic

YALSA has updated its infographic, [What Public Libraries Do for Teens](#), to reflect new statistics found in the Public Library Association's [2017 PLDS Statistical Report](#). Library staff can

[download](#) the infographic to help them advocate for public libraries and share it with their state legislators and important stakeholders.

2018 Teens' Top Ten Voting Open

Voting for the [2018 Teens' Top Ten](#) is currently underway and will continue through October 13. Teens can vote for up to three of their favorite titles from the 25 nominees, which were announced back in April during National Library Week. Library staff can share the video announcement of the nominees on their library's homepage and encourage teens to [vote](#). The "Top Ten" titles will be announced the week of October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Beline

ACRL Signature Initiative on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Poll Results

At the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the ACRL Leadership Council generated a robust list of suggested action items for the association

NJLA Public Policy Committee Report

9/18/2018

NJLA Public Policy Committee Report

- I am Vice Chair, Chair John Wallace on paternity leave
- Build on the successful work of last year's Public Policy Committee (passed Bond Construction Act and the Johnson Bill – referendums to increase funding locally by going on ballot)
- Met in July and August, September meeting cancelled
- Discussed Legislative Priorities list
- ***Keeping eye on***
NJ Net Neutrality Act (A1767/S1577)
requires ISPs to provide open, neutral Internet to consumers- referred to committees
- No public contracts unless ISPs adhere to Net Neutrality (A2132/S1802)
No Board of Ed, state agency, contracting agency can contract unless 'net neutral' ISP
- Community Broadband Study Commission A2140
Create 11 member commission for NJ
- Complete Count for Census 2020 (A4208/S2730)
Creates 27 member commission to develop outreach strategy
Passed by both houses, needs to be signed by Gov
- Opioid Antidote in Libraries (A3838/S2321)
Permits public libraries to maintain opioid antidotes, trained staff member to administer
Referred to committees
- Higher Education Textbook Plan (A327/S768)
Requires 4 yr higher ed institutions to submit a plan to the Secretary of Higher Ed to expand use of open textbooks
Passed by Senate, Assembly floor vote needed
- Reader Privacy Act (A2163) Confidentiality protection of library uses to 'book service' users
Referred to Consumer Affairs Committee

Priorities:

-Per Capita State Aid

\$10.5 million

A3801 10 sponsors

S2668 5 sponsors

New social media post

Subcommittee focusing on budget and appropriations committee members

-School Library Media Specialists (A1995/S2394)

Requires public schools to hire a certain # of certified school librarians

-Info Literacy Curriculum K-12 (A132 /S2933)

Include info literacy into K-12 curriculum with guidelines by Commissioner of Ed in conjunction with state library

Senator Greenstein is the prime sponsor of S2933 which is the companion bill to A132 the information literacy bill. In addition, she has signed on as the second prime sponsor to S2394 (school media bill with Senator Beach) Pat

-Support New Jersey Library Network

[Per Capita number one priority, vote with 12 yes votes]

**Public Policy Forum December 2018 – Advocacy event
Work with Intellectual Freedom Committee**

**NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY
STATE LIBRARIAN'S UPDATE
September 2018**

Public Library Construction: The State Librarian has been contacted by Treasury to set up a kick-off meeting for the multi-agencies that will get the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act program underway. We are currently holding several dates in early October.

STATE LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER:

Collections: Caitlyn Cook, **New Jersey Reference and Digital Librarian** completed scanning the annual reports of the State Asylum for the Insane at Morristown (1876-1896), and its successor, New Jersey State Hospital at Morris Plains (1897-1924). She is currently working on New Jersey State Hospital at Greystone Park (1925-until closing). Once completed, the digitized reports will encompass 1876-1969 with a few gaps in later years. These reports offer a wealth of statistical and anecdotal information about the lives of residents as well as information about research and treatments conducted in the institution.

Caitlyn also completed a project to collect and upload financial State Aid Summaries from the Department of Education, which include spreadsheets for preschool aid to districts, K-12 state aid to districts, and K-12 state aid to counties. <https://dspace.njstatelib.org/xmlui/handle/10929/48598>

Outreach: Leigh Clark participated in the *Resources for Growth Event* designed specifically for small business owners. The Secretary of State's New Jersey Business Action Center (NJBAC), in partnership with the State Chamber of Commerce, the MIDJersey Chamber and the Mercer Small Business Development Center, hosted the event at the College of New Jersey on September 12.

Caitlyn Cook will be presenting a program, "*From Dorothea Dix to the Post-War Era: Historic Reports of New Jersey's Mental Hospitals*," at the Documents Association of New Jersey (DANJ) Conference on October 26.

Regina Fitzpatrick's article "*Genealogical Resources at the New Jersey State Library*," was published in the Genealogical Society of New Jersey Newsletter v. 27 n.1-2 p.7-12.

New Jersey State Library Presents: Every month, SLIC holds author talks and classes as part of the NJSL Presents series.

On September 12, author Michael C. Gabriele presented a program on the evolution and history of folk revival music in New Jersey, from bawdy tunes sung in colonial era taverns to 20th century studio recordings in Camden and a flourishing community of folk organizations and festivals.

The following classes are scheduled in September:

- *Financial Aid Information Session*, September 11. Sharon Austin, from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority will provide information on Federal and State grants, scholarships and loan programs available through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form.
- *Introduction to Fundraising Planning*, September 18. Presented by Susan Shiroma from the Foundation Center Northeast, this introductory class will provide the basic steps for developing a fundraising plan, including tips on making your case for support, diversifying your organization's fundraising base and crafting a plan of action.
- *Home Buying*, September 19. Learn the ins and outs of securing a mortgage, different types of mortgages and the impact of credit scores. Presented by the Credit Union of New Jersey.
- *Finding Funding for Your Education*, September 25. Leigh Clark will provide information on New Jersey State Library Funding Information Center resources to help fund your education. Learn about different sources of funding, ways to leverage existing connections to funders and online resources, such as the *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online* database, that provide information on scholarships from foundations.
- *Career Connections Presents – Master the Art of Networking*, September 26. Networking is an important component in finding the right job and advancing your career. Find out how to identify, build and expand your network and use social media.

October programs and classes:

- *Resolving Conflict in the Workplace*, October 2. Linda Stamato and Sandy Jaffe, Co-Directors of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, will discuss tools and techniques we can use to reduce the likelihood of conflict between co-workers, as well as strategies to help diffuse tense and escalating situations.
- *Webinar-Researching Your Pre-May 1848 Ancestors*, October 3. Join New Jersey State Library Genealogy librarian Regina Fitzpatrick, to learn how to find and research ancestors who lived prior to May 1848, before the start of New Jersey's State Vital Records (birth, marriage and death) collections.
- *Retirement Planning*, October 10. Arlene Ferris-Waks, Director of Complaints and Investor Outreach for the New Jersey Bureau of Securities, will discuss social security, estate planning, downsizing for retirement and how to prevent becoming a victim of fraud and scammers.
- *Some New, Free, and Exciting Genealogy Websites*, October 17. Lew Mexler, Chair of the Mercer County Jewish Genealogy Society at Beth El Synagogue, will present on a wide variety of popular online genealogical sites, as well as hidden gems. While most examples will be centered on Jewish genealogy, the information is applicable to all types of genealogy research.

- *Documenting Your Past with iBiographer*, October 23. Sofia Milner, creator of iBiographer, presents information on using this free, secure website to create a family tree, write family biographies and upload photos, videos, music and documents to the biographies.
- *Great Storms of the Jersey Shore*, October 24. Join authors Margaret Thomas Buchholz and Scott Mazella as they talk about the history of different Great Storms of New Jersey, including Superstorm Sandy.
- *Career Connections Presents - Acing the Interview-Part 1*, October 30. This session will cover the different types of interviews you may encounter, how to prepare for the interview, and the different parts of the interview.

TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE CENTER:

TBBC is partnering with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) on the Library Equal Access Program, LEAP initiative. LEAP provides free computer and iPad training classes at assistive technology learning centers located in eight public libraries across the state. LEAP is for New Jersey residents 55 and older who have a change in vision.

The iPad and computer classes are provided by Advancing Opportunities and are held from September through December. Classes meet once a week for an hour and a half. Classes are being held at these eight public libraries in New Jersey. All of these libraries are NJ Transit Access Link stops: Atlantic City Free Public Library; Atlantic County Library System – Mays Landing Branch; Cherry Hill Public Library; East Brunswick Public Library; Johnson Public Library – Hackensack; Newark Public Library; Ocean County Library – Toms River Branch; and South Orange Public Library. Each location held three classes: One on the basic assisted technology programs on Apple products (iPhones and iPads); a second class for intermediate training on Apple products; the third class will be on using assisted technology software on computer workstations. The third class will be offered in November and December.

TBBC is also working with the nine libraries to update the LEAP computers operating systems as well as add new software for the classes.

One new software package is a screen reader (NDVA). It is a free downloadable program supported by the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. NVDA allows blind and vision impaired people to access and interact with the Windows operating system and many third party applications. This program will be attractive to public libraries because it can be placed at no charge on any computer in the library.

LIBRARY SUPPORT SERVICES:

August started with a visit from our IMLS program officer (a once every four year event). Dennis Nangle spent August 1 and 2 with staff from the State Library who work in

administration, LSTA grants and finance as well as traveling to three New Jersey public libraries to hear about the support they rely on from the State Library.

On August 9, members of the LSTA Advisory Council and Library Network Review Board, along with State Library staff and the Executive Director of LibraryLinkNJ, convened in Trenton to begin the process of evaluating current statewide services and planning for the future. Amy Garmer of the Aspen Institute served as the facilitator.

Eileen Morales wrote a *Grants for Libraries* blog post: "Finding Grant Opportunities for Libraries"

LIFELONG LEARNING:

Sharon Rawlins was one of the speakers on a *Booklist* sponsored webinar called "Coding Quest" on August 28 to recommend coding books for youth.

National Book Festival, Washington DC, Sept. 1, 2018: Sharon Rawlins staffed the NJ Center for the Book's exhibit at the Parade of States during the National Book Festival in DC on Sept. 1, 2018.

ARSL Conference. Sept. 12, 2018: Sharon Rawlins will be part of a panel of presenters for a preconference session entitled "Curiosity and Discovery: STEM for Preschoolers" at the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference on Sept. 12, 2018 in Springfield, IL.

Registration open for 2018 Youth Services Forum – Deadline Oct. 12, 2018: The annual Youth Services Forum, sponsored by NJLA, NJSL, and NJASL, is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 29, 2018 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan from 8:45 am – 3 pm. 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.

Leap into Science STEAM Trainings – Filled: The Leap into Science STEAM training workshops focused on the concept of balance are filled. Look for more information for additional trainings to be presented in Year 2 of this project for educators (libraries, museums, afterschool organizations, etc.) hosted and trained by Sharon Rawlins from the New Jersey State Library, Doug Baldwin from NJ Makers Day, and Ryan Reedell from the Newark Museum. [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.

Supercharged Storytimes Trainings – Filled: The Supercharged Storytimes early literacy trainings for children's library staff are filled. More workshops will be offered January – March 2019. More details and the registration information will be available in late September or early October. The 2019 trainings are comprised of six modules over an 11- 13-week period and all of them will be live online, with no face-to-face meetings.

NJASL 2018 Conference: Sharon Rawlins and Liz Burns will be presenting a program at the 2018 NJ Association of School Librarians Conference in Long Branch on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 entitled “Genre Mash-Up for Required Reading.”

Taxation University: Andrea Levandowski is working with the New Jersey Division of Taxation’s Taxation University to bring business training to local libraries. Beginning in October, libraries across New Jersey will be hosting the Small Business Workshops to educate local business owners and entrepreneurs about starting and registering businesses in the state.

The Fall 2018 Taxation University workshops have been scheduled! You can find the full list of locations and times here: <https://www.njstatelib.org/TaxationUniversity>

Andrea’s article “2018 NJLibsGrowBiz Summit Building Business Outreach and Services from the Ground Up” appears in the ALA Reference and User Services Association’s Public Libraries Briefcase, published by the Business Reference in Public Libraries Committee: <http://www.ala.org/rusa/sections/brass/publications/publibbriefcase>

NJ Resources for Business Growth: On September 12, the New Jersey State Library participated in “New Jersey Resources for Business Growth,” an event sponsored by the New Jersey Business Action Center, the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, and the MidJersey Chamber of Commerce. Participating state agencies connected directly with business owners to share how they support business owners. The New Jersey State Library promoted statewide databases, Taxation University workshops, and nonprofit information.

GSETA: Andrea will be speaking at the Garden State Employment Training Association conference during a breakout session on October 3. Her topic is “Lifelong Learning for All @Your Local Library.” She will discuss statewide and local resources available to workforce development personnel and jobseekers at New Jersey libraries.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (LWD) - Community Library Adult Literacy & Career Pathway Program, FY19 Grant Opportunity

The Notice of Grant Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2019 was announced during the summer (issued in July and closed in August). This grant program is aimed at supplementing existing Adult Literacy services by providing an additional avenue for literacy & career pathway training throughout New Jersey libraries. This grant program is designed to provide instruction and/or certification that compliments the WIOA Title II system. The projected amount of funding available for this program is estimated to be \$1,000,000. Maximum grant awards are up to \$100,000 per application.

Through a rigorous review process, the LWD has selected the following 14 library awardees:

1. Atlantic City Free Public Library
2. Elizabeth Public Library
3. Englewood Public Library
4. Gloucester County Library System
5. Jersey City Public Library
6. Kearny Public Library

7. Maplewood Memorial Library
8. Millville Public Library
9. New Brunswick Free Public Library
10. Newark Public Library
11. Plainfield Public Library
12. Somerset County Library System
13. South Brunswick Public Library
14. Union Public Library

Cross Cultural Communicators in Libraries: Developing Culturally and Linguistically Competent Bilingual Library Professionals: As of September 2018, the search for the project coordinator is still on going. Regional partnership meetings are currently underway as we begin the first steps of developing the training curriculum; Queens Library Project Team for cultural competence webinars and training modules (Year 1) and Hartford Public Library Project Team and My Language Link for interpretation/translation skills training (Year 2). In November, Mimi will attend the California Library Association Annual Conference in Santa Clara, CA with the Project Team in California, InfoPeople/Califa Group, to present an information table to promote the project and recruit potential participants from California.

About the CCCiL Project: The State Library received an FY2018 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for \$222,697. Funds will support Cross Cultural Communicators in Libraries, a two-year project (2018-2020), which will train English/Spanish bilingual librarians and library staff in cultural competence and interpretation/translation skills in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and California.

The project will develop and deliver a series of self-paced webinars and in-person training for 350 Spanish speaking bilingual librarians and library staff and will help build a network of Spanish-speaking library professionals in each partner region. The webinar series, clearinghouse of learning materials and samples and the online network will be available to and maintained for all library professionals after the grant period.

Adult Literacy Fair - Burlington County Library System: Mimi attended the Burlington County Library System's inaugural 'Adult Literacy Resource Fair' on Friday, Aug 24, 2018. Presented in collaboration with Community District Alliance (CDA), Literacy New Jersey, Rowan College at Burlington County Workforce Development Institute and Willingboro Adult School, the Fair offered information on GED/HSE testing, training, certifications, ESL/ELL services and a host of other valuable learning opportunities available in Burlington County.

New Jersey Library Association, Do-It Conference: The NJLA Diversity and Outreach Section will be hosting Do-It Conference on Thursday, November 8, 2018, 9:30am-3:00pm, Raritan Valley Community College Conference Center, 118 Lamington Rd, Branchburg, NJ 08876.

The DO-IT Conference brings together library workers and disability advocates for a free day-long conference focused on services to people with disabilities. The registration is currently open:

<http://librarylinknj.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=19525&qid=1028361>

The New Jersey State Library will be sponsoring this event by providing an honorarium for the keynote speaker, [Diane Malley](#), MFA, Project Director of Drexel University's Transition Pathways, a collection of innovative efforts to improve outcomes for young adults on the autism spectrum. Diane has years of experience developing family, school and community partnerships to improve outcomes for children.

COSLA CE Forum: Michele Stricker attended the COSLA CE Forum conference, held every August. This is an annual meeting of all State Library Continuing Education directors throughout the country.

Registration is still open for the Trustee Institute on October 27, 2018, at the National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ.

INNOVATION & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:

Library Leadership Academy 2018. The Library Leadership Academy, an eight part leadership series, will hold its first session on October 18. Peggy is pleased to announce that a total of 31 applications were received for the academy. The applications were reviewed by committee members, Heidi Cramer, Karen Klapperstuck, Jeanne Marie Ryan, Judah Hamer, Jennifer Konopacki, Kathleen Moeller Peiffer, Mary Chute and Peggy Cadigan, and each has been found to be meritorious of inclusion as attendees of the academy.

JERSEYCONNECT:

In August, JerseyConnect staff completed an **upgrade of our bandwidth reporting tool for connected libraries**. This upgrade provides customers with interactive graphs they can use to get a better handle on their network use patterns.

This month, JerseyConnect will begin soliciting bids on an **updated contract for EVPL internet access**. We anticipate much lower pricing on 100Mbps and 1Gbps service. Pricing is expected to be in place well before the E-Rate window opens for 2019 so libraries will have time to prepare applications.

On September 25th, **JerseyConnect staff and BCCLS will co-host a Tech Talk** for BCCLS members on building and migrating a library website. BCCLS is shutting down its web hosting service at the end of the year, and JerseyConnect is committed to helping empower library staff to make the most of their library website.