



**NJLA Executive Board Meeting
October 16, 2018
Plainsboro Public Library
9 Van Doren St, Plainsboro NJ 07016**

Present: Radway Ali, Amy Babcock-Landry, Mo Donohue, Kate Jagers, Will Porter, Jen Schureman, Pat Tamulty, Leah Wagner, Chelsea Woods-Turner

Attending Online: Michael Maziekien, Emily Moore, Lynn Schott, Nancy Weiner

Guests: Joyce Valenza (online, Rutgers), Mary Chute (NJSL), Peggy Cadigan (NJSL)

Absent: Jayne Beline, Tonya Garcia, Darby Malvey, Jessica Trujillo

Leah called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

- 1. Adoption of Agenda – Leah Wagner, President** - Jen asked to add “salary recommendations” under Old Business.
- 2. Minutes – Maureen Donohue, Secretary**
 - a. Meeting Sept.18, 2018** - Jen would like reports from other organizations to be added to the minutes online. Mo will make these adjustments. Jen made a motion to approve. Kate seconds. All in favor.
- 3. Financial Report- Amy Babcock Landry** - Amy provided a packet update from Phillip Berg from the Finance Committee and Investments Subcommittee
 - a. Current Budget to Sept. 30, 2018** -
 - b. Bill List Approval** - Amy had a question about the refunded dues. Pat stated that dues are refunded when an electronic submission is entered twice on the website.

Will makes motion to approve. Radwa seconds. All in favor.

Kate asked about Member Services and if they had planned to attend today. Leah confirmed that Nick VanDorn could not attend today but will be at the November meeting.

4. Reports within NJLA

- a. **Leah Wagner, President** - The Design Institute was great. Leah thanked Laverne and staff at Cherry Hill for their help. She also thanked Jeanne Marie Ryan for pushing everyone and the event along. An attendee from Pennsylvania who attended many Design Institutes said this was the best one yet.

Leah also attended the LUC Reception.

The Strategic Plan task force is working on a survey to be distributed soon. Two questions have been added by the Core Values task force.

Leah thanked all those who helped sign Annual Appeal letters

There will be a MemberClicks demo on November 9.

Mimi Hui from the Scholarship Committee is asking for members. If you know of anyone please reach out. The committee has \$12,000 to give but needs more members. They only meet 3 times a year.

- b. **Pat Tumulty, Executive Director** - *(attached)*

In addition, the office is finalizing a position to be posted (office manager/associate & bookkeeper)

- c. **Jayne Beline, ALA Councilor** - *(attached)*

Amy makes motion to send a letter of support to the Colorado Association of Libraries. Will Seconds. All in favor.

Leah, Pat, and the Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee will write a letter.

Joyce commented that she will see if she can find any more info about the court case.

5. New Business

- a. **Reauthorization of NJLA Task Forces** - Leah recommends reauthorization of the following NJLA Task Forces: Core Values, Unlock Student Potential/School Libraries, Strategic Planning, Office Operations, Future of the NJLA Conference.

She wishes to not reauthorize: Collaboration, Library Achievement, Technology.

Will makes a motion to not reauthorize Collaboration, Library Achievement, and Technology. Jen seconds. All in favor

- b. **NJLA Election Report – Michael Maziekien** - Nominations committee will run a special election for Member at Large . Amy had a question about the timeline and if it was appropriate. Leah and Kate confirmed that the timeline for special elections is written in the bylaws.

Radwah made a motion to go forward with the special election for a new Member At Large. Chelsea seconds. All in favor.

- c. **Organization Subcommittee – Chelsea Woods-Turner** - The subcommittee reached out to leaders in the organization for updates. The subcommittee is using a progress tracker to when receiving emails and are compiling questions and answers into a spreadsheet. The plan is to look over this spreadsheet at the end of the year and see if sections and committees are following through with planned programs and if not, why. This will be a good tool to hold sections/committees accountable.

- 6. **Old Business** - Jen attended the first meeting of PAC. The committee is not agreeing with the flat rate 2% recommendation because Social Security is going up 2.8%. They want to look at numbers and make a recommendation to the board for the 2020 salary recommendations in July 2019. The Board reminded everyone that Dale Spindel brought the salary recommendations to the board in August and the board approved it. Jen will go to the PAC meeting to let them know. Amy reiterated that the committee could look at the structures to make them smaller since they are very broad.

7. Partnering organizations

- a. **NJ State Library** - *(attached)*
- b. **Rutgers LIS** - Joyce, via adobe connect let us know that the feedback was extremely positive from the ALA committee on accreditation. Joyce thanked all participants.

Pat congratulated Joyce on an excelled Freedom to Read program. Joyce said she can share her “Call to Action” slides from the event.

Joyce returned from a very successful School Library Bus Tour.

- c. **NJASL** - No Update

- 8. **Action Plan for Next Meeting** - Nick Van Dorn from membership will be here at the next meeting to talk about what can be done to see an increase in membership numbers. The

board will also ask Karen Klapperstuck from the Conference Task Force to present any updates and we will ask the Strategic Plan Task Force to present.

9. **Good of the Order** - Lots of great upcoming programs! The Adult Services Forum on October 22. The Youth Services Forum on October 29. The Performers Showcase on November 1. The League of Municipalities November 13-15. The DO-IT conference on November 8. Joint Program-Administration & Management Section and Personnel Administration Committee on November 28. A ½ day Public Policy Forum on December 10.

The NJLA Store will be doing their yearly inventory at Monroe Library this year in December. For early shopping, come to the library to get rid of old merchandise!

Kate thanked all those who signed Annual Appeal letters.

The next meeting will be November 20 at South Brunswick Public Library at 10:00am.

Will made motion to adjourn at 5:24 pm. Jen seconds. All in favor.

Reports continued...

(4.b) Executive Director Report

TO: NJLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: PAT TUMULTY, NJLA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ITS OCT. 2018 MEETING

DATE: Oct. 15 2018

MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 712 either renewed or pending for this year.

HOTLINE

From Sept. 18 to Oct. 9 there were 38 new jobs posted to the hotline.

NJLA ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Unfortunately, Adele Puccio has resigned from the Board. Michael Maziekien, chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, will present a timeline for the election of a new member to the board.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

A2163 (Reader Privacy Act) is being heard in the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee on Monday. I will report of the meeting at the Board meeting.

New Jersey Library Network legislation. On Oct. 11 Leah Wagner and I met with Asm. Andrzejczak in Cape May to discuss the per capita aid legislation and the need for additional funds for the NJ Library Network to support delivery services. We were joined by Freeholder Marie Hayes and Library Director Deb Poillon both of Cape May County. The Assemblyman said he would introduce legislation to provide an additional \$750,000 for the Library Network. We discussed the importance of having both pieces of legislation passed.

LibraryLink NJ is holding a invitational meeting today to discuss the future of LibraryLink. There will be a report tomorrow.

Library Services and Technology Act has been reintroduce in Washington. Congressman Leonard Lance is one of the prime sponsors. Passage of this legislation is the chief legislative goal of ALA.

NJLTA EMPLOYEE

Cindy Czesak will begin working for NJLTA at the end of the month. Her duties will include providing training for library boards of trustees and friends organizations. Her contract is being finalized with NJLTA President Pat Pavlak. Cindy will be at the Trustee Institute at the end of the month. I look forward to working with Cindy in her new position.

PROGRAMS

NJLA is being honored as one of the John J. Heldrich Distinguished Leadership Awards winners on Oct 25 at the Heldrich Center in New Brunswick because of our work on workforce development and helping job seekers.

On Nov. 9, Jeanne Marie Ryan and I will make a presentation to the NJ Alliance for Action on the progress of the NJ Library Construction Bond Act.

(4.c) ALA Councilors Report

October 2018

Colorado and EBSCO Matter

This is the email message sent by Annie Epperson, Colorado's chapter councilor:

As you may have heard, a lawsuit was filed two days ago against the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) and EBSCO, alleging they knowingly provide obscene materials to children. If you haven't yet heard, I've posted information and links below. I have more recently learned that Utah may be going through a similar set of challenges.

The Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) has prepared the attached statement and is disseminating it far and wide. This situation has been simmering for some time now in Colorado (and with CLiC in particular). Back in March CLiC updated its website with information and specifically a guide to understanding and responding to IF challenges. You can find that at their page: <https://www.clicweb.org/libraries-under-attack/>.

Carol Smith, current President of CAL, is prepared to field any and all questions. Her contact information follows. I too will do what I can to answer your questions.

For an official CAL position/response, please contact Carol Smith, Colorado School of Mines. Her personal cell is (660/822-6094) and her email is (arabicsmith@gmail.com).

My thanks to ALA Past President Jim Neal and OIF Director Jamie LaRue, and others, for their attention to this matter and support going forward.

Annie Epperson

Colorado Chapter Councilor

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Additional information, including EBSCO statement:

<https://www.denverpost.com/2018/10/10/pornography-is-not-education-sues-colorado-library-consortium/>

<https://www.thomasmoresociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/EBSCO-2018-10-10-Filed-Complaint.pdf>

This is an important issue and I would like the NJLA Board to consider sending a letter of support to the Colorado Library Association.

Other News

ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo to host The Heart of Librarianship webinar

As part of her global outreach efforts, ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo will host a free webinar, The Heart of Librarianship, at 9 a.m. CST/10 a.m. EST on Nov. 14, 2018.

Garcia-Febo and Dr. Michael Stephens will explore the importance of accessible, welcoming and responsive library environments that invite open and equitable participation, as well as examine which factors are preventing many libraries from ramping up community engagement and user-focused services.

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/10/ala-president-loida-garcia-febo-host-heart-librarianship-webinar>

Public Library Association awarded IMLS grant to help public libraries, partners respond to opioid epidemic

The Public Library Association (PLA) has been awarded a \$249,714 National Leadership Grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to collect and share knowledge and resources to support public libraries and their community partners efforts to address the opioid crisis.

In partnership with OCLC Research, PLA will produce eight case studies of varied communities in which the public library is already playing a role in responding to the opioid crisis.

The project team will gather additional perspectives and insights from government agencies, public health and human services organizations, community organizations, library leaders and people directly affected by the epidemic. A steering committee of library leaders, partner organizations and researchers will guide the work. The project will run through December 2019.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/10/public-library-association-awarded-imls-grant-help-public-libraries-partners>

Library leaders identify strategies in 'Fight for School Libraries'

An executive summary released by the American Library Association (ALA) identifies systematic ways ALA, its divisions and offices, and the field of librarianship can support the nation's school libraries. The strategies were developed by school, public and academic library leaders from across the country during the "Fight for School Libraries" summit convened by 2017-2018 ALA President Jim Neal.

The summary calls for ALA members and ALA staff, including all divisions, to demonstrate support for school libraries as possibilities arise within the association. Strategies include collecting quality data on standards and policies regarding school library staffing, funding and accreditation; developing compelling stories and messages for national and local community audiences; strengthening partnerships with public and academic libraries to further build support; and implementing support for school libraries consistently into political advocacy work.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/10/library-leaders-identify-strategies-fight-school-libraries>

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/10/fake-news-or-free-speech-there-right-be-misinforme>

United for Libraries to coordinate National Friends of Libraries Week, Oct. 21-27

Friends of the Library groups and libraries across the country will be celebrating the 13th annual National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 21-27, 2018. National Friends of Libraries Week offers an opportunity to celebrate the Friends.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/10/united-libraries-coordinate-national-friends-libraries-week-oct-21-27>

AWARDS AND GRANTS

SRRT seeks applications for 2019 Herb Biblo Travel Grants

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/10/applications-2019-srrt-herb-biblo-travel-grants>

AASL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Author 'Point of View' sought for AASL National Conference concurrent sessions

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/10/author-point-view-sought-aasl-national-conference>

CHOICE

Choice publishes white paper examining course materials adoption and the outlook for OER

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/10/choice-publishes-white-paper-examining-course-materials-adoption-and-outlook-oer>

PLA RESOURCES

Latest 'Quick Reads' publication highlights essential programs from PLA 2018 Conference

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/10/latest-quick-reads-publication-highlights-essential-programs-pla-2018-conference>

ONLINE TRAINING

RUSA Financial Literacy for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs in Your Community

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/10/rusa-financial-literacy-small-businesses-and-entrepreneurs-your-community>

Building Relationships with Legislators and their Staff

This webinar will feature a conversation with Dave Schroeder, former Kentucky Library Association president and current chair of KLA's advocacy committee, as well as a member of ALA's committee on library advocacy.

You can [Register Today!](#) for the webinar scheduled on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 2:00:00 PM CDT - 3:00:00 PM CDT.

Bookmark <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/chapter-advocacy-exchange> for past webinar recordings and how to register for this and other upcoming *free* webinars presented regularly by the [ALA Chapter Relations Office](#) and the [ALA Office for Library Advocacy](#). If you cannot attend the October 31 webinar, the webinar will be archived.

Libraries and the 2020 Census

A new ALA Policy Brief "Libraries and the 2020 Census" has been released and is now available here: <https://bit.ly/CountOnLibraries>.

Gavin Baker, Assistant Director of Government Relations, ALA, summarizes the policy brief in this way: "Libraries are essential, trusted partners in achieving a complete count in the 2020 Census. Libraries can:

- **Deliver information** about the Census and host community outreach activities.
- **Provide internet access** and enable respondents to complete the Census form online.
- **Serve as trusted messengers**, including in hard-to-count communities.
- **Train data users** and provide access to Census statistics for businesses and community members.

["Libraries and the 2020 Census"](#) explains how decision makers, including state and local policymakers, can partner with libraries as they work to ensure their communities are fully represented in the 2020 Census.

Please share the brief with policymakers in your state, as appropriate, such as your governor's office and state legislators."

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Beline

(7.a) STATE LIBRARIAN'S UPDATE

for New Jersey Library Association Executive Board Meeting

October 16, 2018

Public Library Construction:

The New Jersey State Librarian, and other State Library staff involved in the Library Construction Bond Act program, attended an initial meeting on Friday, October 5 with staff of the Office of the Attorney General, New Jersey Office of Public Finance, New Jersey Bond Counsel, Acacia Financial Group, Inc., and the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority. The purpose of this convening was to bring together the state agencies and Bond Counsel that are necessary for the advancement of the Library Construction Bond Program.

State Librarian, Mary Chute, presented an overview of the construction program and what has been accomplished to date. She discussed the draft regulations, the grant application package, forthcoming letter of intent, the resource lists and FAQs that we have provided to the library community and the guidance we have offered through many phone calls and emails. She also discussed meetings that have been held with the Office of Public Finance, Governor's Office, EFA and the past and present President of Thomas Edison State University.

Library Design Institute: This was held at the Cherry Hill Public Library on September 28. State Librarian Mary Chute gave a welcome and an update on the Library Construction Bond Act and Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer was part of a panel entitled "Before You Begin".

· **DPLA:** *The application for a DE/NJ service hub was submitted on September 28.*

STATE LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER:

Collections: Deborah Mercer continues to digitize reports of the New Jersey State Prison and also digitized a large number of documents from the Interstate Commission on the Delaware River.

Caitlyn Cook completed scanning the annual reports of the State Hospital at Greystone Park. The Institution's name changed several times over the years. Our digitized collection now encompasses 1876-1969, with some gaps in the later years.

The New Jersey Digitized Historic Newspapers research guide has become the most highly viewed guide since it was released in June.

Outreach; Leigh Clark and Andrea Levandowski 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. Andrea spoke about the business resources and programming available through the New Jersey State Library. Later, Leigh and Andrea staffed a table and spoke with attendees about NJSL's helpful business resources.

Thomas Edison State University Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students visited the library on September 14 to learn about library services and resources that are available to them via NJSL. The following week, on September 20, a library orientation was held for Thomas Edison State University's onsite Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN nursing students. Information on SLIC resources and services and an overview of important nursing databases and search techniques were presented.

Teri Taylor and Cynthia Lambert collaborated on a Constitution Day/Week display in the Law Library which included relevant U.S. documents and law books. Free pocket U.S. Constitutions provided by the Government Publishing Office (GPO) were given away. Teri tweeted about the display and sent photos to the GPO marketing contact. Information was also shared with the public on NJSL social media.

Heather Husted developed a bibliography and reserved items by or about Hispanic people for a National Hispanic Heritage Month display planned by the Department of Labor & Workforce Development Library.

Regina Fitzpatrick will be part of a Genealogy panel including Tierney Miller from Cherry Hill Public Library and Paula Manzella, Burlington County Library, presenting *Genealogy: Helping Patrons Build Their Family Tree* at the NJLA Adult Services Forum on October 22nd. Regina will speak about genealogy resources at the State Library that are freely accessible remotely.

Caitlyn Cook, New Jersey Reference and Digital Librarian, 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.

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

On October 24, Margaret Bucholz, author of *Great Storms of the Jersey Shore* and Scott Mazella, who is currently working on an update expected to be released in 2019, will draw from eyewitness accounts as they talk about the history of different great storms in New Jersey, including Superstorm Sandy.

The following classes are scheduled in October:

- *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 that can be used 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.
- *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.

November programs and classes:

- *Take the Wheel-Tips for Buying a Car*, November 7. The Credit Union of New Jersey will help educate and guide you in purchasing the right car for you. They will cover: determining how much you can afford, how to deal with car dealers, how to negotiate prices and new vs. used cars.
- *Preparing Your Garden for Winter*, November 13. Presented by Rutgers Master Gardens of Mercer County.
- *The Great War and the Origins of the Cold War*, November 14. Although the Cold War ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union, conflicts between Russia and the United States continue today. Award-winning author James Hockenberry will trace the origins of this tension back to World War I and the creation of Bolshevik Russia.
- *Introduction to Finding Grants*, November 20. Learn the 10 most important things you need to know about finding grants. The session includes time for hands-on funding research in the *Foundation Directory Online Professional* database.

· *Career Connections Presents-Acing the Job Interview 2*, November 28. This session will delve deeper into tackling interview questions. Participants will learn the benefits of participating in mock interviews, the S.H.A.R.P and S.O.A.R methods for answering questions, when to use each method, and other key points to remember during the interview.

TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE CENTER:

Newark Public Library: On October 9th, TBBC and the State Librarian participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Newark Public Library. The ceremony was to highlight Newark's participation in the LEAP (Library Equal Access Program) initiative. The high point of the event was the presence of Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver whose remarks described her own affection for and commitment to libraries.

This initiative is a partnership with the public library, the state's Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) and the State Library. In this program, CBVI provides the public library

with multiple computer workstations with the latest accessible software and a number of Apple iPads. In this initiative, CBVI arranges for training programs on both products for blind and visually impaired New Jersey residents over the age of 55.

The equipment is given to the public library and other patrons can use either the workstations or iPads when classes are not in session.

The Newark Public library in the 10th public library to participate in this four year old program. The Manalapan branch of the Monmouth County Library will be the next library in this program with classes beginning in the Spring of 2019.

Summer Reading: 63 children participated in TBBC's summer reading program. The average age of the group was 11 years old. Collectively they read 1267 books. This number includes 159 books that the children themselves downloaded from BARD.

There was an additional 20 children from other state who took part in our Summer Reading program. In Avalon, New Jersey the local Lions Club offers the families of visually impaired children the opportunity for a free week at the beach at their Helen Diller House. The director of the Avalon library working with our youth services staff visits the House and offers players and audiobooks to the children during their visits. This collaborative project with the Avalon Public Library and its director is over five years old.

LIBRARY SUPPORT SERVICES:

Kathleen Peiffer attended the Annual SHLB (Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition) Conference in Washington DC on October 10-12.

Grant Manager Eileen Morales finalized the application documents for IMLS National Leadership Grant, *Reconnecting Citizens with their Communities at Public Libraries*, and submitted on September 17.

Eileen and State Librarian Mary Chute participated in the University of Illinois i-School grants class. They were recorded on September 12.

State Aid checks have been sent out.

LIFELONG LEARNING:

Cross Cultural Communicators in Libraries: Developing Culturally and Linguistically Competent Bilingual Library Professionals. As of October 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.

2018 Adult Services Forum with a theme of “Everyday Adult Services” will take place Monday, October 22 at Monmouth County Library HQ, Manalapan, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Mimi will be presenting a poster session featuring the Cross Cultural Communicators in Libraries project. There has been enormous amount of support and inquiries about the project since the official award announcement went out. Mimi intends to give out information, answer questions and recruit future participants.

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/civCRM/extern/url.php?u=19525&qid=1028361>

The NJ 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.

2018 Trustee Institute: Registration Closed. There are over 150 trustees registered. The Trustee Institute will be held on October 27, 2018, at the National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ.

2018 Youth Services Forum: Registration Closed. 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.

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>

INNOVATION & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:

Professional Development Workshop: Phil Bowermaster will be presenting a professional development workshop in November entitled "Libraries, Acceleration, and the Reality Spectrum". This is a one-day program, which will be held at Burlington County Library on November 27th, Parsippany Public Library on November 28th and Monmouth County Library on

November 29th. The attendees are able to choose their preferred day and location for the workshop. The workshop is open to all librarians from New Jersey.

Phil Bowermaster is a nationally recognized acceleration strategist, author and speaker whose focus is on emerging technologies and future trends. As you may recall Phil spoke during last year's Futures Conference in Atlantic City.

To learn more about this workshop and registration please visit the NJSL website:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/news/libraries-acceleration-and-the-reality-spectrum/>

Library Leadership Academy: The Library Leadership Academy kicks off the first of its 8 planned sessions on October 18, 2018. 33 attendees have registered for the program which will be held primarily at the Monmouth County Library. The final session will be held at Holmdel Library at Bell Works where the architect, Anthony Iovino, along with the Branch Manager, Karen Nealis, will be on hand for discussion and a tour.

Session Topics for the academy include: Civic Engagement by Siobhan Riordan, Future Trends by Phil Bowermaster, Branding & Advocacy by Rakia Reynolds and Seth Turner of Congressional Management Foundation, Community Needs Assessment by Dr James Hughes and Kistin Fontichiaro, Politics & Partnerships by Catherine Hakala-Ausperk, and Personality Types by Deborah Blackwell.

COSLINE 2018 Annual Workshop: Peggy Cadigan and Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer attended the COSLINE 2018 Annual Workshop which was held this year in Saratoga, NY. Phil Bowermaster made the presentation entitled, "Libraries, Acceleration, and the Reality Spectrum." The other speaker, Mila Gasco, Associate Research Director for the Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany made the presentation entitled, "Enabling Smart, Inclusive, and Connected Communities: The Role of Public Libraries."

JERSEYCONNECT:

The RFP for renewing the Verizon contract has been posted via the e-rate process.