

2017 Youth Services Forum: "Libraries Evolve"

Monday, October 23 | Monmouth County Library, Manalapan | Register online: www.njla.org

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

9:15 – 10:00 am (Book signing to follow)

KEYNOTE: Author Tara Lazar

Street magic performer. Hog-calling champion. Award-winning ice sculptor. These are all things Tara Lazar has never been. Instead, she writes quirky, humorous picture books featuring magical places that everyone will want to visit.

Her debut *THE MONSTORE* released in June 2013, with *I THOUGHT THIS WAS A BEAR BOOK* and *LITTLE RED GLIDING HOOD* following in 2015. *NORMAL NORMAN* made his entrance in March 2016 and you can stay up *WAY PAST BEDTIME* in April 2017. If you know the answer to "Why was 6 afraid of 7?" then you'll love her latest book *7 ATE 9*, from Disney*Hyperion. She displays her love of fun words in *THE WHIZBANG WORDBOOK*, an illustrated dictionary and word game tome coming in 2018.



10:30 am

Maybe More Questions Than Answers: An Open Discussion about Free Speech, Inclusion, Diversity and Intellectual Freedom.

Where are we going? What are our core values? Books have been pulled from publication. Yearbook pictures have been changed. High schools have received criticism for drama productions. We are trying to provide more diversity in books for children. Where does intellectual freedom and free speech fit in? What battles have **you** been fighting?



Carol K. Phillips, MLS, works as the children's librarian at the St. Bartholomew School in East Brunswick. She worked for many years as the head of youth services at the East Brunswick Public Library. A former NJLA President, she has also received the NJLA Librarian of the Year Award and is currently serving on ALA's 2017 Mildred L. Batchelder Award Committee, one of many ALA award committees she has served on.

10:30 am

Junior Journalists

I will discuss various ways to implement “real-life” teen issues into library programming such as; “Book Club: Reloaded”, “We Talk About...” (this is a monthly series), and much more! Topics will include but are not limited to; **Communication** (family, friends, teachers, self, etc.), **Self-esteem and self-worth**, **Gender Identity** and **The Cyber World**. The use of technology and social media, within programming, will also be discussed.

Anna Coats is Head of Youth Services at Livingston Public Library. She was an NJLA Emerging Leader 2012-2013 and ALA Emerging Leader 2015. Anna won the NJ State Library 2015 Multicultural Programming Award, 2015 ALSC Curiosity Creates Grant, and 2017 NJLA Rising Star Award. She is the Immediate Past Secretary for the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA).



10:30 am

Come On Down

Game shows, live games and locked room challenges Game show, live games, and locked room challenges are low-budget, interactive and versatile. Test your knowledge of children’s books and libraries as we demo two of our favorite game show programs, Trust Me: I’m a Librarian and Family Feud and chat about our experiences with live games (candyland/angry birds) and locked room challenges.



Lisa O'Shaughnessy has been a professional librarian for the past 5 years. She received her MSLIS from Pratt Institute and worked in NY before moving to NJ. She currently works as Children's Librarian at the East Orange Public Library where she has worked for the past 3 years. Lisa has a passion for youth services with a special interest in programing. When she's not putting together a live board game version of Candyland, hosting a library cosplay contest, or picking tomatoes with the kids from library's garden, you might find her in her monthly STEM program called Invention Lab for which she has won the 2016 Miss Rumphius award, in her non-fiction book club, Teen Anime club, weekly STEM/sensory playtime, Storytime, or cooking class.

Marissa Lieberman is a children's librarian at the East Orange Public Library where she loves to share her passion for comics, anime and gaming by running a tween anime club, hosting game shows, and planning Toshon-con, her library's annual comic and anime convention. Marissa has presented at New York Comic Con, Long Island Pop Con, and the NJLA conference, and is a book reviewer and contributor for School Library Journal, Voices of Youth Advocates and No Flying No Tights.



11:30 am

Public and School Libraries Share Experiences Using Mobile Mini-Makerspace Kits

Don't have much room for a Makerspace in your library? Wondering what programs to offer using Makerspace resources? Learn about how several public and school libraries have collaborated to share resources and create programs using 3D printers and the shared mobile mini-makerspace kit they built with funding from the NJ State Library and LLNJ. .

Jennifer Breuer has been the Director of the Glen Ridge Public Library for the past seven years, but has been hooked on libraries, the potential they offer, and what they can do for a community since starting out as a page. She received her MLIS from Rutgers University in 2005 where she started her career as a Children's Librarian and then as Assistant Director at the Secaucus Public Library.



Carissa Schanely is the Director of the Collingswood Public Library, where she began as a volunteer in 2008. She has worked in every library department, and loves them all. In her free time, she reads banned books, runs a diverse book club for adults, and likes to push boundaries.

11:30 am

Dancing Your Way Through Storytime: Using Low-Cost Tech to Create Multimedia Storytelling

Discover inexpensive ways to add videos, pictures, and music to your storytimes! For budgets large and small, learn how multimedia storytelling can add new depth to your repertoire and grow your storytime audiences.

Shaunterria Owens is the Head of Children's Services for the Belleville Public Library and Information Center in Belleville, New Jersey. A recent transplant from Southern California, she has worked in school and public libraries for over 10 years. Ms. Owens' current innovative children's programming ideas have helped drive a staggering 38% increase in item circulation when compared to the same time period last year, in addition to generating a noticeable uptick in daily foot traffic. She is an avid cross stitcher, book geek, and lover of the Oxford comma. Ms. Owens is also a prolific reviewer for Booklinx, a book evaluation program whose membership consists of public librarians and school library media specialists from Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, and Union counties in New Jersey who review new titles for publishing companies, authors, and illustrators. She currently resides in Belleville, New Jersey with her partner, two children, and a mischievous cat named Zelda. You can reach her at sowens@bellepl.org, or on Twitter at @shaunterria.



11:30 am

Teens & Librarians (Friend, Mentor, Authority Figure?)

Librarians who have to work with teens have to straddle a line that no other librarian has to. Teens are still maturing, and need rules; yet they also have their own opinions and value systems. As librarians, we have a unique position. How do we find a balance? How do we maintain boundaries? Each panelist will discuss how they have approached this equation for themselves. Q&A for open discussion of the benefits and difficulties to any solution.

Saleena Davidson is the Young Adult Librarian and Teen Volunteer Coordinator at the South Brunswick Public Library. She loves working with the teens and tries to ensure the Library is a fun and welcoming place for teens of all ages.

Pham Condello is the Managing Librarian Youth Services, Old Bridge Public Library. A supervising librarian specializing in teen services, from the teen mind to teen culture.

1:30 pm

UnConference

Join us for our very first YSF Afternoon Unconference! This informal, loosely structured part of the conference will allow time to talk peer to peer about issues, ideas, programs, etc. that we want to discuss that may not have been covered in the structured sessions.