

# NJLA



New Jersey Library Association

The voice of New Jersey libraries and librarians

## **ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT SECTION**

This section promotes activities of management, personnel administration, budgeting and financial administration, public relations, relations with government agencies, library buildings, and other related topics. Members work to serve the needs of all types of libraries and others who are interested in the management of libraries.

## **BOOKMOBILE ROUNDTABLE**

This roundtable focuses on the common concerns of offering library services using a bookmobile.

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SECTION**

This section's programs include the Youth Services Forum (an annual event highlighting "hot topics") and a Performer's Showcase where librarians can "audition" performers. Other activities include sponsoring the Garden State Book Awards program, co-sponsoring an NJLA Conference luncheon and coordinating the annual Books for Kids collection program.

## **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION**

Professional contacts, networking, publication opportunities and program development are some of the many benefits of this section for academic librarians. Members include several national leaders, who have become mentors and provided gateways for newer librarians. This section also serves as the state chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries.

## **HISTORY & PRESERVATION SECTION**

Members of this section support libraries with local history collection maintenance, archival and preservation needs, and advocate for funding for projects from government and other agencies. The section also offers field trips, workshops and Conference programs.

## **Section and Roundtable Opportunities**

- Meet people with similar interests
- Keep current with topical news and activities
- Join at any time
- Contact the NJLA office at (609) 394-8032 or [www.njla.org/joinnjla/](http://www.njla.org/joinnjla/) to add sections/roundtables to your membership.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES SECTION**

This section provides the opportunity for members to exchange information and gain firsthand perspectives on technologies being used and how they impact libraries. Selection, implementation and maintenance issues are addressed.

## **LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDERED, AND INTERSEXED ROUNDTABLE**

This roundtable is for librarians working with or interested in the issues of GLBTI (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and intersexual) communities. Members educate library staff and the public by writing articles, presenting programs, and serving as a clearinghouse for librarians seeking guidance in areas such as collection development, programming, public relations, human resources issues, and cultural issues of being GLBTI.

## **READERS' ADVISORY ROUNDTABLE**

Members of this roundtable are interested in professional development opportunities and discussion of book and other material recommendations for library customers. Topics may include book discussion groups, reading genres, publishing trends and collection development.

## **REFERENCE SECTION**

This section fosters professional development and networking opportunities for reference librarians. Members plan continuing education programs, including a major workshop in the fall, programs at the annual NJLA Conference, opportunities to interact with colleagues and tours of specialized libraries or collections.

## **RESOURCE SHARING ROUNDTABLE**

This roundtable promotes resource sharing and cooperation among all types of libraries. Members plan continuing education opportunities for resource sharing/interlibrary loan staff.

## **SMALL LIBRARIES ROUNDTABLE**

This roundtable focuses on the common concerns facing small libraries.

## **SPECIAL POPULATIONS SECTION**

This section focuses on providing ways to serve customers with special needs. Concentration is on promoting new resources and services to better serve customers with special needs.

## **TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION**

The section provides programs, workshops, and plans one trip per year to a special library, archive or vendor. Participation provides a forum for interacting with peers, the chance to share information and opportunities for professional development.

## **URBAN LIBRARIES SECTION**

This section focuses on supporting library services in New Jersey's urban communities. Members work to identify unique challenges and to devise solutions. Goals include enhanced services, enriched staff skills, and communication among urban libraries. This section also promotes a positive image of urban libraries and advocates for financial support.

## **YOUNG ADULT SERVICES SECTION**

The section sponsors the Garden State Teen Book Awards, promotes the award at conferences and co-sponsors an NJLA Conference luncheon. Members organize programs for the NJLA and EMAnj conferences and the Youth Services Forum. The section focuses on teen programming, collection development and other issues in working with customers ages 12-18.

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## Committee Opportunities

The following are descriptions of the committee opportunities available to NJLA members. For more information, please contact the NJLA office.

### Committee Opportunities

- Two year terms
- Appointed by NJLA president
- Committee Choice Forms are available on the NJLA website each Spring
- For more information, see the "Code for Committees" at [www.njla.org/NJLA\\_Code.pdf](http://www.njla.org/NJLA_Code.pdf) or contact the NJLA office at (609) 394-8032.

#### **MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- **Responsible for:**
  - identifying and addressing member needs
  - promoting membership and recruiting new members
  - coordinating subcommittee activities
- **Recent Activities:**
  - statewide salary survey and salary toolkit
  - newly designed newsletter and website
- **Subcommittees:**
  - Nominations & Elections: recruits nominees and coordinates elections
  - Personnel Administration: monitors developments and issues related to personnel
  - Publications: coordinates newsletter and website
  - Scholarship: advertises scholarship opportunities and selects recipients

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- **Responsible for:**
  - NEW committee to coordinate fundraising and investment projects for the Association
  - coordinating subcommittee activities
- **Recent Activities:**
  - new investment policy
  - Building Fair
- **Subcommittees:**
  - Investment
  - NJLA Store (Ways & Means)
  - Fundraising

#### **PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

- **Responsible for:**
  - monitoring state and national initiatives and legislation of interest to libraries and librarians
  - familiarizing legislators with library issues
  - developing a recommended legislative platform for the Association
  - coordinating subcommittee activities
- **Recent Activities:**
  - advocated for Knowledge Initiative
  - annual Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.
- **Subcommittees:**
  - Intellectual Freedom: reviews matters relating to intellectual freedom and educates members about them

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- **Responsible for:**
  - promoting a positive image of libraries and their services to the public
  - publicizing NJLA activities to members and other library professionals
  - coordinating subcommittee activities
- **Recent Activities:**
  - One Book New Jersey
  - participation in Statewide Marketing Campaign
- **Subcommittees:**
  - Honors & Awards: identifies and establishes NJLA awards and researches national award opportunities

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- **Responsible for:**
  - identifying members' professional development needs
  - providing opportunities for networking and professional growth
  - coordinating subcommittee activities
- **Recent Activities:**
  - mentoring program for librarians
  - Leading Through Reading program
  - Emerging Leaders program
- **Subcommittees:**
  - Conference: plans, organizes and coordinates all aspects of NJLA Annual Conference
  - Exhibit: recruits exhibitors, arranges space and promotes exhibits to attendees
  - Leadership and Education: studies library education needs and promotes Association leadership opportunities