



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Morning General Session: Evaluating and Suggesting Holocaust Materials

With a state mandate to teach the Holocaust in schools and many new books each year, choosing appropriate books about this sensitive subject area can be a challenge. Learn about some key points to consider when selecting materials, as well as some of the newest materials available. This session will focus on books for readers in kindergarten through fourth grade, picture books and biographies appropriate for grades five through eight, and some recent DVDs based on Holocaust literature. Presented by Kathe Pinchuck, chairperson of the Sydney Taylor Book Award Committee of the Association of Jewish Libraries, and information specialist, Montclair Public Library.

Program A: Shake up your programming: New ideas from new librarians

A panel of new youth services librarians will present innovative programming ideas for Pre-K to age 12 that can be adapted to fit most library needs. Presented by Amer Elbayar, Woodbridge Public Library; Sandy Hall, Middlesex Public Library; and Lisa Taylor, Barnegat Branch, Ocean County Library.

Program A1: Best Practices in Early Childhood Literacy – 4 Librarians Share Their Winning Library Programs

The New Jersey State Library held a contest last spring and recognized four public libraries from across New Jersey as having innovative and successful programs in place for children from birth to three years. These programs offer creative and unique early literacy programs for toddlers and preschoolers that have proven effective and can be easily replicated. Librarians from these winning libraries share their programs with you. Presented by Michaele Casey, Bernardsville Public Library; Tamara Richman, Mary Jacobs Library, Somerset County Library System; Allison Santos, Princeton Public Library and Leah Wagner, Monroe Township Library.

Program A2: What the heck is Steampunk, anyway?

You may not be familiar with the term “steampunk” but you all have steampunk books in your libraries. Steampunk is a sub-genre of fantasy and science fiction often set in the steam-powered Victorian and Edwardian eras. It imitates the speculative fiction of H.G. Wells & Jules Verne and features anachronistic technologies such as dirigibles and computers. Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, New Jersey State Library will booktalk some steampunk titles that will appeal to middle and high school aged readers.

Program A3: Enlightenment for Teens: Memoirs That Help You Grow

Memoirs are still a hot nonfiction genre and that's no news to teens, who are busy reading, writing, and updating their life stories on Facebook, YouTube, MySpace and who knows where else. We can make use of teens' interest in the lives around them by introducing them to memoirs about courage, perseverance, hope, and healing. Jayanti Tamm will talk about her coming of age memoir *Cartwheels in a Sari: Growing Up Cult* and Rosalind Reisner, author of *Read On...Life Stories: Reading Lists for Every Taste* will talk about great adult memoirs for teens and how to promote them in your public or high school library.

Program B: Teen and Tween Volunteers: How to get them and what to do with them

Increase your program offerings to all ages by making the most of what your volunteers have to offer. Three panelists will share their techniques and ideas for recruiting, training, and managing a team of teen volunteers during the summer. They won't necessarily make life easier, but they will certainly be active contributors to your summer reading program! This discussion is suitable for librarians working with children and teens of all ages. Presented by Suzanne Klein, East Brunswick Public Library; Juley Rodwogin, Old Bridge Public Library and Patricia Simmonds, Piscataway Public Library.

Program B1: Leveling your library's books for beginning readers

Have parents been asking you to assign levels to the titles in your Beginning Readers collection, whether it be your own leveling system, or Fountas & Pinnell? Come hear a panel of librarians tell how they are responding to this request, and why. Bring your questions! Susanna Chan of the South Brunswick Library, Tamara Richman of the Mary Jacobs Library of the Somerset County Library System; Antonette D'Orazio of the Warren Branch Library of the Somerset County Library System; and Kathy Muhm of the Westfield Memorial Library will present their libraries' perspectives.

Program B2: Your Library finally has Facebook, Myspace or Twitter, etc. but now what do you do with it?

Listen to ideas on how and why to incorporate social software (like Facebook, Myspace, Twitter and texting) to promote library events and reach your teens in grades 9 – 12. Presented by Saleena Davidson, Youth Services Librarian, South Brunswick Public Library and Keri Adams, YA Librarian, Johnson Public Library, Hackensack, NJ.

Program B3: Match-up themes from "classic" literature with more "popular" alternatives for teen readers

Your students in your school or public libraries are required to read a particular classic novel but would rather read more popular novels instead. Come hear some suggested contemporary titles that share similar themes to the classics that are often required for the curriculum. By enticing high-school aged teens to read these more accessible alternatives, they will understand the classics better and enjoy the reading experience more. Presented by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Consultant, New Jersey State Library.

Afternoon General Session: Listen to This! Audiobooks for Grades K-12

Are you dealing with patrons who are too old for read-alongs? Reluctant readers? Visually-impaired? Too busy to read, but never too busy to listen? Dealing with so many formats - audio books, playaways, abridged, unabridged, CDs, cassettes, ListenNJ - you don't know which to choose? This informative panel discussion will take the guesswork out of what to recommend for young patrons in grades K-12. Elizabeth Burns, Youth Services Consultant, New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center and Patty Sumner, Children's Librarian, Piscataway Public Library will be discussing the pros and cons of these formats as well as new formats on the horizon and hopefully answer your questions about this interesting and unique media.

The NJLA Store will also have a table at the Forum so don't forget to bring cash/checks or your credit card to purchase the great gift items!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY

HEADQUARTERS, MANALAPAN

125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ 07726

(732) 431-7220

***Please park on the **LOWER LEVEL ONLY behind the library**

FROM THE NORTH

Take New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 11, Garden State Parkway. Go South to Exit 123, Route 9 South. Proceed on Route 9 South approximately 15 miles to Symmes Drive (Vespia's Goodyear Tires on the corner). Turn right onto Symmes Drive. Library is about ¼ mile on the right.

FROM THE WEST

Take Route I-195 East to Exit 28B (Route 9 North-Freehold exit). Follow Route 9 North for approximately 9 miles to Ryan Road/Symmes Drive jug handle. Cross over Route 9. Library is about 1/4 mile on right.

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FROM THE WEST

Take New Jersey Turnpike, Exit 8. Follow signs to Route 33 East. Proceed East on Route 33 for approximately 10 miles to Route 9 North. Go North on Route 9 for about 2-1/2 miles. Take Ryan Road/Symmes Drive jug handle. Cross over Route 9. Library is about ¼ mile on right.

FROM THE TRENTON AREA

Take I-195 east to Exit 16B , 537 East. Take 537 East to Rt. 9 North . Take Route 9 North for approximately 4 miles to Ryan Road/Symmes Drive jughandle. Cross over Route 9. Library is about ¼ mile on right.