

MINUTES – LIBRARY NETWORK REVIEW BOARD

July 11, 2023, 11:00AM – based on notes from Michael Maziendien

In Attendance

LNRB Members: David Costa, Deborah Gaspar, Muhammad Hassan, Sarah Lester, Laverne Mann, Katelyn Nesi. Excused: Natalie Nizolek.

NJ State Library Staff: Michael Maziendien, Jennifer Nelson, Michele Stricker

LibraryLinkNJ Staff: Ralph Bingham

Guest Speaker: Stacey Knibloe, Gale

1. Welcome – Michael Maziendien welcomed attendees.
2. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the May 8, 2022 meeting were approved, motion by Laverne Mann.
3. Guest Speaker – Stacey Knibloe, Team Lead, Training from Gale, spoke about Peterson's Test and Career Prep. She reviewed upcoming changes to the interface, the user sign-up process, vocational exams, SAT prep, tutorials, career tools, job search tools, and scholarship searches.
4. Reports
 - a. New Jersey State Library
 - i. Jen Nelson, State Librarian's Report – Jen expressed her appreciation for participants, discussed grant availability for NJ libraries, the old and new fiscal years, continuing access to Northstar, and the launch of the Social Work Informed Libraries Project.
 - ii. Michael Maziendien, Statewide Services Updates
 1. Statistics – Taking a detailed look at statistics, and the different ways in which each companies compile them. Laverne looked at comparisons of pre- and post-COVID usage. Jen provides some background on the national discussion of database statistics. Concerns were raised about the opacity of some of these statistics – Michael will reach out to EBSCO for more information and clarity and report back.
 2. Training Opportunities – Programs are being scheduled for 2023 and 2024. Our four JerseyClicks database providers will each provide six webinars for library staff in 2024.
 3. Advisory Committee – There is currently an open call for library staff to review and make recommendations on JerseyClicks databases.
 - b. Ralph Bingham, LibraryLinkNJ – Ralph gave an update on the LibraryLinkNJ prior and new fiscal year, changes to the board, initiatives, and membership meeting. LibraryLinkNJ is working with T-Force on barcode scanning and ticketing issues for delivery issues, and are looking for a delivery services manager to apply their knowledge of delivery and logistics.
5. Old Business – None.
6. New Business – None.
7. Unfinished Business

- a. Topics and Guests for Upcoming Meetings – Major topics of interest for future meetings included LibraryLinkNJ projects, literacy initiatives, and resource sharing/eContent. It was agreed that representatives from LibraryLinkNJ would be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss LibraryLinkNJ initiatives.
 - b. Dates for Upcoming Meetings – It was agreed that Michael would send out potential dates for the subsequent LNRB meeting in October.
- 8. Adjournment - ~12:30 pm