

## NBSLS Advisory Council Meeting

May 12, 2025

### 3:04 Welcome

- **Recorder of minutes- Kim DeRosa and Rashell Clarke**
- **Agenda discussion: 3:29 pm**
- **Motion to approve March 14, 2025, minutes approved. 3:48 pm**
- **SLOY and AOY Awards. Both winners appeared with family and co-workers. SLOY – Lisa Geary and AOY – Maya Lerner. 3 :32 pm**
- **Anticipated Services for Next Year. Continuing Sora (including comics & magazines), Teaching Books, FindIt. New - Cyber Civics for middle school building staff with training sessions, Streamable for Pre-K-12. LILRC continuing Infobase. 3:34 pm**
- **Council. Three new potential members to join. 1) Arlene LaVerde - CUNY; 2) Rachel Mathieu - Merrick Ave MS; and 3) Selenay Aytac - LIU. Conversation will continue when CaroleAnne Weik is present for more details for the Council to approve/discuss to vote them in. Continue to reach out for additional possible academic librarians. 3:36 pm.**
- **Annual Report update. The State responded after submitting Report three months ago. There was one issue to explain reasons for two numbers, which were corrected and resubmitted. Waiting to get final approval. The State had many issues this year and they are very behind.**
- **Summer Breakfast or Lunch? Still interested in scheduling an in-person end of school year meeting this summer. Amber will send out an email after this meeting for suggestions of dates that may NOT work for everyone to select a date. 3:37 pm.**
- **Next year's Liaison dates are: October 22, 2025, December 9, 2025, March 12, 2026 and May 15, 2026. October Liaison Meeting Ideas. Discussion to hold Council meetings the day before or after the Liaison meetings. Fall meeting's tentative agenda to include presentations from organizations recommended in the State's new Media Literacy Tool Kit – Checkology from News Literacy Project**

(in-person); PBS Learning Media (in-person) for whole group presentation and a breakout session for elementary librarians on the Science of Reading; Streamable (in-person) for high school breakout session; and Cyber Civics (in-person) for a middle school breakout session. Could also include training on Rosen Teen Health & Wellness if budget allows for renewal for next year. Also exploring bringing therapy dogs to the session. Asked for additional ideas from the council. Bea Baaden commented on Media Literacy Tool Kit – NYSED making updates – no requirements and not added into the curriculum. Discussion of importance of librarians being critical and essential to assist in classrooms. Ownership for computer sciences and media literacy should be with Librarians. Eastern Suffolk BOCES posted librarians are being excessed due to mandated gym and physical education classes.

- **Thoughts/Concerns: Teen Health & Wellness delay in services is due to the JUUL Settlement. BOCES submitted a plan for this but it is not approved by the State as yet. Waiting to hear when funds will be dispersed. Discussion on the SLS Series with the High School Librarians and the College/University Librarians. Christina Pesiri updated the Council on how they are bridging the gap between both. There is a lot of good input and benefits – college librarians experience similar issues as high school librarians. It's been fun as both sides learn from each other. It is important and necessary for students to have library classes. Bea Baaden mentioned that media literacy classes are being taught by middle school librarians in Suffolk County. Bea suggested other people to seek out for joining the council: Jeff Applebaum from Mineola HS and Natasha Gabrielson – Westbury ES. 3:49 pm**
- Members that attended: Amber Fink, Joanne Spencer, Renee McGrath, Agi Rosen, Christina Pesiri, Bea Baaden, Chris Toffolo, Joanne Koukoulas
- *The next Advisory Council meeting is October 22, 2025*

**Meeting concluded: 3:58 pm**