

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



NCLA Annual Dinner Co-Chairs Ken Bellafiore and Chris Marra present 2006 NCLA President Frank McKenna (center) with a plaque recognizing him for his year of dedicated service.

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I welcomed the honor and privilege of becoming the President of the Nassau County Library Association. I am so impressed with the dedication and camaraderie of NCLA members and know that our organization will continue to thrive in the years ahead. I know the leadership of Debbie Podolski and the incoming Executive Board along with the Divisions and Committees and the general membership will make NCLA an even better and vital organization.

The Legislative Breakfast held this year at the East Meadow Public Library was a great success with most of our local legislators attending. We thank them for a fruitful year in increasing funding for library construction and library system aid. Special thanks to Carol Probeyahn and the staff of East Meadow Library for doing such a great job hosting the event.

I would like to thank past-president Chris Marra and the other members of the Finance Committee for developing the 2007 budget.

By working with the budget requests from all the Divisions and Committees a working budget was formulated. The budget passed in early December as did the revision of the Membership Dues Schedule. The other committee members were Debbie Podolski, Elaine Cummings-Young, Carolyn Voegler, Mamie Eng, Dr. Art Friedman, and myself.

I encourage everyone to renew their NCLA membership for 2007 and to spread the word about how NCLA is a vital, interesting and fun organization to belong to. And finally, I ask each one of you to seriously consider taking the next step in your membership in the organization by assuming a more active and contributory role in NCLA. There is always a need for more leaders and that leader could be you.

Frank McKenna
NCLA President



Reference & Adult Services Division Report

Thank you for making our year successful with an average attendance of 30 at our seminars. The first seminar was "Stress Management in the Workplace" held at Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library. The year progressed with the presentation, in conjunction with Suffolk RASD, at the Long Island Library Conference of Joshua Ruff's "Down the Isle," a very interesting insight to weddings of Long Island and their historical value. Also in May, Jerry Nichols presented "Library Law for Librarians: What You Should Know" to a sold out crowd.

Along the way, we held a contest for a new logo for the division. Karen Shaw-Widman was the winner and our new stationary will have it starting in 2007.



September came with RASD as sponsor of an eight part program called "Enhancing Readers' Advisory Skills" that will continue into 2007. Response was excellent with Cathleen Towey as the lecturer at the Westbury Memorial Public Library.



(L to R): 2006 NCLA President Frank McKenna, Jim Fusilli, 2006 RASD President Marcia Olsen, and 2007 RASD President Tracey Simon at the RASD Annual Breakfast in October.

In October, we held our Annual Breakfast at the George Washington Manor with Jim Fusilli, mystery writer and critic/columnist, as our speaker. The food was great, and we all wanted to become writers after the insightful and enjoyable lecture.

David Jank of Stony Brook provided us with the information we needed about "Serials and Periodicals" in November. December found us with "Business Sources On-line & In Print" given by Stu Schaeffer from Farmingdale Public Library.



We will be starting 2007 with a newly elected board with Tracey Simon as President. The already planned 2007 programs ensure another exciting and informative year ahead. Happy Holidays and wishes for a wonderful New Year from your RASD Executive Board. Please be sure to join us in 2007.

Marcia Olsen
RASD President

Address Changes

Please make sure that you received all your NCLA mailings. Alert the NCLA Membership Chair when you change libraries or your home address. Thank you.

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

Young Adult Services Division News

The Young Adult Services Division celebrated the end of another successful year as members gathered for our Annual December Brunch and Installation of Officers. This year, the Brunch was held at the Port Washington Public Library on Thursday, December 7, 2006. More than thirty-five librarians gathered to welcome the incoming Executive Board, catch up with colleagues, and meet new members.

Before the 2007 Executive Board was announced, it was necessary to recognize two of our 2006 Board members. First, we applauded Margaret Cole, who has retired from the Oceanside Library after years of dedicated service to teens. As the chair of the Advocacy Committee, Margaret could always be counted on for her support, enthusiasm, and great ideas. We wish Margaret all the best as she begins this exciting new chapter in her life!



Margaret Cole is honored at the YASD Annual Brunch for her years of service to NCLA and teens.

In addition, we also congratulated Michelle Roberts, who will soon begin a new job at the New York Public Library. We thank Michelle for all of her great work as the 2006 YASD Vice President and wish her much success with her new position.



(L to R): Kate Monsour congratulates Michelle Roberts on her new position at the New York Public Library.

Since Michelle will be unable to assume her Presidency in 2007, Kelly Rechsteiner, our Vice President/President-Elect, will act as President for 2007, and Cathy Loechner has agreed to serve as Vice-President. Both Kelly and Cathy will be great additions to the YASD Board, and they are to be commended for their willingness to step forward and help out. They will join Syntychia Kendrick, who will begin her second year as Treasurer, and Peter Cirona, who will once again serve as Secretary. I am confident that Kelly, Cathy, Syntychia, and Peter will make a great team and next year!

After the 2007 Board was announced, members were treated to a presentation by young adult author KL Going. KL is the author of the Printz Honor Book *Fat Kid Rules the World*, as well as the middle grade novel, *The Liberation of Gabriel King*, and the just-released *Saint Iggy*, which has been named a Publisher's Weekly Best Children's Book for 2006.

She spoke about the major themes of her books and what motivates her to write for teenagers. KL also spoke about the process of getting a book published and brought along rejection letters, book cover mock-ups, and manuscripts in various stages of the editorial process to illustrate just how much work and time it takes for a book to make the trip from the author's pen to the reader's hands. KL also answered questions from the audience, autographed copies of her books and even brought prizes to give away!

Thanks to the 2006 Board for all of their help in making arrangements for this event. In addition, I would like to thank Renee McGrath, Marge Kelly and Lori Gerbasi for volunteering to help with the room set-up and book sale on the morning of the Brunch. A great time was had by all!

Kate Monsour
YASD President

NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Due to a delay in approving the 2007 NCLA dues schedule, membership renewal forms have also been delayed this year. However, membership renewal forms should be arriving in your mailbox soon – perhaps even by the time this Newsletter reaches you! Our campaign for 2006 has almost reached its end and I am optimistic that we will once again have achieved our target of 1000 active members!

We should continue to recognize the members of NCLA who have retired from active service but continue to support NCLA with personal memberships. Over 100 individuals are in this membership category.

Please remember that only those members who have paid their dues for 2006 will be automatically receiving Salary Schedules and Personnel Benefits when it is published. Members who sent in dues of \$15.00 or more for 2006 also qualify to receive the 2007 edition of the Directory of LI Libraries and Media Centers when it is published in the spring. The non-member price of this publication is currently \$74.95!

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

PR/Programming Division News A "Worth"-While Program

When it comes to drawing a crowd, appraisal programs are worth every penny. However, they do have their share of problems. On November 21, 2006, Jessica Ley, Program Coordinator at the Port Washington Public Library, gave a presentation on how to avoid the pitfalls associated with these types of programs. Jessica discussed how to find qualified appraisers (check credentials!), determine the length of the program, and control the crowd. Of particular interest was how to use appraisal programs as a library fundraiser.

After the discussion, Jessica, who is herself an appraiser of costume jewelry, gave a demonstration. It was surprising to learn that jewelry appraisers use not only jeweler's loupes, but can use chemicals and senses other than sight (would you believe touch, scent, and taste?) to determine the composition of a piece of jewelry.

One example was how to determine if pearls are real; Jessica said to rub a strand against your teeth (real teeth, not crowns or dentures). If they feel slightly abrasive, they're authentic. One attendee had the most exciting piece -- a locket handed down through generations of her family. She not only had the locket, but a photo of one of her earlier relatives wearing it and a letter from another relative, dated 1889, in which the writer was passing the locket down as a birthday present.



The Division offers a big "thank you" to Jessica for her sparkling presentation.

Tracey Simon
PR President

2007 Long Island Library Conference Libraries Light The Way

**Thursday, May 3, 2007
Crest Hollow Country Club**

Children's Services Division Update



(L to R): Jessikah Chautin, Recording Secretary; Karen Anderson, Treasurer; Linda Eagan, Corresponding Secretary; Geraldine Farmer-Morrison, Vice-President/President-Elect; and Janet Scheuring, President.

On Monday morning, December 11, 2007, at the newly-renovated Uniondale Public Library, the Children's Services Division held its annual breakfast meeting and installation of officers.

This year's slate is: Janet Scheuring, President; Geraldine Farmer-Morrison, Vice-President-President Elect; Karen Anderson, Treasurer; Linda Eagan, Corresponding Secretary; Jessikah Chautin, Recording Secretary; and Elizabeth Charvat, Director. Bonnie Markel is continuing on as a Director since it is a 2-year term.

Our guest speaker was prolific photo-journalist and writer, Ken Robbins. He has written and illustrated many children's non-fiction works, in addition to illustrating the works of other authors. He was very interesting.

Our other special guests were our outgoing president Michele Vaccarelli and her infant daughter, Marissa. Michele was our installing officer.

Karen Maletz
CSD Publicity



Ken Robbins and Geraldine Farmer-Morrison at Annual Breakfast.



DIRECTORY

Tearsheets for the 2007 Directory of LI Libraries and Media Centers have now been distributed. There is no charge to our libraries and media centers for including information about their organization in the publication. However, it appears that many directors, or those who fill out the paperwork, are unaware that every member of their library staff can be included in the listing. I hope that you will discuss this with your supervisors and make sure that your name is included in the library's listing for 2007.

A recent question was posed about which libraries have microfilm equipment available for patron use. The Directory can serve as your source for this information – IF the information is provided to us. Please speak with the person preparing your library's tearsheet to ensure that complete information is provided.

We thank you in advance for your help in making the 2007 edition our best one ever!

Arthur Friedman
Directory Editor

Media Division News



(L to R): Eileen Lawrence, Michael Schneider, and Media Division President Rick Fox at the Annual Brunch. ⇨

⇨ (L to R): Eileen Lawrence and Michael Schneider from Alexander Street Press.



The Media Division held its Annual Program and Brunch on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at the Nassau Library System. We were pleasantly impressed by a demonstration by Eileen Lawrence, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, of the various streaming and print music and video, drama, and theater databases Alexander Street Press offers. Following the Q & A, we devoured the delicious food from Kitchen Kabaret and the endless supply of raffle items from the hard working (and creative) Karen Shaw-Widman. Thank you to Alexander Street Press for sponsoring our brunch, the Media Division Board for helping to plan the event, and the Nassau Library System.

Since its inception in 2000, Alexander Street Press (www.alexanderstreet.com) has worked to develop quality collections in the humanities and social sciences. Their subscription databases have won awards for content, overall product, and contract options, and have garnered excellent reviews in library journals.

Classical Music Library offers tens of thousands of licensed recordings that listeners can listen to through their library website, along with companions to texts and themed, shared, or self-created playlists. Classical Music Reference Library contains Baker's dictionaries and the student encyclopedia; The Garland Encyclopedia of World Music Online will soon be available, and Smithsonian Global Sound contains Folkways recordings, historical perspective, and a children's collection.



Some of the great raffle prizes distributed at the Media Division's Annual Brunch.

Theatre in Video, with 250 performances and 100 documentaries streaming from your library website (1930s-2000s), includes Greek plays, Shakespeare, and the ability to create video playlists and bookmark permanent URLs. Imagine students being able to include a link to a short video clip in their paper, or your patrons accessing the digitized score while they listen.

That is just a snapshot. Streaming video and music is here to stay, and Alexander Street Press may be your first best choice for offering it to your students and patrons.

You will soon be able to judge their databases for yourself. Michael Schneider of Alexander Street will be offering trials and pricing packages based on population served for public libraries; and materials budget and full-time enrollment for college libraries. More information will be posted on the NCLA listserv, or you can contact Rick Fox at rbf326@yahoo.com.

News from the Technical Services Committee

The Technical Services Committee of NCLA organized a tour to two of Nassau's newest libraries. Over twenty people signed up for the program, including Reference, Circulation and Technical Services staff. We visited Manhasset Public Library in the morning and Merrick Library in the afternoon. We were taken on a tour of the new buildings, including a look at the processing of materials for RFID (radio frequency identification), as well as a demonstration of self-checkout with RFID.



Manhasset Public Library



The Merrick Library

Thank you to the directors of these two beautiful facilities, Marian Robertson and Ellen Firer, and to all the staff at Manhasset and Merrick who made our day so informative and enjoyable.

Deborah Neuman
Head of Technical Services
Jericho Public Library
1 Merry Lane
Jericho, NY 11753

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Work on a 2007 legislative priority package has been completed by NYLA's Legislative Committee and endorsed by Council. I believe that the package contains elements for each component of the library community and builds on the success of our 2006 legislative efforts. Highlights include:

- Continuing the full funding of Chapter 917 under the 2000 Census.
- Additional funding to support library systems.
- Continuation of the increased funding for public library construction.
- Support for coordinated database licensing under the NOVEL umbrella.



With a new governor in place, and a supportive legislature, we should approach this legislative season with a new sense of optimism and commitment. While each of us would probably want to see library funding improved by orders of magnitude, we should feel a sense of accomplishment if these funding goals are met in 2007.

Building strong school library media programs that will improve student achievement, as well as a library construction bond act are also high on the New York Library Association's agenda. Two items need to be addressed in the Education package to meet specific concerns. These are: raising the per capita library materials aid to at least \$10 per pupil and permitting schools to use "computer software aid" to purchase access to electronic databases for school libraries.

Additional information about these legislative proposals can be found on the NYLA.org website or by calling Art Friedman (572-7883) or Herb Biblo (631-632-6650).

Arthur Friedman
NYLA Past-President

*Nassau County Library Association
Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers*

*Wednesday, December 6, 2006
Manor East, Massapequa*



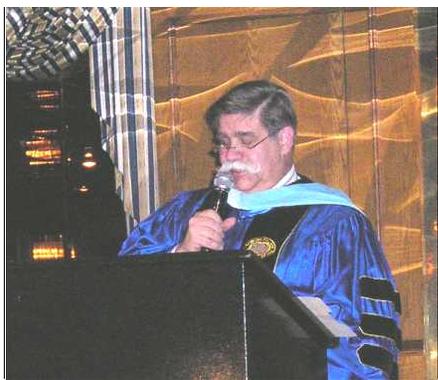
2006 NCLA President Frank McKenna gives his Year in Review Report at the Annual Dinner.



(L to R): Stacey Smith Brown and Chris Marra welcome NCLA members and friends at the Annual Dinner.



(L to R): 2007 NCLA Executive Board Members – Ken Bellafiore, Director; Lisa Paulo, Treasurer; Debbie Podolski, President; Carolyn Voegler, Vice-President/President-Elect; Frank McKenna, Immediate Past-President.



Dr. Arthur Friedman installs Executive Board members.



Music is provided by Motown and More.

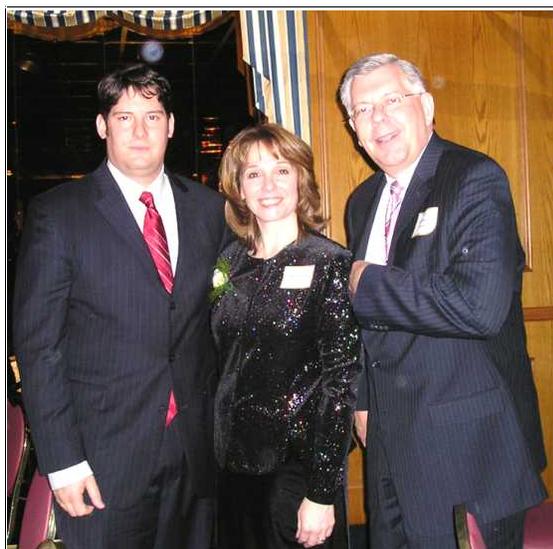


(L to R): Scholarship Committee Members Alicia Sanchez, Patti Paris, Ken Belafiore, and Trina Reed congratulate Education Grant winners Suzanne Dlugolonski and Donna McKenna (third and second from right respectively).



Cake to congratulate the NCLA 2007 Officers.

2007 NCLA President Debbie Podolski receives congratulations from her son and husband at the Annual Dinner.





(L to R): Jacqueline Mascia receives the Andrew Ippolito Scholarship Award from Alicia Sanchez.



(L to R): Betty Nicoletti and her daughter Jeanette Nicoletti, 2007 Clerical Division President.



Staff of the Elmont Public Library at the Annual Dinner.



Staff of the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library (Valley Stream) is ready to party!



Members of the Clerical Services Division Executive Board.



Everyone has a great time dancing to Motown and More!



Staff from the Wantagh Public Library.

PR/Programming Division News
A Noteworthy Event



(L to R): Angie Schenker (Baldwin Public Library); Angela Capone (Merrick Library); Guest Speaker Shelly Strickler; and Suzanne Molczan (Hillside Public Library).

Was it a bird? Was it a plane? No, it was WOR news-woman Shelly Strickler who took members of the PR/Programming Division into the heart-pumping world of broadcast journalism on October 10, 2007, at the Division's annual breakfast. The event took place at the Baldwin Public Library, where we were warmly greeted by Maria Sysak, the library's new director.

Attendees were rapt with Ms. Strickler's tales of covering some of the most memorable events of the past 30 years, including the release of the Iran hostages, the San Francisco earthquake, and the Bess Meyerson trial. Just as fascinating were her insights into how digital technology has changed the news industry, how she puts together a newscast, and what influences which stories go on the air.

Of course, no program would be complete without a little "dish," such as what really happened to John Gambling (He was fired because the station was looking to reach a different demo-graphic) and how Donna Hanover looks when she does her show (no make-up, jeans...just your average gal).

But every serious industry has its silly side as well. Ms. Strickler told of the program director who gave her grief about announcing that the current temperature was "77 degrees." She said that the director was concerned that people would switch to their competitor, 77 WABC, when they heard the numbers. She was told that she should have said "76" or "78" and she should never do that again. A few days later, the weather had gotten warmer, and she had to announce that the temperature was "88...." (Thank goodness, it couldn't go up to 1010!)



Special thanks to Angie Schenker and Cathy Overton of the Baldwin Public Library for arranging to let the Division use their attractive new meeting room for the event.

PR/Programming's Officers
for 2007

The results are in. With 40 percent of the membership voting (which is better than national elections, in many cases!), the 2007 officers for the PR/Programming Division are:

- President: Patti Paris
Bellmore
- Vice-President/
President-Elect: Dolores Nicholes
Farmingdale
- Secretary: Suzanne Molczan
Hillside
- Treasurer: Stacy Smith-Brown
Uniondale
- 1-Year Director: Jessica Ley
Port Washington
- 2-Year Director: Michelle Young
Oceanside

Congratulations to you all. It's particularly gratifying to see some new people participating, giving the division an infusion of ideas and directions. Thanks to all who voted. It shows that we are an active, vital division. If any of you have ideas for programs you'd like to see, please let any one of the new officers know.

It's been a pleasure to serve again and it was a fun year! I do hope everyone came away with at least one new idea, or at least feels re-energized about their job. A special "thank-you" to this past year's officers for all their input and work: Patti Paris, Jody Brower, Suzanne Molczan, Susan Lenaghan Hoffman, Phyllis Cox, and Pam Lieber.

Tracey Simon
2006 Co-President

People in the News

Although she didn't perform at the Hurricane Katrina benefit at Governor's, Tracey Simon, Lynbrook Public Library, did make her Broadway debut on October 6, 2007, when she was one of four people chosen from the audience to be a "finalist" in the musical, *The 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee*. She missed on the word "pakapoo," a Chinese form of lottery. (Her spelling, pakapu, happens to be a correct and preferred alternate spelling, but since she didn't have her Berlitz Chinese-English Dictionary with her, she did not contest the judges.) For her participation, Ms. Simon received a juice box and a hug from "Mitch Mahoney, the Comfort Counselor.

Shirley Smith, a 20-year employee of the Garden City Public Library, passed away in late September 2007. She worked in the Technical Services Dept., and retired as a Principal Library Clerk. A Memorial Service was held on November 18, 2007.

The Merrick Library would like to wish Michelle Roberts the best as she starts a new position with the New York Public Library. Michelle worked as the Teen Services and Media Librarian, expanding these services as the new building opened and offered additional challenges. Michelle's innovative and unique personality will be sorely missed, by the teens and staff of the Merrick Library.

Maria Sysak was recently appointed Director of the Baldwin Public Library. She previously served as Director of the Floral Park Public Library. Catherine Overton, having served as Librarian-in-Charge for the library since 2004, was promoted to Assistant to the Director. New additions to the Baldwin Reference Department include Jill Holleufer, hired as the Outreach Services Librarian. She is additionally responsible for the ESL/ESOL and Spanish Language Collections. Scott D'Accordo, also new to the library's Adult Reference Department, is handling the library's Business, Career, and Civil Service Collections.

Tracey Simon of the Lynbrook Public Library, was published in the October 2006 edition of *Library Worklife*, the online newsletter for ALA's Allied Professional Association. Entitled "The NYT Librarian Award: Recognition Overdue," the article was a follow-up on some of the individuals who won the coveted award, with a focus on how it may or may not have impacted their working lives (salaries, promotions, and other perks). One of those highlighted was Anita LaSpina, Head of Children's Services, Rockville Centre Library. Librarians from other parts of the country were also included.

Recruitment and Scholarship Committee Report

The NCLA Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate the 2006 winner of the Andrew Ippolito Scholarship Award, Ms. Jacqueline Mascia of the Uniondale Public Library. In addition, the Committee congratulates this year's winners of the Education Grant Awards: Diana Brewster, Baldwin Public Library; Richard Delbango, Nassau Community College Library; Suzanne Dlugolonski, Henry Waldenger Memorial Library (Valley Stream); and Donna McKenna of Island Park Public Library.

We would like to encourage those of you who did or did not apply this year to apply next year. You never know, you may be the winner for 2007 Andrew Ippolito Scholarship Award or the Education Grant Award.

The Scholarship Committee members, Ken Bellafiore, Pattie Paris, Trina R. Reed, Darleen Rogers, and Alicia Sanchez, would like to wish all our NCLA members and prospective members a Happy Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Alicia Sanchez
Committee Chair

Employment Opportunities

Librarian I and/or Librarian Trainee (F/T): The newly renovated and expanded Syosset Public Library will open in January 2007. We seek enthusiastic, dynamic, and service-oriented people, to join our library staff. These positions include Adult Reference and Readers' Advisory; one evening and some Saturdays required; Sundays optional. Please fax, mail, or email your resume to: Syosset Public Library, 225 South Oyster Bay Rd., Syosset, NY 11791, sylref@yahoo.com, fax: 516-921-8771. For Librarian I, please forward your resume even if you are on the current and/or forthcoming Librarian I lists. Resumes will be accepted until positions are filled.

Children's Librarian (P/T): The Long Beach Public Library seeks a part time children's librarian to work two (2) night and a Saturday rotation (2 every 4) in a busy, heavily programmed Youth Services Department. The primary assignment will be public service assisting children to the age of 16, parents and teachers. Other duties include collection development and a book discussion program. Bilingual and/or experience with a diverse community preferred. Salary is \$20.88 plus (adjusted upon completion of Union negotiations), annual, personal and sick leave, eligibility for NYS Retirement System. Apply with resume and cover letter to George Trepp, Long Beach P.L. 111 West Park Avenue, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561.

Head of Youth and Family Services: The Hauppauge Public Library is seeking an enthusiastic, dedicated and creative librarian to oversee all aspects of their Youth and Family Services Department. Requires the ability to develop, design and implement innovative services and programs for children, young adults and parents. Applicant must be an effective public speaker with a strong desire to work with the community and local organizations. The Hauppauge Public Library is dedicated to providing excellent customer service to its community with a focus on children's services. This position offers a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a dynamic and evolving library. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination! The salary is commensurate with experience. The library offers excellent fringe benefits. This position is a Civil Service position. Transfers will be considered. Interested candidates are encouraged to email or fax a resume, cover letter and a list of three professional references to: Judith Berry, Director, Hauppauge Public Library, 601 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788, Phone 631-979-1600, Fax 631-979-5457, e-mail jberry@suffolk.lib.ny.us. Deadline for responses: January 4, 2007.



Librarian I (P/T): 17.5 hrs/wk. The Copiague Public Library is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic librarian. Work activities will include coverage of reference desk, collection development, program check-in and other tasks as assigned. Coverage and assignments will include both Adult and Children's Room. Schedule will include some nights and weekends. Interested candidates should send a resume to: Kenneth Miller, Head of Adult Services, Copiague Public Library, 50 Deauville Blvd., Copiague, NY 11726, 631-691-1111 Fax: 631-691-5098, kmiller@copiaguelib.org.

Director: The Brookhaven Free Library is "A little Library with a lot going on." It provides current materials and fantastic programs to people of all ages, with an emphasis on children's services. Ideal candidate should be dynamic and organized and will be providing leadership and day-to-day fiscal, administrative and facility management. Director hires and supervises support personnel and oversees patron and community relations. The position requires an MLS. Salary range will begin at \$62,500 with a generous benefit package. Please send cover letter, resume and references to: broolib@suffolk.lib.ny.us or mail to: Board of Trustees, 273 Beaver Dam Rd., Brookhaven, NY 11719. Resumes are due for consideration by Thursday, January 4, 2007.

Implementation Specialist:

This is a non-civil service, union position. No residency requirement. This is a thirty-five hour per week position. Evenings, weekends, and holidays may be required. Requirements: MLS from an ALA-accredited library school; two years of experience in technical services and training; experience with Innovative Interfaces or other integrated library system; excellent organizational and interpersonal skills, along with demonstrated excellence in oral and written communication; ability to work within a team environment; NYS driver's license. Example of Duties: Training and support for ALIS software upgrades and modules to enhance ALIS service offerings; including but not limited to training of library staff in groups both at the central site and on-site at member libraries; Help Desk functions; interaction with vendor support staff; troubleshooting software issues; maintenance of system files as related to particular software modules. Functional expertise in integrated library system. Writes and maintains procedures and documentation for central site and member library staffs. Generates reports as required. Knowledge/Ability: Understanding of library policies and procedures in the areas of circulation, reference, and technical services; general understanding of PC workstations and networks and their application in integrated library systems. Compensation: Starting salary: \$53,000 - \$56,000 depending upon experience. NYS Retirement Membership; other benefits (health, dental,

sick and vacation) as defined in union contract. Send resume to: Brenda K. Giovannello, ALIS Consortium Director, 900 Jerusalem Avenue, Uniondale NY 11553, Fax 516-483.4726, Email: brenda@alisnet.info.

Librarian (P/T): Sayville Library is seeking a warm, friendly librarian to work part-time, alternating between the Adult and Youth Services Departments. The position requires evening and weekend hours. Salary: \$22.21/hr. Sunday rate: 1.5 times the hourly rate. Experienced Librarian I preferred. Please send a resume and cover letter to: Sayville Library, 11 Collins Ave., Sayville, NY 11782, Attn: Administration, Fax: 631-244-0045, E-mail: sayvlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

Reference / Young Adult Librarian (F/T): Seeking an individual to creatively and enthusiastically provide service to teens and the community; provide reference and reader's advisory assistance to teens and adults, including the use of automated resources; develop and maintain the teen literature collection; oversee the operation of the Teen Room, including use of materials and equipment; liaison with local middle and high schools and community youth organizations; participate in adult collection development. MLS or MLS candidate. Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$51,000. Send resume to: Maria Lagonia, Managing Librarian, 1061 Boston Post Rd, Rye NY 10580, Phone: 914-967-0481, Fax: 914-967-5522, E-mail: mlagonia@optonline.net.

Children's Librarian Trainee

(F/T): For an active Children's Library at the Farmingdale Public Library. Must be enthusiastic, creative, and love children. Responsibilities include story times, craft programs and coverage at children's public service desk. Must have at least 12 credits towards MLS. 35 hrs per week, one night per week, one Saturday per month. \$20-\$23 per hour depending on credits completed. Health and Dental Benefits, accrued vacation and sick. Send your resume by December 22, 2006 to debbiepodolski@yahoo.com or fax with cover letter to 516-249-5418.

Librarian I (P/T): \$22.18/hr. Two Saturdays a month; Wednesdays 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Various daytime hours (approximately 17 1/2 hrs/wk). Typical Work Activities include: Providing reference, information & referral services; Reader's Advisory; Compiling bibliographies; Preparing displays; Outreach to homebound & nursing home patrons; Coordinator of Adult Reading Club. Commack Public Library, 18 Hauppauge Rd., Commack, N.Y. 11725, 631-499-0888. Please fax (631-499-0591) or e-mail resume to: lpastore@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

Library Page (P/T): One evening per week, One Saturday & Sunday per month, Must be available for fill-ins. Starting salary: \$11.03/hr. High school diploma required. Contact Aviva Kane or Larry Cantor, Jericho Public Library, (516) 935-6790, x63, Fax (516) 433-9581.

Library Briefs

Port Washington Library Foundation's Third Inspiration Gala raised over \$145,000 for programs and services not funded by taxpayer based support. Over 150 guests were treated to a fabulous evening at the Clubhouse at Harbor Links on Saturday, October 14, 2007. Community Leadership Awards were presented to Susan Isaacs, well-known Port Washington novelist, essayist and screenwriter, and to Dr. Charles Rogers, chairman of the Library's Health Advisory Council. The Corporate Leadership Award was presented to F. William Schmergel.

The new satellite computer center of the Hicksville Public Library officially opened to the public on September 15, 2006. Nineteen public access computers are operational and wireless laptops are being purchased to allow patrons to participate in computer training classes which will be taught by library staff. The first such class was a huge success and over 40 people registered for that initial program. There are several meeting rooms available for the public to utilize at the Computer Resource Center, and the unique round rotunda will be the perfect setting for many library programs. The architect was Weidersum Associates, and the dedication of the building was held on October 6, 2006. The Hicksville Public Library expects that the Computer Resource Center will be a huge success with local residents.



(L to R): Kathleen Ray, Assistant Director; Ellen M. Hanes, Board President; Joseph Volpe; Janis A. Schoen, Director.

On October 15, 2006, the Locust Valley Library Development Committee welcomed Joseph Volpe, retired General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera, to Bailey Arboretum to discuss his book, *The Toughest Show on Earth*. Over 70 people came to enjoy his stories and quips about his career, while feasting on a host of wonderful hors d'oeuvres. The Library staff came out to help make sure the event went smoothly and that everyone had a grand time.

The Levittown Public Library held a day of celebration to commemorate its 55th anniversary on October 14, 2006. Levittown residents gained an appreciation of the library's past while recognizing how many resources it presently offers. The Friends of the Levittown Public Library sponsored a raffle with many prizes awarded; the first prize being an American Girl doll.

A special guest was American Idol finalist Kevin Covais who signed autographs. A carnival-type atmosphere was created throughout the day with such performers as Mother Goose (Children's Librarian Jeanette Newman of the Floral Park Public Library), caricatures by Bill Wylie, mime Craig Babcock, a photo booth, and balloon sculptures by Terry Parrett, to name a few.



(L to R): Assistant Library Director Laura Hoffman, Board Member Margaret Santer, Library Director Celeste Watman, Assemblyman David McDonough at the Levittown Public Library's 55th Anniversary Celebration.

Intellectual Freedom Committee News

The Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Nassau County Library Association presented "Social Networks In Libraries: Nuisance, Menace Or Opportunity?," on Thursday, December 14, 2006, at Nassau Community College, Garden City.

Jeffrey Feinsilver, Coordinator of Library Instruction, New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury Campus, spoke on the topic of "Online Social Networks: Origins, Growth, Problems & Prospects."

"MySpace: The Right Space for Libraries? A Success Story in Exploring New Ways of Reaching Users at the Brooklyn College Library" was presented by Beth Evans, Reference Librarian & Electronic Information Specialist, Brooklyn College.

The program also included a panel discussion on "Social Networks in My Library? Should We Ban, Ignore or Embrace Them?" with Maureen Chiofalo, Director of Rockville Centre Public Library; Jeffrey Feinsilver, and Beth Evans. Questions from the audience welcomed.

Jeffrey Feinsilver
Intellectual Freedom
Committee Chair

Should I Be Concerned About My Parents?

The holidays are a good time to visit relatives and loved ones who are out of town. This is also the time to check on aging loved ones to be sure they are still able to live along and be safe. The following questions can help you assess the need for a discussion with your loved ones about their living situation.

- Did your loved one have three or more hospitalizations in the past year?
- Is your loved one living alone?
- Did your loved one's spouse pass away within six months?
- When they are at home alone do you worry about their well-being and safety?
- Can your loved ones dress, eat, or bathe themselves?
- Is your loved one suffering from a chronic condition such as emphysema, heart failure or diabetes?
- Has there been a recent weight loss of ten pounds or more?
- Do you think you loved one is depressed?
- Are you or any family members caring for a loved one more than eight hours per day?

- Is your loved one "forgetting" things that were once habit or enjoyable to them?

If you need to answer "yes" to three or more of these questions, it is probably time to seek advice about services for your loved one.

This information has been provided to us by Cynthia Powers at the Bristol Assisted Living Center who reminds us that the Center offers a special member-benefit to NCLA members. For information contact Art Friedman at 516-572-7883.

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

REMINDER

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Academic & Special Libraries Division News

The NCLA Academic & Special Libraries Division is pleased to announce its 2007 Executive Board:

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Book Fest



A conference on books for children and teens

Saturday, February 3, 2007

Book Fest is sponsored by:

The New York Public Library

Office of Children's Services
& Office of Young Adult Services

Celeste Bartos Forum, Humanities and Social Sciences
Library, 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue

Highlights will include:

Keynote Speaker
M.T. Anderson

Author of **Feed**, a National Book Award Finalist and
Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize.

A Graphic Novel Discussion Panel featuring:
Calvin Reid, Mark and Siena
Siegel, Jennifer and Matt Holm, and Misako Rocks!

Book Fest 2007 will bring people together to share the joys
of reading and talking about books for children and teens.

Registration fee of \$55
includes morning coffee, lunch and sherry.

Many thanks to Hyperion, Random House, Simon & Schuster and
First Second for assisting with the arrangements for the author and
illustrator appearances.

For more information contact:

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Deadline for registration is Friday, January 19, 2007.

**Health Services Committee Program
"Defining Nutrition"**



On Tuesday, November 7, 2006, Dr. Deborah Williams, interim chair of the Department of Nutrition, New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, presented "Defining Nutrition" in the Hutchins Gallery at the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library, C.W. Post, Long Island University. (L to R): Dr. Williams and Gerri Flanzraich, Chair of the NCLA Health Services Committee.

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the Long Island library community

to an

Open House

Wednesday, January 10, 2007
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Melville Library Bldg., Suite E5310
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631-632-6650

Shake off the winter doldrums.
Meet the staff.
Refreshments will be served.



Directions:

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February 2007 Issue	Fri., Jan. 26, 2007
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LDA Award for Excellence in Library Achievement

The LDA Award was created in 1978 by Mr. Andrew Ippolito, founder of LDA Publishers, Inc., to call attention to the importance of libraries and library people on Long Island. The Selection Committee, appointed by the Nassau County Library Association and Suffolk County Library Association, is looking for nominations for the 2007 LDA Award. Do you have someone you would like to nominate?