

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Thursday evening, May 1, 2008, the NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee hosted its reception in recognition of the winners of the 4th Annual "Freedom to Read" Essay Contest. The event was held at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Carle Place.

Following an introduction of what the IFC does, the six winners (two from each of three age categories) read their essays. The theme for this year's contest explored how the computer impacted one's freedom to read. Each winner received a \$35 gift card from B&N. Light refreshments concluded the evening.

I would like to thank Chairperson Jeffrey Feinsilver and the IFC Committee for doing a great job of promoting intellectual freedom. Active members of the committee include Ellen Berman, Marilyn and Dr. Robert Berman, Bob Ludemann, Frank McKenna, Norman Weil, and me.



Winners at the Intellectual Freedom Committee Essay Contest Reception.

It was nice to see so many familiar faces and meet first time attendees at the 33rd Annual Long Island Library Conference on May 8th. The programs spanned the spectrum of interests and appealed to many individuals. I was honored to be selected to be part of a panel of experts to promote NCLA during the Lunch, Learn & Network session of "Growing Your Career." My colleagues and I had a great dialogue with members of the audience.

During the keynote speaker and awards ceremony, I was pleased to see so many people in the audience. As keynote speaker Ellen Meister pointed out, "No matter how busy you are, if something is important to you, you'll find time to do it." That quote is so true for many library professionals - whether new to the profession and joining NCLA for the first time or seasoned veterans.

(Continued on next page)

President's Message *(Continued)*

Library board trustees find the time to volunteer their time and talent because they know libraries are important. Librarians, clerks and students find the time to grow their careers and profession by joining organizations and enrolling in continuing education courses.

This enables us to network with colleagues, learn about best practices and then enable us to implement what we have learned to offer quality services and programs to our library users. We are all busy individuals and find the time to do what we love. Supportive library directors, department heads and Library Boards are the key to lifelong learning. Their support enables us to attend conferences, become active volunteers, and broaden our intellectual growth which benefits the entire organization and communities we serve.

I would like to thank Susan Sloan, chairperson of the LILC and her Committee for a great Conference. If the goal of this year's conference was to provide new information, expand our knowledge and learn something new, then I believe we all excelled.

I wish everyone a fun-filled summer.

*Carolyn Voegler
NCLA President*

Reference & Adult Services Division News

On April 23, 2008, RASD sponsored a program on "There Ought to Be a Law: Collection Development for your Consumer Law Collection" at NLS. Lisa Spar, the Acting Director of the Deane Law Library at Hofstra, discussed what to include in your collection, how to handle patron requests for research, what we can and can't do, and navigated us through numerous websites to help us with consumer law information.

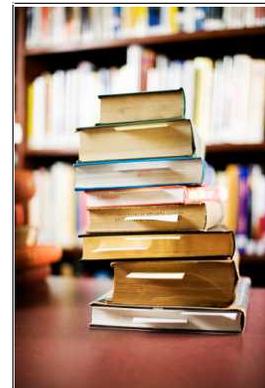
Fifty-two members of NLCA attended this program, and all of the responses from the evaluation forms were positive.



There were so many interesting programs at the Long Island Library Conference on May 8, 2008. We had a very successful program on "I Can Review and So Can You," a panel discussion with seven people who review for various journals. Over 120 people attended. Also, we had a raffle prize with all different items that reviewers would use: pens, pencils, erasers, style manuals. Many stopped by to say hi and to place their name in the box for the "grand prize". Steve from the Islip Public Library won the basket. I want to thank all the RASD people who helped out at the table, including Tracey, Judy,

Tammie, Stu, Lisa and Barney. I also want to thank Tracey Simon and Rose Marut for putting the program together.

On June 11, 2008, Marcia Ratcliff presented a program on "Nonfiction 101: The Care and Feeding of your Nonfiction Collection" at NLS. This was an interesting program on how to weed, order, and maintain your nonfiction collection. Because of high demand, registration was closed for this program before the end of May.



Also, save the date! The RASD is working on scheduling a breakfast program in September. Please check the NCLA calendar in the near future for more details!

Have a great summer!

*Karen Porcella
RASD President*



RSS Feed

The RSS feed on the NCLA Calendar has been enabled. It is an orange 'RSS' button at the top. The feature is currently in beta.

Young Adult Services Division News

The NCLA Young Adult Services Division program at the Long Island Library Conference on May 8, 2008, was titled "Terrific Teen Programs: How to Get Them In and Keep Them In" featuring expert RoseMary Honnold, YA Coordinator at Coshocton Public Library in Ohio.

RoseMary Honnold presented a variety of teen programs including tech programs, do it yourself, gaming, teen advisory groups, cooking and more! Teen library programs have evolved to be among the most creative and exciting programs in libraries and we as librarians found RoseMary's program offered some excellent ideas!

RoseMary maintains an active "See YA Around" website at www.lcplrmh.com and has authored these great titles for teen librarians: *Get Connected: Tech Programs for Teens*, *The Teen Reader's Advisor*, *101+ Teen Programs that Work* and *More Teen Programs that Work*. Check out her handout posted on the LILC website.

YASD Vice-President Ed Goldberg of the Syosset Public Library presented this year's Nassau County B.E.S.T. Award to Natahalie Souffrant, a 16 year old from the Uniondale Public Library. Natahalie was nominated by YA Librarian Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel for her dedicated work in the Junior Friends group over the past five years.



NCLA YASD Vice-President Ed Goldberg presents B.E.S.T. Award to Natahalie Souffrant from the Uniondale Public Library.

Natahalie accumulated over 130 volunteer hours working as a summer reading club helper, performing at the library's annual Black History Program, and representing the library at the Teen Summit which trains teen leaders. Natahalie is now involved in planning the Junior Friends Talent Show. Congratulations to Natahalie for her commitment and accomplishments at the Uniondale Public Library and to the Suffolk winner. Also, we commend all the other B.E.S.T. nominees for their contributions to libraries in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Thank you to everyone who supported NCLA YASD by entering our great raffles for a Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series book basket, and other items, and viewed our YASD library flyers and display board.

Special thanks goes to Peter Cirona, YASD Secretary, for updating our display board and YA flyer binders. We also appreciate the efforts of our fellow members who assisted us by staffing the YASD table. It is great to greet our members, meet new friends in other libraries who work with teens and tweens, and welcome library students who plan on serving youth in libraries.



(Continued on next page)

YASD News
(Continued)

We were very excited about our NCLA YASD Spring Luncheon at Domenico's Restaurant in Levittown on Thursday, June 5, 2008. The luncheon featured YA author Margo Rabb as our speaker.



Margo is the author of the popular "Missing Persons" series and the acclaimed "Cures for Heartbreak" which garnered starred reviews from *SLJ*, *Booklist*, the *Bulletin* and *Klatt*. "Cures" is vividly set in New York City and is the story of a family tragedy that is told in poignant and comical vignettes.

We are all currently gearing up for our Summer Reading Program whose theme for teens is *Metamorphosis @ Your Library*, and for children, *Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library*.



Cathy Loechner
YASD President

ASLD Conference

The Academic and Special Libraries Division held its 37th Annual Conference, "You Create It, We Steal It: Copyrights and Plagiarism in the 21st Century Library," on Friday, May 2, 2008. The conference was held on the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University.

I would like to thank everyone that attended and our three speakers: Amrita Madray "Plagiarism", Tony Traguardo "Working with New Digital Audio and Video Sources in the Library" and Sarah E. McCleskey "Institutional Copyright Policy."

William Caniano
ASLD President

DIRECTORY

The 2008 edition of the *Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers* was completed in time for this year's Long Island Library Conference. Copies of this valuable publication were sent to all 2007 NCLA members who paid dues of \$25.00 or more, and to those individuals and organizations who had filed pre-publication orders for the *Directory*. More than 1000 copies of this document have now been distributed and I am sure they are already getting much use.

Many hours of volunteer labor go into the process of sending out tear-

sheets to solicit information revisions, making telephone calls to retrieve needed information, inputting data, packaging and labeling copies for distribution, and a host of other activities. I want to thank my administrative assistant, Barbara Vollmer for all her efforts on behalf of NCLA. I couldn't do it without her!

We realize that this is not a "perfect" document. Although at over 230 pages, we trust that our readers find it useful. If you spot some of the "gremlins" that appear from time to time, please let us know. We hope to correct them in the next edition.

Many institutions, both within and outside the "NCLA family" appreciate the value of the *Directory* and purchase additional copies for their public to use. These additional copies can be ordered at the special price of \$74.95 (plus shipping & handling).

To offer suggestions for changes or to purchase copies of the *Directory*, contact Art Friedman, Editor-in-Chief, at 516-572-7883.

Arthur Friedman
Editor-in-Chief



Clerical Division News

The Long Island Library Conference held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on May 8, 2008 was a great success! Our Division presented "Life in the Library Lane." Syosset Public Library Director Judy Lockman gave us her account of rising from page to library director. She demonstrates tremendous support for the clerical staff in the daily operation of the library, and we enjoyed various tips in making our jobs more successful.



Judith Lockman speaks about her career starting as a library page to now the director of the Syosset Public Library.

Thanks to Judy Lockman for making such an enjoyable presentation for our Division at the Conference.

I wish to thank the NCLA Clerical Board for all their hard work in organizing the event and the Clerical Division Table at the conference.



(L to R): Dalal Fatoush, Connie Stanga, and Karen Shaw-Widman at the Clerical Division Table.

* * *

On April 17, 2008, the NCLA Clerical Division Executive Board met in Syosset to discuss upcoming events. We are planning a bus trip to New Jersey in the Fall; additional information to follow.

We hope that you have sent in your membership to NCLA, and we will continue to have a good year!

*Lupe Velasquez
Clerical Division
President*

LEGISLATION

The library community's 2008 legislative activities are not complete at this time. While the NY State budget is almost in place, there seems to be much "tweaking" going on and our colleagues in the Systems still have not received an indication of the allocation that they will receive. We thought that we had restored the \$5 million that was provided in the 2007-08 fiscal

spending plan, only to learn that a 2% reduction in total spending would decrease those gains. Our work must begin in earnest to assure library funding now and in the future.

The library legislative agenda includes additional items that may or may not have fiscal implications. Work on that agenda is continuing and I hope that NCLA members will tell their representatives how important these measures are to a sound library program.

S.4781/A/7841. A bill to permit Association libraries to opt into the NYS Employees Retirement Program.

S.1684/A.6256. Creates a means of "bundling" small construction projects to permit bonding through the Dormitory Authority.

S.2082/A.6592. Would create an opportunity for BOCES to partner with public library systems to offer Internet access and other communication services.

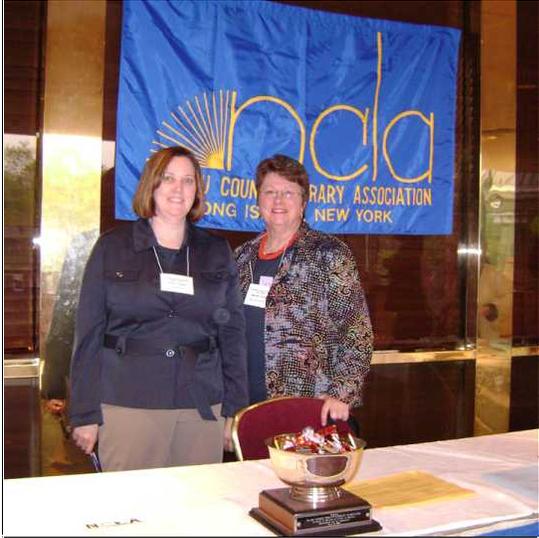
S.1722A/A.3463A. An exemption for PTAs and Library Friends groups from having to collect sales tax on book fairs and used book sales.

In addition, advocates are making sure that our legislators know the value of school library media programs to student achievement and that librarians are needed at ALL levels to foster this student success.

For more information about these and other library issues, please check the NY Library Association website or speak with members of our Long Island legislative committees.

Arthur Friedman

2008
Long Island Library Conference
Libraries: Your Search Ends Here



(L to R): NCLA President Carolyn Voegler and Rockville Centre Public Library Director Maureen Chiafalo at the NCLA Table.



(L to R): Librarians Lisa Schaeffer and Stuart Schaeffer with RASD President Karen Porcella at the RASD Table.



(L to R): Christina Rivera, Virginia Antonucci-Gibbons, Herb Biblo, Min Liu, and Darren Chase at the LILRC Table.



↩
 Susan Sloan, 2008 Long Island Library Conference Chair.



⇒
 (L to R): Maureen Garvey and Elizabeth Olesh at the Long Island Reads Table.



(L to R): Eileen McCarthy (Rockville Centre) and MaryAnn Tweedy (Malverne) help out at the Registration Table.



(L to R): Tom Cohn (Huntington) and Dominic Iadiccio talk about new technology for the public.



(L to R): Michael Simon (Long Beach) and Barbara Conroy (Lynbrook) at the NCLA Media Services Division Table.



Children's Author Robie Harris talks about creating children's picture books.



(L to R): Maria Orlando (SCLS) and Renee McGrath (NLS) at the Long Island Library Conference.

(Continued on next page)



(L to R): Keynote Speaker Ellen Meister and Programs Co-Chair Tracy-Lyn Van Dyne.



(L to R): Trini Reed (Uniondale) checks out the Career Information Table manned by Eileen McCarthy and Megan Sala-James.



(L to R): Dolores Nicholes and Suzanne Molczan at the PR/Programming Division Table.



(L to R): William Caniano and Lori Cimino at the ASLD Table.

** Some photographs taken from the Long Island Library Conference website.*

Media Services Division News

The Media Services Division presented "And the Winner of the DVD Format War Is ... Blu-Ray!" at the Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The guest speaker was Sandra Benedetto, Director of Product Development & Sales Engineering, Pioneer Electronics USA, Inc., and member of the Blu-Ray Disc Association's USA Promotions Committee. Over 120 people attended the program which was well-received and brought librarians up-to-date with what's happening in the Blu-Ray industry.

The handout and the PDF presentation given by Ms. Benedetto can be downloaded from the Long Island Library Conference website at <http://www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/lilc/presentations.htm>.



The Media Services Division table was very popular, because of the great prizes donated by vendors such as Baker & Taylor, BBC Audio-books America, Books On Tape, MicroMarketing, Midwest Tape, and Recorded Books. The Division made \$280 income from the raffles for the bigger prizes.

The free raffle winners were: Phyllis Bradley (Uniondale), Lynn DeFellipo (Bayville), Susanne Fasano (North Babylon), Astaire Greenberg (Plainedge), C. Preverte (Mastic-Moriches-Shirley), and Phyllis Wayne (North Bellmore).



(L to R): East Meadow Media Librarian Karen Shaw-Widman, Guest Speaker Sandra Benedetto, and NCLA Media Services Division President Mamie Eng.

The \$1.00 raffle winners were: Zahra M. Baird (Chappaqua), Barbara Conroy (Lynbrook), Linda Eagan (Lynbrook), Donna Furey (Garden City), Min Liu (LILRC), Cindy Miller (Central Islip), and Kerry Nugent (West Hempstead).

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at the Media Services Division Table throughout the day - Anne Bauman (Island Trees), Barbara Conroy (Lynbrook), Didi DeCastro (Westbury), Susan Healy (Shelter Rock), Anne May (Manhasset), Karen Shaw-Widman (East Meadow), Michael Simon (Long Beach), and Rachel Taub (Farmingdale).



(L to R): Anne May and Mamie Eng at the Media Services Division Table.

The Division sponsored a tour of The Paley Center for Media in Manhattan on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. The tour included screenings of vintage television programs such as: "Television Commercials from Around the World," the pilot for "Seinfeld," the premiere of "Sex and the City," and "Sammy's Visit" from "All in the Family."

*Mamie Eng
MSD President*

REMINDERS

The address for the NCLA web page is: <http://ncla.info>

NEW - Archive of past *NCLA Newsletters* is now available in PDF format with color photos on the webpage. Click on *Newsletter Archive* on the NCLA homepage.

Children's Services Division News

On a beautiful day on April 23, 2008, the Children's Services Division made a trip to the Nassau County Museum of Art. Our day started out at Shelter Rock Public Library, who graciously provided us with space for breakfast.



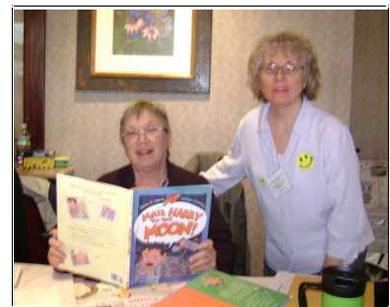
We then headed up to the museum in Roslyn. The Walter Wick exhibit was the main attraction for many in attendance. Walter Wick is the photographer who collaborates with Jean Marzollo on the wildly popular *Spy* books. He is also author / illustrator of many other books. It was very interesting to learn how he develops the concepts behind his photographs. We found out he considers starting out with hardware catalogs a valuable experience.



(L to R): Author Robie Harris and CSD President Geraldine Farmer-Morrison.

The Children's Services Division sponsored author Robie Harris at the Long Island Library Conference. She arrived before her scheduled speaking time and spent most of that time at our division's table. We all enjoyed talking to her as she amiably autographed books for conference goers.

During her formal talk, she gave a nod to librarians on the 'front lines' of many censorship battles. She talked about her collaboration with Michael Emberley on *It's Perfectly Normal*, *It's Not the Stork* and *It's So Amazing*. She also introduced us to her book coming out in June - *Mail Harry to the Moon*. We enjoyed our time with Robie tremendously.



*Geraldine Farmer-Morrison
CSD President*

PR/Programming Division Update

The PR/Programming Division held a "Public Speaking for Chickens" program on April 8, 2008. Our speaker was Tracey Simon of the Lynbrook Public Library. She gave a helpful and very informative program on the do's and don'ts of public speaking and tips on how to get over our fears. It was a terrific program that was appreciated by many.



Have any of your patrons dreamed of writing their own novel? Do you have authors living in your community and would like to invite them to your library? Join Carol Hoenig, author of *The Author's Guide to Planning a Book Event* to discuss how you can market an author event, and how your local authors can market their own books. Program will be held on June 17, 2008, 9:30am at NLS.

The PR/Programming Division would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations to our Long Island Library Conference Table Raffles: Angelina's Restaurant, Friendly's, Marsala Restaurant, Bellagio Pizzeria and Restaurant, National Amusements Theaters, Medieval Times, The Ugly Doll

Company, and the Brokerage Comedy Club.

Our speaker at the conference was Marketing Professor Jack Mandel, Nassau Community College. He gave an informative meeting on "Library Marketing that Works." He gave us ideas on how to increase circulation, patron usage, and ways to best utilize our facilities.

Here are some of our upcoming meetings:

September - Creating Dynamic Publications with Microsoft Publisher; Speaker: Ceil Hern, Sharper Training Solutions; Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at NLS

October - PR/Programming Annual Breakfast; Speaker: TBD; Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the Farmingdale Public Library

If you would like to see what other great programs our division has to offer this year, please check out our wiki at <http://nclapprogramming.pbwiki.com>.

If you missed our Talent Showcase you can request to see our Talent Showcase Binder! It has all the information from the showcase, as well as CD's. Please contact Dolores Nicholes at the Farmingdale Public Library to request the binder.

Dolores Nicholes
PR/Programming President

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA is very important in helping us fulfill our mission to provide quality professional and staff development programs, offer useful publications, and continue to be a strong advocate for library issues. Our 2008 institutional support now includes 55 supporters and additional renewals are expected. The following institutions are the most recent additions to our membership roll:

Academic Libraries
Nassau Community College

Public Libraries
Bellmore Memorial Library
Bethpage Public Library
Hempstead Public Library
Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library

Island Park Public Library
Locust Valley Library
Oceanside Library
Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library
Port Washington Public Library
Roosevelt Public Library
Syosset Public Library

Library Systems
Eastern Suffolk BOCES SLS
LI Library Resources Council

Library Associations
LI Association of Jewish Libraries

We thank the directors and trustees of these libraries for their support. Shouldn't your organization be added to this list of NCLA supporters?

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

Presentation of the 2008 LDA Award
for
Excellence in Library Achievement
at the
33rd Annual Long Island Library Conference

Arthur L. Friedman, Ed,D, MLS, Presenter

May 8, 2008

On behalf of LDA Publishers and the Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations, I want to acknowledge and thank the members of this year's award committee for their diligence and the quality of their selection. The committee was chaired by Kenneth Bellafiore of the Lakeville Public Library.

The description of the LDA Award for Excellence in Library Achievement and the list of previous distinguished award winners may be found in the *Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers*. Therefore, I won't repeat them now.

As Editor-in-chief of the Directory, I have, once again, been given the honor of introducing the individual whose résumé of service, dedication to the ideals of librarianship, and record of achievement, made a distinct impression on the selection committee.

A concerned community must take time from its routine activities to recognize those individuals who can serve as role models. Role models provide new members of the field with the motivation that they will need to carry on our work. There are many opportunities for individuals to provide service to libraries and our associations, however, only a few of those individuals seem to be willing to accept the challenges and the commitment that is involved in service.

In the few minutes that I have been given this morning, I only have time to highlight some of the characteristics and accomplishments of the 2008 honoree's distinguished service in the advancement of library services and the ideals of Librarianship.



The nominators noted this individual's service to the library community in a number of areas. The mark of a professional is one who has great knowledge, skill and experience. A higher distinction of the professional is the willingness to share the results of a lifetime of work with others. During the career that was highlighted in the nominating letters, that willingness to share was cited numerous times. Helping a new library director create a library where none existed before is a daunting responsibility. Taking on that duty more than once is an indication that our honoree is always ready for a challenge. Succeeding in the task is a sign that competence guided that confidence.

During the past three decades there have probably been more profound changes in librarianship than in any other time in the history of this field. Familiar tools which were mainstays of library service have now been discarded or are just gathering dust in our facilities. How many of our libraries still contain a card catalog, or a set of the *Readers Guide to Periodical Literature*? Index tables have given way to banks of computer stations. For the mid-career librarian, the 80s could be a terrifying time. Those of us who have tried it know that championing change is not easy. It requires a wealth of interpersonal skills, including patience, good humor, as well as intelligence -- qualities that this individual has displayed to the fullest.

Just as the Internet started as a means for a select group of individuals and institutions to communicate and share resources amongst themselves, telecommunications networks in the library community were restricted services that only a few had access to. It took creativity, perseverance, and a willingness to challenge old assumptions that turned a back-office service into a system that connected libraries with their clientele and extended the range of the library into potentially every home and business in the community. SuffolkNet was the result of that effort, the first library "free-net" in the United States and an Internet connection for tens of thousands of Suffolk County residents. Today's LDA winner was instrumental, as the project leader, in creating and getting this system operational.

The public libraries of our region are independent entities, each with its own style and idiosyncrasies. With automation vendors providing a wide range of products to choose from, convincing library leadership, as well as staff, to adopt a uniform product and join in a cooperative effort can be a daunting challenge. Under her leadership, the Partnership of Automated Libraries in Suffolk, also known as PALS was borne. Now comprised of 49 of the 54 member libraries of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, this consortium has made it easier for libraries to meet patron needs. A "hands-on" approach to service meant that she trained hundreds of library employees in the effective use of the system. She has also created a training program which will ensure that new library staff can rapidly be turned into expert system operators.

(Continued on next page)

LDA Award

(Continued)

Today, the idea of a "virtual library" is no longer foreign to most library staff. Not so long ago, proposing such a service would have produced quizzical stares. You might know our honoree for her stewardship of the Virtual Reference Collection which has made an assortment of commercial databases available to library patrons. But today's library patrons want to be served 24/7, so how do we accomplish this task and provide the quality service we want to be offering? Try out SCLS's Live Librarian service for the answer.

By now you have probably determined who this indefatigable librarian is, however, let me just mention one more innovative service that our esteemed colleague has launched. A new downloadable collection of digital media, suitable for use in MP3 players and PCs is the latest technological wonder the Suffolk Wave Collection brings to library customers.

If you still don't know whom I am speaking about, perhaps these descriptive phrases from the comments that appeared in the letters of nomination for this outstanding individual will help you:

"She has used her intelligence, technical expertise, entrepreneurial spirit, patience and good humor to repeatedly envision the future and make it happen."

"Her approach to librarianship is just 'Let's do it!'"

"Her 'DNA' is present in almost every transaction we perform in Suffolk County and beyond."

For more than 24 years she has been a driving force in Suffolk County libraries.

Friends, colleagues, honored guests; it gives me great pleasure to present the distinguished recipient of the 2008 LDA Award for Excellence in Library Achievement, a friend and colleague,

Florence A. Denny

People in the News



Garden City Public Library Director *Alan Roeckel* is retiring June 21, 2008, after working more than three decades at the Garden City Public Library. Mr. Roeckel joined the Garden City staff on January 5, 1976 as an assistant reference librarian and then became a reference librarian, head of adult services, and acting director. He became director of the Library in 1987. At a recent Garden City Village Board of Trustees meeting, Mr. Roeckel said, "This has been a marvelous opportunity for me and I certainly leave with deeply mixed emotions. But as many of you know, my wife passed away ... My sons are my family and I believe this is the time for me to be with them. I shall miss this village and the good people in it..." Mr. Roeckel plans to move the Denver suburbs where he will live with two of his three sons. *Thomas Witt*, assistant director, will be acting director of the Library.

The Hicksville Public Library has promoted **Joanne Gramaglia** to Librarian II and Head of Children's Services. Mrs. Gramaglia began as a circulation clerk in the Children's Room. Director Carol Ahrens, the Board of Trustees and staff congratulate her and wish her success as Head of Children's Services.

NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

At the end of May, NCLA's membership level stands at approximately 900 individuals and organizations. [This report was written on May 16th and membership was 889 at that time.] Unfortunately, we still have much work to do to return to our record-setting level of 2005.

Membership reminder notices were recently sent to those individuals and organizations that had not submitted dues payments in time for the Long Island Library Conference.

We continue to receive membership applications from new members of our library community and from those who have finally appreciated the value of an NCLA membership.

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

Necrology

Karen Cooper, retired librarian from the Syosset Public Library, who had worked in other libraries throughout the past 30 or more years, passed away on May 1, 2008, after a brief illness. Karen was an active member of NCLA, serving as a President of the Young Adult Services Division. She was the wife of librarian *Arthur Cooper*, former school librarian in Mineola, who has worked part time at Bethpage for over twenty years and at South Huntington for over five years. For several years, Arthur was a trustee at Plainview-Old Bethpage. Donations can be sent to the Long Island League to Abolish Cancer or TOBAY Hadassah.

Margaret (Peggy) Ptasinski, who worked as Children's Librarian at Long Beach Public Library from 1968 to 1984, died on April 28, 2008, at her home in Long Beach, shortly after her 94th birthday. Before taking her master's degree from Queens College's library school, Peggy taught history for many years at Cathedral High School in Manhattan. Peggy kept an active interest in life, attending Long Island theatrical performances and classes at the local swimming pool until declining health as she reached her 90s kept her at home. She died with a book in her hand.

Norman M. Seldes, former Director of the East Meadow Public Library, passed away on May 12, 2008. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Carol, at 626 Honeysuckle Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963.

Mildred Cantor, an early resident of Levittown and a founder of the community's public library, died of cancer on May 12, 2008, at her home in Philadelphia. She was 88. Driven by thriftiness and a passion for reading, she helped to found the Levittown Public Library in 1950 and served as president of its board for 30 years, Dan Cantor said. In 1955, he said, his mother joined the fight to defend the library when some residents tried to close it, citing what they viewed as exorbitant costs and books written by leftist authors. "The library for her was a great symbol of what a community needs to have," said Cantor. Before her children were born, Mildred Cantor worked as a librarian in Long Beach.

Former librarian at Williston Park Public Library for 39 years, *Eileen Ann Christie* passed away on May 10, 2008. She also was Director of Volunteer Services at Town and Country Hospital, Hillsborough County, FL, at the time of her death.

FOR SALE

Minolta RP600Z
Microfiche
Reader/Printer

If interested, please contact:
Karen Porcella, Peninsula
Public Library, (516) 239-3262.

NCLA Executive Board Meetings

2008 NCLA Executive Board Meetings will be held on Fridays, at 9:30 a.m., in the Andrew Geddes Meeting Room at NLS as follows:

June 13, 2008
September 12, 2008
October 10, 2008
November 14, 2008

(July and August - No meetings)

All NCLA members are welcome to attend Executive Board Meetings.

2008 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The deadlines for 2008 NCLA Newsletters are:

Summer 2008 Issue Fri., July 11, 2008
October 2008 Issue Fri., Sept. 12, 2008
December 2008 Issue Fri., Nov. 14, 2008
Year-in-Review Issue Fri., Jan. 9, 2009

Return all information to:

Mamie Eng, NCLA Newsletter Editor
c/o Henry Waldinger Memorial Library
60 Verona Place
Valley Stream, NY 11582
(516) 825-6422;
FAX: (516) 825-6551

Employment Opportunities

Serials/Electronic Resources Librarian (Tenure-Track):

Hofstra University seeks a self-motivated Serials/Electronic Resources Librarian to join the library faculty and work in a collegial environment that emphasizes service. Responsibilities include: Manage and provide access to serials publications and electronic resources, including the acquisition, maintenance, renewal, and cancellation of serials subscriptions in print and electronic format; Oversee day-to-day operations of the Serials Department of 3 staff members; Serve as primary liaison with subscription vendor and publishers; Maintain the library's electronic resources management systems, Serials Solutions and Ebsco Electronic Journal Service; Monitor serials budget and authorize expenditures for serials. Requirements: ALA-accredited MLS degree. Experience in an academic library serials department preferred; Experience with serial software modules in an integrated library system, preferably Innovative Interfaces; Experience working with vendors and publishers; Additional graduate degree is preferred and required for an initial appointment at the Assistant Professor rank. This position will be filled at either the Instructor or Assistant Professor rank, depending upon qualifications. An additional graduate degree, scholarship and university service are required for tenure consideration. Compensation: Salary based on qualifications and experience. Applications

will be reviewed beginning June 2, 2008; review will continue

until the position is filled. To apply, submit a letter of interest and resume by email (MS Word or pdf attachment) to:

Pamela.K.HarpelBurke@Hofstra.edu, Professor Pamela Harpel-Burke, Chair, Ad Hoc Screening Committee Hofstra University, Joan & Donald E. Axinn Library, Hempstead, N.Y. 11549. No telephone calls please.

Librarian (F/T): The Bryant Library is seeking a dynamic and experienced librarian. Please send all responses to Joan Casson Sauer, Assistant Director.

Librarian I - Children's Services (F/T): MLS and Public Library Certification required. Strong background in youth services. Responsibilities include all aspects of children's service including multi-media and online services, collection development and other duties as assigned. Includes evening and weekend hours. Competitive Civil Service position; salary as per Library District contract plus benefits.

Contact Lauren Muffs, Assistant Director, Poughkeepsie Public Library District, 93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, 845 485-3445, x3310, or lmuffs@poklib.org.

New NCLA appointment

Jan Heinlein has been appointed as the new Chair of the NCLA Finance Committee. Written 2009 budget requests from all NCLA Division Presidents and Committee Chairs should be submitted by June 30, 2008.

Help Is Needed

On May 12, 2008, an 8.0 earthquake hit Wenchuan City, Sichuan Province, located in the south west part of China. According to the reports as of May 19th, 34,073 were dead, 245,108 injured, 5 millions homeless.

I would like to make a call for donations for the brave people in my home country. For those of you who would like to offer help, you may donate online via the Chinese American Library Association website at: <http://www.cala-web.org/forms/earthquakedonation.htm>, or write a check payable to CALA (note in memo: Sichuan Earthquake) and send it to me. I'll forward it to CALA.

Thank you all for your support.

Min Liu, Assistant Director
Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC)
Melville Library Bldg.,
Suite E53110
Stony Brook, NY 11794-3399
Tel.: (631) 632-6659
Fax: (631) 632-6662
E-mail: minliu@lilrc.org



Grab your mitt!
Grab your hat!
The LONG ISLAND DUCKS
Are up at bat!
And they're slugging them out for you.
But to see it, you've got to be there!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Yes, NCLA is sponsoring another fundraiser. We have tickets for the Long Island Ducks baseball game on **Saturday, September 13, 2008**. The game starts at 7:05 pm at the Citibank Park in Central Islip. And there will be a Grucci fireworks *Extravaganza* display after the game. **Ticket requests must be received by August 15, 2008.**

Support NCLA by having fun! Enjoy the wonderful between-innings-entertainment. Bring your family and friends. Tickets are **\$12.50** each. **Each ticket sold will be accompanied by a raffle ticket for fun door prizes.**

September 13, 2008 7:05PM
LI Ducks vs York Revolution
[Grucci Fireworks Extravaganza presented by Nycomed US](#)

TICKET REGISTRATION FORM: (Please print all information legibly. Thank you.)

NAME: _____

Number of tickets requested. _____ @ \$12.50 each.

Contact person : _____ (Include name, phone number and email)

Tickets to be mailed to: _____

Driving instructions will accompany tickets.

For more information contact:
E. Marie Doran at the Uniondale Public Library
400 Uniondale Avenue, Uniondale NY 11553
email : dolan49@yahoo.com

Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award for 2008: Call for Nominations

Nominations for the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award are due by July 24, 2008. The award will be presented at the New York Library Association Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY on November 7, 2008.

This Empire Friends Roundtable award honors a volunteer member or a group of the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends organizations.

The nomination form is available online at www.nyla.org/roundtables.

Please list all relevant information (nominee and sponsor contact information, including mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address). Describe the individual or group's contribution to library service in detail.

Send three copies of relevant supporting materials, press releases, etc., to Karen Achilles, 4477 Snug Harbor, Geneva, NY 14456 by July 24, 2008. (These materials will not be returned.)

For more information, call (315) 789-2399 or e-mail kls823@rochester.rr.com.



Sign Up for the NCLA RASD Exchange

1. Make yourself a Yahoo e-mail account if you don't already have one.
2. Go to Yahoo.com.
3. Click on GROUPS (on sidebar on left hand side).
4. Type NCLA RASD in search box, and click on SEARCH.
5. Click on NCLA RASD.
6. To sign up, click on JOIN THIS GROUP (the blue horizontal bar on the mid-right hand side).
7. Go through setting up your profile and await your invitation to join, which will come into your new Yahoo account.
8. Once you've been accepted, you can log in (small rectangle on the left hand side, midway down the page), where it says "Already a member? Log in." (Could it be any smaller?)
9. Sign in with the Yahoo account you have created. Then you get to read all of our colleagues' very bright

and informative postings, and post your own queries, answers or discussion questions.

10. You can opt to have the posts come to your personal e-mail as well, as they are posted on the exchange (Probably a very good idea!).

Please remember while replying to postings, choose "Reply to sender" as opposed to "Reply to all," unless you want it to be publicly posted.

The more people that we get to subscribe, the more interesting and useful it will be!

*Karen Porcella
RASD President*

ASLD at the Planting Fields Arboretum

The Academic & Special Libraries Division toured the special library of the Planting Fields Arboretum on Friday, June 6, 2008. The morning started with a tour of Coe Hall and the gardens before a quick bag lunch, and then the tour of the library in the afternoon.

Library Briefs

The *Garden City Public Library* hosted a Renovation Celebration on Saturday, April 19th to mark the completion of the Library's renovation and expansion project. Library Board Chair J. Randolph Colahan cut the symbolic red ribbon to welcome the public to the Library's new facilities, which include a redecorated periodical reading room, an expanded young adult area, and a new Audio-Visual Center and Computer Lab located on the lower level. The public was invited to visit the Library and see the many enhancements to the Library as well as to enjoy light refreshments following the official ceremony.

On Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the *Port Washington Public Library*, hosted Concetta Bertoldi, the author of *Do Dead People Watch You Shower?* Ms. Bertoldi has been communicating with the "Other Side" since childhood. In *Do Dead People Watch You Shower?* (HarperCollins 2008), the first-ever book of its kind, she exposes the naked truth about the fate and happiness of our late loved ones with no-holds-barred honesty and delightfully wry humor, answering questions that range from the practical to the outrageous. In addition, she shared with us her own intimate secrets, revealing with refreshing candor how her miraculous gift has affected her life, her marriage, her friendships, and her career, as well as the myriad ways she has used it to help others.



The Garden City Public Library Board Chair J. Randolph Colahan marked the completion of the Library's renovation and expansion project with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured from left to right are: Alan G. Roeckel, Library Director; John H. Pascal, Library Board Trustee; Barbara Brudie Martis, Library Board Trustee; Elizabeth Huschle, Library Board Trustee; Mr. Colahan; Gloria Weinrich, Library Board Vice Chair; and Tom Witt, Assistant Library Director.

Photo by John Ellis Kordes

The National Endowment of the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association announced the winners of the *We the People* "Created Equal" Bookshelf for 2008-2009 in April 2008. The *Henry Waldinger Memorial Library* of Valley Stream and the *Westbury Memorial Public Library* were among the recipients for New York State. 3,000 libraries throughout the United States will receive a collection of seventeen classic hardcover books for young readers, all related to the Created Equal theme, plus four books in Spanish translation and a bonus "History in a Box" resource kit created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.



2008 Nassau Grants for the Arts, administered by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport, were awarded to the following Nassau County Libraries: *Baldwin Public Library* (Multicultural Arts Appreciation), *Henry Waldinger Memorial Library* (Continuing the Celebration of America's Musical Diversity), *Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library* (New Talent/New Ideas), *Hicksville Public Library* (China Patterns: A Dance Celebration), *Hillside Public Library* (Celebrating the Unity of our New Hyde Park Community), *Long Beach Public Library* (A Class Act), *Lynbrook Public Library* (Let's Make Some Noise: Music and Instruments from Around the World), and the *Port Washington Public Library* (Flamenco!)

REPORT FROM THE INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MERCY FIRST SCHOOL

Earlier this spring, members of the NCLA Institutional Services Committee, Margaret Burke, Melanie Freese, and Miriam Wanderman, visited the Mercy First School and were extremely pleased at the progress they have made in promoting reading and literacy.

Four teachers and one school volunteer are actively involved with the students' English and Reading skills. Carol Tallis, a new English teacher who, along with volunteer Joan Bernstein, has instituted "Read 180" which is a \$30,000 program for low level readers. There are three components: independent reading, small group lessons, and the interactive computer aspect, which re-enforces spelling and vocabulary skills by having students read into a microphone and answer questions.

Another English teacher, also new to the School, is Michael Friedman who has written 200 comic and Science Fiction books including a biography of wrestling superstar Hulk Hogan. In addition to English, Mr. Friedman teaches the Art of the Comic and SAT preparation courses.

Ruth Goetz has been teaching English at Mercy First for several years and is working mainly with the older high school level boys.

Leslie McClain is the English teacher/Librarian who took Annette LaMassa's place upon her retirement. She has cleaned out and organized the library and it looks great!

Ms. McClain is teaching a "Literature through Film" course and is in need of CLASSIC DVDs (appropriate for teenage boys). If you have any to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. You can send them to: Ellen Kaplan, Assistant Principal, P256Q at Mercy First, 525 Convent Road, Syosset, NY 11791.

In the spring, Mercy First School held a Spellathon, Poetry Slam, Palabration (Spanish translation contest), and Mercy Monologues (written by the students). Over the past eight years, NCLA has been providing support and money to help purchase needed library books, dictionaries, thesauruses, videos and DVDs, and sponsor cultural arts programs for the students. This year we provided the "Merriam Webster Dictionary" for all Spellathon and Poetry Slam program participants.

Founded in 1894, the Mercy First School is located on 64 beautiful acres of land in Syosset. It is a residential facility for approximately 120 adolescent boys, ranging in age from 12 to 18. The students come from Nassau, Suffolk, and New York City. They are from all nationalities and religions, have had adjustment problems, and are receiving a vast range of services. Anyone interested in joining our worthwhile committee, please contact Committee Chairperson, Margaret Burke, at Hofstra University at (516) 463-6448 or email her at: Margaret.G.Burke@hofstra.edu

*Miriam Wanderman
Institutional Services
Committee*



(L to R): Assistant Principal Ellen Kaplan, Committee Members Miriam Wanderman and Melanie Freese, and Committee Chairperson Margaret Burke.



(L to R): Committee Chairperson Margaret Burke, Committee Member Melanie Freese, English Teacher Carol Tallis, School Volunteer Joan Bernstein, Committee Member Miriam Wanderman.

Arthur Friedman, NCLA Membership Chair
 c/o Nassau Community College
 One Education Drive
 Garden City, NY 11530-6793



2008 – Issue #3
 June 2008

Newsletter Editor:
 Mamie Eng
 c/o Henry Waldinger Memorial Library
 60 Verona Place
 Valley Stream, NY 11582

2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____
 Name _____
 Library _____
 (or Address) _____
 email Address: _____
 Position: _____

DIVISIONS (Select choices: 1, 2, ...)
 Academic & Special Libraries _____
 Children's Services _____
 Clerical Services _____
 Media Services _____
 PR Services/Programming _____
 Reference & Adult Services _____
 Young Adult Services _____

SCHEDULE OF DUES – Calendar Year 2008		
Salary:	0 - \$15,000	\$ 15.00
	\$15,001 - 30,000	25.00
	30,001 – 45,000	35.00
	45,001 – 60,000	40.00
	60,001 -	45.00
	Institutions & Vendors **	45.00
	Students, Retirees, Trustees, Friends	10.00
	Additional Divisions	3.00
	Total Dues Enclosed	\$ _____
	Donation – NCLA Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
	Donation – NCLA Education Grant Fund	\$ _____

Note:** Institutional members receive one copy of every membership publication plus 5 vouchers to permit a library employee or trustee to attend a workshop at member rates.

Please make checks payable to: Nassau County Library Association

Send this form and payment to: Arthur Friedman, Ed.D., NCLA Membership Chair
 % Nassau Community College, One Education Drive
 Garden City, New York 11530-6793
 [or via the Nassau Library System]

Check this box if you are interested in the Group Disability Insurance Program:
 Dental Plan: