

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 34th Annual Long Island Library Conference was held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on Thursday, May 7, 2009. The theme of this year's conference was "Go Green at Your Library."



Thank you to Maryann Ferro, members of the Long Island Library Conference Committee, and all the program sponsors for all of their work. It was nice to see so many attendees enjoying this event. Many informative programs were offered, and the Keynote Speaker, Author Adriana Trigiani, was wonderful!



This conference was informative and fun. I would also like to thank Tom Bazzicaluppo, Ken Bellafoire, and Marcia Olsen for helping at the NCLA Table. Al Bellos, Glen Cove Public Library, was the winner of the NCLA raffle - a "Twilight" basket.

Congratulations to Jackie Thresher, Director of the Nassau Library System, this year's LDA Award Winner. Jackie's dedication and advocacy for NLS and to the libraries of Nassau County is admirable and greatly appreciated.

This year we will be celebrating NCLA's 75th Anniversary. Plans are being made for a celebration event. Please watch for details.

I wish everyone a great summer.

*Chris Marra
NCLA President*



RASD Shows Its Green Thumb at Long Island Library Conference!



The horticulture program, "Seeds of Information," presented by Nassau and Suffolk County RASDs at the Long Island Library Conference was extremely well received. We had a solid turn-out of nearly 100 people. Karen Shaw-Widman introduced speakers from Suffolk County Cornell Cooperative Extension in Riverhead and a specialist from The New York Botanical Garden. Both speakers were interesting and enlightening.

The RASDafarian table was a bounty of raffle prizes both from individual donations and the generous gifts of several vendors. Hundreds of happy library people visited our table and took away pencils, pouches, and zipper pulls with the RASD emblem.

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*RASD Shows Green Thumb
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Early June brought us a wonderful RASD program highlighting our Co-Central Libraries. This terrific workshop, located at the East Meadow Public Library, was led by Susan Newson. Speakers from co-central libraries joined the panel and presented to our packed audience exactly what services and material we can find at their libraries. Everyone went home armed with fresh approaches and solid information we can use in serving our library patrons.

We, at RASD, want to wish everyone terrific, healthy and happy summer fun. I hope everyone gets some time off from their library to enjoy themselves and feel refreshed when they return.

Thank you for your support of the Reference & Adult Services Division

*Karen Shaw-Widman
RASD President*



RSS Feed

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

PR/PROGRAMMING DIVISION NEWS

The PR/Programming Division meeting held on Tuesday, April 14 at NLS featured the topic "Movie and Film Rights." The speaker was John Bosco, Director at the Wantagh Public Library. This workshop covered legal issues, copyright responsibilities and movie licensing companies, as well as web resources. John also included how to select movies for screenings, how to conduct a film discussion program and make your film selection. Comprehensive and detailed handouts were provided.

On Thursday, May 7, at the Long Island Library Conference, many of you stopped by our table to say hello, check out the raffles and pick up some programming information and goodies. Thank you to my Board members, especially Suzanne Molczan and Michelle Young for helping out at the table and Delores Nicholes for the great raffle prizes, promotional materials and advice.

Our next meeting which was a two-part workshop was Tuesday, June 9 at 9:30am at NLS. Part I is "Job Search Resources" and Part II is "PR Updates." The first part covering "Job Search Sources at the Library" was presented by Marcia Ratcliff from the Oceanside Library. She prepared an extensive compilation of resources and distributed handouts to

share. In Part II, "PR Updates," we covered the latest publicity changes we need to make in order to provide our press releases to the numerous newspapers, magazines, newsletters and other media outlets. Some are requiring a specific format to submit press releases and things are changing on a daily basis.

Congratulations and welcome to our division's new One-Year Director, Rosa Cella from the Floral Park Public Library. She will be completing the term for the recently vacated board position.

We will be starting to plan for the 2010 Talent Showcase soon, so if you have any recommendations for music, entertainment, crafts, lectures, or miscellaneous programs please forward names, program and contact information, as well as copies of promotional materials, to Angie Schenker, PR/Programming Division President, at Baldwin Public Library (aschenker@baldwinpl.org).

Coming in the fall, on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, the RASD and PR/Programming Division are co-sponsoring a program on poetry collection development and promotion; official title and location yet to be finalized.

*Angie Schenker
PR/Programming
President*



Young Adult Services Division News

Rappaport (Manhasset Public Library) for choosing the teen who best exemplifies outstanding public service.

This year's Nassau winner is Kaitlin Quinn of the East Williston Public Library.



(L to R): Kaitlin Quinn, 2009 B.E.S.T. Award Winner for Nassau County with YASD Vice-President Peter Cirona.

YASD's hard work planning for the Long Island Library Conference paid off. Our beautiful raffle baskets created by Sharon Rappaport (Manhasset Public Library) were a huge success.

Also popular were our note cubes which we are giving as a membership incentive to all current and new members of our division. They are branded with our new logo designed by Larissa Simonovski (Merrick Library). This logo (appearing above) will appear on all of our promotional material.

We also updated our display board for the Conference. Thanks to all of our board members who worked hard at our April meeting to make a new one, to the YA librarians who sent flyers and photos to be included on the display, and to everyone who helped at the conference.

Many thanks to Peter Cirona, Vice President/President Elect of YASD (Massapequa Public Library) for his effort coordinating the B.E.S.T. award and to his selection committee: Erin Gleason (RVC Library), Cathy Loechner (Shelter Rock Library), and Sharon

Although YA librarians are involved in many activities, we always have time for books and authors. On Thursday, April 23, 2009, many of us attended the Fifth Annual Fran Romer Memorial Teen Services Workshop held at the Northport Public Library featuring Nancy Werlin, the author of many popular YA books, and her editor Lauri Hornik. They discussed the writing process, Werlin's latest book *Impossible*, and YA literature in general. Werlin commented that YA literature is currently enjoying its golden age, and this certainly seems true judging from the many terrific YA books currently available. Now is a great time to be a YA librarian and is interesting to witness YA's growing popularity with adults as well as teens.

The runners up are Tony Gu, Bryant Library, and Danielle Azoulay, Wantagh Public Library. A plaque and a \$150.00 award were presented to the winner at the Long Island Library Conference by Rocco Cassano, assistant director of East Meadow Public Library in honor of the 20th anniversary of his being a B.E.S.T. award winner.

Always current, YASD now has a Facebook page thanks to Kelly Rechsteiner (North Merrick Public Library). Please friend us or fan us to stay in touch.

We will continue the discussion of YA literature at our annual June luncheon which will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, from 12 noon-3 pm at La Parma Restaurant in Williston Park. Speaker Anica Rissi, editor of *Simon Pulse*, will discuss debut authors and trends in YA literature.

La Parma

*Terry Ain
YASD President*

NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

When I wrote this column last year, Memorial Day was a week later, and NCLA's membership level stood at approximately 900 individuals and organizations. This year, our membership total is in about the same position with 897 members on May 21st. Unfortunately, this means that we still have much work to do to if we are 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.

It is not too late to join the NCLA family in 2009. In fact, this might be an appropriate time to set a new MLS graduate off on the right path by providing them with an NCLA membership as a graduation gift.

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair



NCLA GOES TO THE DUCKS!
NCLA will be attending its annual L.I. DUCKS game
on
Saturday, August 22nd.

Ticket reservations start June 1st.
All payments must be received by July 3rd.
Tickets: \$12.50 each.
One free raffle coupon with each ticket sold.
More information in the future.



2009 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadlines for 2009
NCLA Newsletters are:

Summer 2009 Issue	Fri., July 10, 2009
October 2009 Issue	Fri., Sept. 11, 2009
December 2009 Issue	Fri., Nov. 13, 2009
Year-in-Review Issue	Fri., Jan. 8, 2010

Return all information to:

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Valley Stream, NY 11582
(516) 825-6422;
FAX: (516) 825-6551

NCLA E-mail Discussion Group

NCLA has an e-mail discussion group designed to facilitate communication between NCLA colleagues throughout Nassau County. Use this tool to ask a question, advertise a program, post a job opening, or share any library-related information that may be of use to other NCLA members.

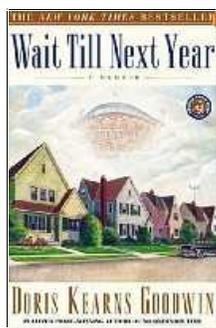
To subscribe to the NCLA e-mail discussion group, please visit <http://mail.nassaulibrary.org/mailman/listinfo/ncla>.

Long Island Reads Hits One Out of the Park



(L to R): Astoria Federal's Carolyn Fostel, Long Island Reads author Doris Kearns Goodwin, and Nassau co-chair Maureen Garvey. Additional photographs may be viewed at www.flickr.com/Lizo18

On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, over 200 people from Nassau and Suffolk poured into the Brentwood Library to meet Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of this year's Long Island Reads selection, *Wait Till Next Year*.



Fans were greeted by boxes of Cracker Jack, a baseball photography exhibit, and baseball-themed music before the big event – Goodwin's recounting of her 1950s childhood in Rockville Centre as an avid Dodgers fan.

After the speech, the line of people who wanted to meet Goodwin snaked through the first floor of the library. The ever-gracious author stayed for over two hours to sign books and greet her many readers.

Goodwin's visit, the highlight of this year's Long Island Reads project, was the result of a year's worth of planning by the Long Island Reads Committee, co-chaired by Maureen Garvey (assistant director, Merrick Library) and Deborah Clark Cunningham (Harborfields Public Library).

According to Garvey, "We couldn't think of a more appropriate selection during this exciting time when New York has seen the opening of two new ballparks. *Wait Till Next Year* offers so much for so many different kinds of readers."

The host library went above and beyond to make the day perfect – special thanks are due to Celia Vollmer and Danielle Zubiller of Brentwood. The Committee, which will begin the selection process for 2010 shortly, needs more members from Nassau public libraries. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Garvey at (516) 377-6112 or maureengarvey@merricklibrary.org.

Long Island Reads is sponsored by Nassau Library System and Suffolk Cooperative Library System, with additional corporate sponsorship from Astoria Federal Savings Bank

Outreach Committee Meeting

The NCLA Outreach Committee met on Monday, June 1, 2009 at the Central Avenue Building of the Massapequa Library. There was a general discussion of issues related to outreach in public libraries. For further information, contact:

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*Lee Gundel
Outreach Committee*

2009
Long Island Library Conference
Go Green At Your Library



Maryann Ferro, LILC Chairperson, greets audience to 2009 Long Island Library Conference.



Professor Arthur Friedman announces the 2009 LDA Award Winner at the Conference



(L to R): NCLA Treasurer Marcia Olsen and NCLA Vice-President Tom Bazzicalupo.





Keynote Speaker Adriana Trigiani with librarians from The Bryant Library.



Christina Rivera at the LILRC Table at the Conference.



Dr. Arthur Friedman announces the 2009 LDA Award Winner.



← 1989 YA B.E.S.T. Award Winner and Current Assistant Director Rocco Cassano presents the 2009 YA B.E.S.T. Award to Kaitlin Quinn.



YASD Librarians work on YASD display board for Long Island Library Conference.



NCLA PR/Programming Division Table.



NCLA Children's Services Division Table.



NCLA Reference & Adult Services Division Table.



NCLA Young Adult Services Division Table.



NCLA Academic & Special Libraries Division Table.



(L to R): 2009 SCLA President Sue Sloan and 2009 NCLA President Chris Marra.



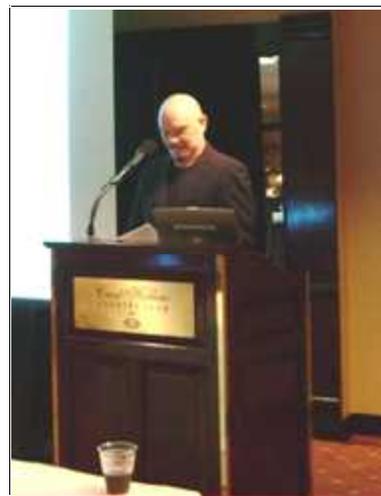
(L to R): Nancy B. Sherwood and Nancy Sherwood from Garden City Public Library enjoy the exhibits.



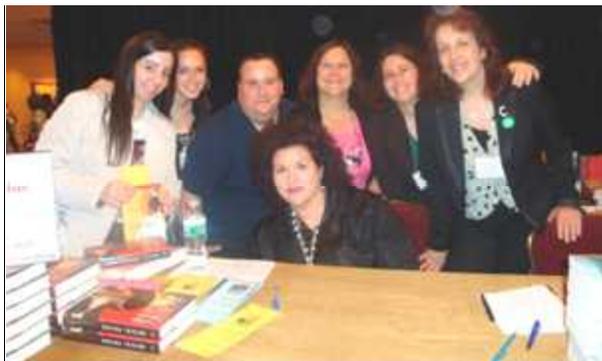
Stephen Sanfilippo of the Long Island Traditional Music Association performs at the Conference.



Author Brian J. Heinz speaks on "The Far Side of the Writer's Desk" at the Conference.



Steve Adelson, developer of the Long Beach Jazz Festival, speaks on "Community Building with Annual Events."



← Adriana Trigiani surrounded by her fans.

Academic and Special Libraries Division News

The Academic and Special Libraries Division Spring Conference was well-attended and was a success. A special thanks to all who contributed and helped make it a wonderful day. The speakers were well-received; we got lots of positive feedback. The ASLD Board met on May 15, 2009 to discuss the conference feedback, a field trip, its budget, potential new officers for 2010, and updating the website.

*John N. Varrone
ASLD President*



(L to R): 2009 ASLD President John N. Varrone and Vice-President Derek Stadler.



News from the Intellectual Freedom Committee

On April 30, 2009, a reception for 5th Annual "Freedom to Read" Essay & Art Contest winners was held on the second floor of Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Carle Place. Over thirty persons were in attendance.

Three winners were selected by the Committee for the art component of the Contest. The assignment was to design a logo for the stationery of the Committee. In the 8 to 12 year old category, the winner was Kyle Singh, Lawrence School District. The winner of the 13 to 17 year old category, and also the logo design winner, was Farrah Su, Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library affiliation. The winner of the 18 yr and older category was Carrie Cohen, Wantagh Public Library



Essay writers tackled the question "What does intellectual freedom mean to me?" Frances Reynolds, Locust Valley Library, and James Sullivan, Garden City Public Library, were the essay winners in the 8 to 12 year old category. The four

winners of the 13-17 year old category were: Benjamin Drucker, Elmont Public Library; Chrissy Falino, Locust Valley Library; Arielle Mendelson, Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library; and Diane Yano, Elmont Public Library. In the 18 year old and over category, Virginia Thorp, Rockville Centre Public Library, received the "Honorable Mention" award since she had been a contest winner last year.

All of the winners were invited to the podium to read their essays or hold up and comment on their art submissions. Bob Lude-mann, Merrick Library, did an excellent job as master of ceremonies. Each winner was presented with a certificate from the Committee and a \$35 Barnes & Noble gift card. The program concluded with an offering of light refreshments to the audience.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee is grateful once again to Barnes & Noble Booksellers for its financial support and for the use of its facilities for the contest reception. Thanks are owed to Committee members Ellen Berman, Robert Berman, Derek Stadler, and Norman Weil for judging and selecting the winners. More than 325 entries were submitted for this contest—five times the number of last year!

*Jeffrey Feinsilver
Chairperson*

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 2009 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
NY College of Health
Professions

Public Libraries
The Bryant Library
Farmingdale Public Library
Henry Waldinger Memorial
Library
Island Park Public Library
Lakeview Public Library
Lynbrook Public Library
Massapequa Public Library
North Merrick Public Library
Oceanside Library
Oyster Bay-East Norwich
Public Library
Seaford Public Library
Syosset Public Library
Uniondale Public Library
Westbury Memorial Library

Library Systems
Eastern Suffolk BOCES SLS

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?

News from the Clerical Services Division

The NCLA Clerical Division's program "Dealing with Difficult People...."with Duffy Spencer, Ph.D. was very well received by an attendance of over 100 members. Hope everyone enjoyed it.

Our next program is the upcoming bus trip on June 10th. This trip will include a tour of the New York City Public Library, lunch at Georgio's and a stop at the South Street Seaport. It is not too late to reserve a place if you are interested. Just contact Angela Khilnani at Syosset Public Library.

We will also be sponsoring a Roundtable at the Merrick Library on Thursday, September 25. Please come and join our discussion.

Also, the Clerical Division will sponsor a workshop on Friday, November 20; the subject and Library will be announced at a later date.

Rosanne Crudo
President
NCLA Clerical Division



Debra Carosella, North Merrick, winner of Clerical Division Reading & Travel basket.



(L to R): Rosanne Crudo, President of NCLA Clerical Division; Dr. Duffy Spencer; and Angela Khilnan, VP of Clerical Division.



Derek Stadler, CW Post Student and member of Academic Libraries Division, grand prize winner of the Clerical Division Summer Basket.



NCLA Education Grant 2009

Each year a minimum of three awards up to \$500.00 each will be Available to reimburse recipients for tuition/and or costs for library related conferences that will not be reimbursed by a library or any other agency.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Any NCLA member in any division of the Association currently employed in a library or library related institution.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING

Applicants will complete the education grant application form.
Provide documentation about the course and/or library related conference.
A letter from applicant's supervisor at a library or library related instituion stating that the course and/or conference will not be reimbursed by the library.
All materials must be received by **June 1** of the year of application.

WHEN ARE THE NCLA EDUCATION GRANTS AWARDED?

Applicants will be notified regarding their status by **June 15**.

Formal announcement and presentation of the awards will be at the
NCLA Annual Dinner.

Applications may be obtained from the NCLA webpage:
<http://nassaulibrary.org/ncla/awards.html>

or send self-addressed stamped envelope to:
NCLA Scholarship Committee
Andrew Ippolito Scholarship Award
c/o Patti Parris
Bellmore Memorial Library
2288 Bedford Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710

Presentation of the 2009 LDA Award
for
Excellence in Library Achievement
at the
34th Annual Long Island Library Conference
Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, NY

May 7, 2009

Arthur L. Friedman, Ed,D, MLS
Presenter

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 Paula Bornstein of the Lindenhurst Memorial 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.

In 1978, Andrew Ippolito, while serving as President of the Nassau County Library Association, put forth the proposition that 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 to our associations. Many are willing to sit back and let others do the "heavy lifting;" only a few individuals seem willing to accept the challenges and the commitment that is involved in service and leadership.



(L to R): Arthur L. Friedman awards 2009 LDA Award to Jackie Thresher, Director of the Nassau Library System.

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 2009 honoree's distinguished service in the advancement of library services and the ideals of Librarianship.

Today's honoree has had a distinguished lifetime of service in the public library sphere. However, the skills which this individual acquired during that career were not something to be "bottled-up," but rather something to be shared with anyone in the library community who was willing to listen and learn. An excellent teacher, this master of management and leadership provided many of us with training in the art of Situational Leadership, helping us hone some of the techniques that would stand us well in our own careers. The nominators noted that serving as a mentor is still a hallmark of this individual's service to the library community.

It is interesting to reflect on the concept that the mark of a professional is one who has great knowledge, skill and experience. A higher distinction for that professional is the willingness to share the results of a lifetime of work with others. This has been true of many LDA Award winners - include the one I am introducing today.

One of the issues that faced the library community in the 1990s was how to meet the goals of Commissioner's Regulation 90.3. Providing library service to individuals living in areas untaxed for library service, while being fair to the many members of the community who willingly provided the tax funds to build some of the greatest libraries in New York State was a major challenge. In a short time after joining our community, our honoree led the efforts to create a workable plan to address this issue, gained broad community support for the plan, and successfully argued the plan before the NYS Commissioner. Has anyone heard about 90.3 lately?

For the better part of the past two decades, State funding for library systems has not kept pace with the costs involved in maintaining this vital infrastructure of library service. Some System leaders have engaged in creative financing that has not been successful and their successors have been challenged to "right the ship." Using the collaborative techniques that she previously taught, was a key element in her achievement of a sound financial footing for her organization.

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2009 LDA Award
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In 2007, a new set of battle cries was heard from members of the political establishment – “Consolidate!” “Reduce costs!” “Limit Tax Increases!” Taking the lead, she proved her mettle; she formed task forces with individual library directors, spent hours educating consultants to the true operations of libraries and library systems, handled the press corps with aplomb, and helped educate the Nassau County community to the value of their libraries, and the bargains that they are. The war may not be completely over, but the officers and troops she has helped train are always ready for action.

By now you have probably determined the name of the remarkable librarian we are honoring. Let me offer these very descriptive phrases from the comments that appeared in the letters of nomination for this outstanding individual:

“Upon meeting her, I knew that I had found a valuable source of knowledge!”

“She can take a complex issue and turn it into easily understood information.”

“She is a strong, well-spoken advocate for libraries, able to talk about their importance to the communities they serve as well as the need to improve and stabilize library and system funding.”

Friends, colleagues, honored guests; it gives me great pleasure to present the distinguished recipient of the 2009 LDA Award for Excellence in Library Achievement, to a friend and colleague, the Director of the Nassau Library System,

Jackie Thresher



DIRECTORY

The 2009 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 2008 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 900 copies of this document have now been distributed and I am sure they are already getting much use.

The *Directory* honored the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Nassau County Library Association with a special cover logo.

Many hours of volunteer labor go into the process of sending out tearsheets 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).

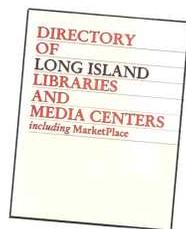
To offer suggestions for changes or to purchase copies of the *Directory*, contact Art Friedman, Editor-in-Chief, at 516-572-7883.

2009 NCLA Executive Board Meetings



June 5, 2009 *New Date*
July & August – No meetings
September 11, 2009
October 9, 2009
November 13, 2009
December 11, 2009
Installation Dinner – TBA

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place at NLS in Uniondale. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. and are held in the Andrew Geddes Meeting Room. All NCLA members are welcome to attend.



People in the News

On May 12th, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the North Merrick Public Library announced the appointment of *Thomas B. Witt* as Director of North Merrick Public Library. Mr. Witt is currently Assistant Director at the Garden City Public Library. He has previously served as Director of the Sea Cliff and Island Trees Public Libraries. Mr. Witt is active in various professional organizations. He will commence his new duties on or about June 8, 2009.

The Merrick Library welcomes *Marisa D'Agosto* as a full-time Librarian I. Marisa will be working in Reference, as well as staffing the Teen/Media desk.

Maggie Gough has been selected as the new Director of the Elmont Public Library. Maggie has been a librarian and educator for over 30 years. Maggie comes to Elmont from Island Park Public Library, where she was the Assistant Director. Prior to that, she was an academic librarian at Molloy (2005 - 2008) and Mercy Colleges (1993 - 2005). She has teaching experience both as a college professor and as a high school social studies teacher. To further prepare her for her duties as Library Director, Maggie recently completed the Long Island University Public Library Administrator's Certification Program.

Ellen Flynn, Senior Library Clerk, retired after 25 years from the staff of the Garden City Library. A surprise party was held in the Library's staff room to celebrate her last week of work before her retirement in April. A party attended by staff and family members was held in June in her honor.



The Garden City Public Library's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that *Carolyn Voegler*, PhD has been appointed Library Director effective April 30, 2009. Ms. Voegler comes to Garden City with an excellent background in library services. She was most recently the director of the Floral Park Public Library, where she was instrumental in providing library services to meet the varied needs of all library users. During her seventeen years working in libraries, Ms. Voegler has served as president of the Nassau County Library Association (2007-2008).

IN MEMORIUM

The Nassau Community College Library announces with sadness the passing of *Edith J. Forbes*, Professor Emeritus. During Edith's long tenure at Nassau, she headed the Reference Unit, and served terms as Asst. Director and Chairperson. Edith had a passion for children's literature and was a life-long member of NCLA's Children's Services Division. She was also an adjunct faculty member of the College's English department where she helped inspire students to her love of books for children.

A member of the adjunct librarian team at NCC, *Henry Grib* provided the College with more than 44 years of dedicated service to our students and faculty. Many of our colleagues may also remember the service that he provided to the developing minds at the Dutch Lane School in Hicksville. We honor his memory with this notice in the Newsletter.

In April 2009, news was received by NCLA that *Cynthia M. Johnson*, a long time NCLA member and the retired Elementary School District Librarian for the Oceanside School District recently passed away.

Library Briefs



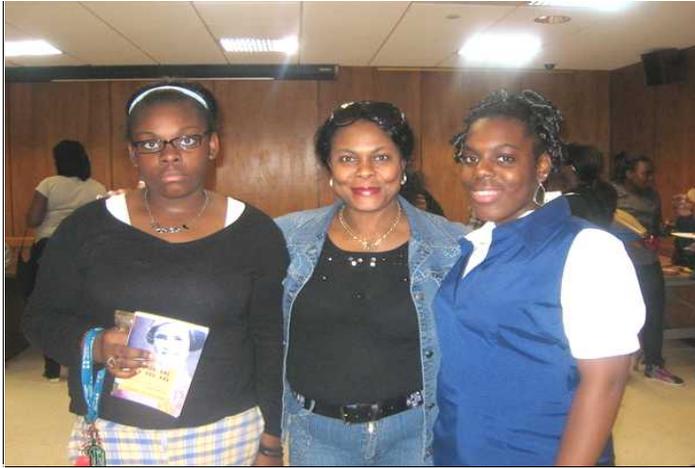
On April 19, 2009, the *Elmont Public Library* successfully ended its first "Food For Fines" program, to which there was an overwhelming response from the community! During National Library Week (April 13-19), library users were able to exchange non-perishable food items for outstanding overdue fines. For each item a patron donated, the library would waive one fine. During the course of the week, patrons donated what amounted to 20 boxes of food, totaling over 800 pounds, at Elmont's Main Library and its two Branches—far exceeding our expectations! All proceeds collected were donated to the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) in Hempstead, a volunteer-based organization committed to addressing the issues of hunger and homelessness on Long Island. Steve Harsch, Elmont staff member, spearheaded this worthy cause.

The *Garden City Public Library's* Third Annual *Cozy Up With A Good Book* Adult Winter Reading Club concluded with a Spring celebration, which was coordinated by Reference Librarians Laura Flanagan and Susan Nolan. The participants enjoyed getting together to discuss the books that they read during the winter at the Spring Brunch at the library. During the winter the participants filled out book review cards, which also served as raffle tickets. The tulip plants served as centerpieces and raffle prizes.

Elmont Public Library hosted David Houston, discussing *Wait Till Next Year* on April 27, 2009, with a captive audience of 54 patrons!

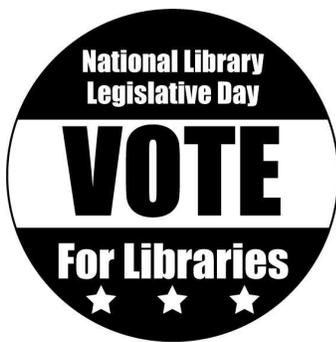
The *Henry Waldinger Memorial Library* in Valley Stream has initiated a Family Museum Pass Program, funded by a generous donation from the Valley Stream Cultural Affairs Committee. Their gift has enabled the library to purchase memberships to popular museums and sites such as the Long Island Children's Museum, the Cradle of Aviation, the American Museum of Natural History, the Children's Museum of Manhattan, the New York Botanical Garden, Old Westbury Gardens, the Paley Center for Media, the Nassau County Museum of Art, Clark Botanical Gardens, etc. for the next two years, after which the pilot program will be re-evaluated and look for additional funding.





(L to R): Cindy Bien-Aime, Mrs. Bien-Aime, & Edwina Bien-Aime

Uniondale Public Library and the Young Adult Services Department wishes to congratulate the 2009 Friends' of Uniondale Public Library's Scholarship winner, Edwina Bien-Aime. Edwina is a member of the Junior Friends' of Uniondale Public Library and a high school senior at Uniondale High School. She plans to attend a local college on Long Island.



LEGISLATION

Through the leadership of the Long Island Library Resources Council, a number of NCLA members participated in this year's

National Library Legislative Day by visiting with our congressmen and women in their local offices. We found this to be a more effective way of sharing our legislative needs and ideas with our representatives than making the six-hour trip to Washington, DC, where we might have only met with their legislative assistants.

Nine NCLA members met with Rep. Carolyn McCarthy at her office in Garden City Plaza and spent more than 40 minutes talking with her about our monetary and non-monetary issues. The leader of the team was Maureen Chiofalo, Director, Rockville Centre Public Library and Chair of the LILRC Legislative Committee.

Members of her team included: Robyn Gilloon (Lynbrook); Regina Mascia (West Hempstead); Andrea Meluskey (Shelter Rock); Trina Reed (Uniondale); Charles Sleaf, (Mineola); H. Maria Sysak (Baldwin); Carolyn Voegler (Garden City); and Arthur Friedman

(Nassau Community College).

Other teams met with Reps. Timothy Bishop, Steven Israel and Peter King.

Judging from the success of these visits, plans are already being made to replicate this event next year as well as add Rep. Gary Ackerman to our list.

*Arthur Friedman
Nassau Community
College*

When's My Ship Coming In?
Global Trends Affecting
Libraries
June 11, 2009
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Brentwood Public Library



Change is happening all around us. Some of that change will have an impact on what you do and how you do it at your library. Ms. Pollack will present an overview of current global trends and suggest ways to apply those trends to library service.

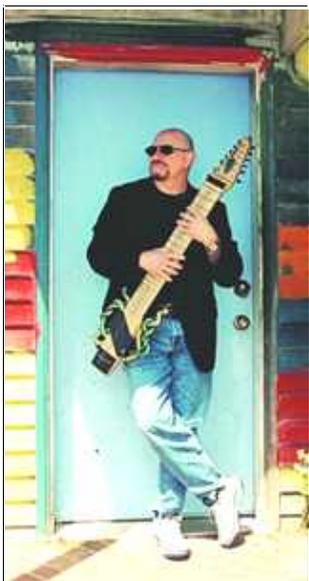
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**from the
Media Services
Division**



The Media Services Division presented "Community-Building with Annual Library Events: Long Beach Jazz Festival - A Case History" at the Long Island Library Conference on May 7, 2009. Guest speaker Steve Adelson, producer, organizer, and performer in the annual event was an instant hit with the large crowd, treating them to a short performance video, and fielding questions about "what went right and what went wrong" in the first six editions of the event.



Steve Adelson, Long Beach Jazz Festival, Producer and Performer

A large number of prizes were raffled off at the Media Services Division table at the Conference, including an admission ticket to Book Expo America, a Lexmark color printer, DVDs from Baker & Taylor, a basket of media from Books On Tape, and media from BBC Audiobooks America and Recorded Books.



The Media Services Division sold discounted tickets to this year's Book Expo America at the Javits Center in NYC. This first-time program was moderately successful and the Division will build on this year's success in the future.

*Michael Simon
MSD President*

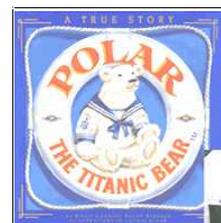
REMINDER

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

The NCLA Children's Services Division has had a busy spring. In March, we gathered at the newly-renovated Manhasset Public Library for a program about the Titanic given by Leighton H. Coleman III. He spoke to us about the journey his relative encounter on the Titanic, showed us artifacts from the journey, and showed us the original *Polar the Titanic Bear*.



James Howe was our guest author and speaker at the Long Island Library Conference. His program, "Write from the Heart," gave us all insight into why and how he picks material to write about. His love of writing, poetry, and humor shone through and enlightened us all. We were very fortunate to have James visit us and sign some of his popular titles.

Summer is fast approaching, and all Children's Librarians are busy preparing for our summer reading clubs, Be Creative @ Your Library.

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SCHEDULE OF DUES – Calendar Year 2009		
Salary:	0 - \$15,000	\$ 15.00
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Additional Divisions	3.00
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