

Nassau County Library Association
 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
 Nassau Library System
 April 12, 2013

In Attendance: Ed Goldberg, Elaine Cummings-Young, Laura Giunta, Art Friedman, Chris Marra, Mamie Eng, Peter Cirona, Barbara Mickowski, Rocco Cassano, Ken Bellafiore, Grace Palmisano, Susan Santa, Marcia L. Olsen, Jessica Tymecki, Bobbi Benigno, John Varrone, Deidre Goode, Danielle S. Apfelbaum, Jeffrey Feinsilver, Min Liu, Elizabeth Olesh.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Cummings-Young at 9:45AM.

I. Review and Approval of the Previous Minutes and Notes

- a. It was noted that Courtney Greenblatt and Dalal Fatoush's names were spelled wrong in the March 8, 2013 minutes. The misspellings were corrected.
- b. Mamie moved to accept the minutes from March 8, 2013. Art Friedman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report: Ed Goldberg

- a. Treasurer Ed Goldberg presented the April Treasurer's Report:

April Treasurer's Report

	<u>March 31. 2013</u>	<u>Feb. 28. 2013</u>
Checking Account		
Chase	\$ 526.34	\$ 526.34
TD Bank	<u>1,565.65</u>	<u>590.04</u>
	2,091.99	1,116.38
Savings		
Chase High Yield Savings Account	5,422.62	5,422.41
TD Bank Checking Account	<u>12,701.25</u>	<u>16,000.69</u>
	18,123.87	21,423.10
Chase Certificate of Deposit due 4/16/2013	<u>34,366.62</u>	<u>34,360.00</u>
	<u>\$ 54,582.48</u>	<u>\$ 56,899.48</u>
 <u>Special Funds</u>		
Intellectual Freedom/Civil Service		
TD Bank Money Market	\$ 10,402.54	\$ 10,400.77

NCLA Scholarship

TD Bank Money Market	\$ 30,417.83	\$ 30,310.95
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Continuing Education Grants

TD Bank Money Market	\$ 6,822.05	\$ 6,751.19
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Year to Date Income-thru March 31, 2013	\$21,142.34	
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Year to Date Expenditures-thru March 31, 2013	\$9,751.20	
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- b. Treasurer Ed Goldberg noted that income is starting to slow down and expenses are beginning to go up.
- c. NCLA was almost done with closing its Chase accounts.
- d. Marcia L. Olsen moved to receive the April Treasurer's Report. Peter Cirona seconded the motion. The April Treasurer's Report was accepted.

III. President's Report: Elaine Cummings-Young

- a. President Elaine Cummings-Young was able to get in contact with Alicia Sanchez, the Chair of the Recruitment and Scholarship Committee. Treasurer Ed Goldberg and Secretary Laura Giunta reached out to Queens College and St. John's University respectively about NCLA's scholarship, but President Elaine Cummings-Young did not know if there were any scholarship applicants yet.
- b. President Elaine Cummings-Young noted that the webpage is looking great and members have been putting up information about great programs on the listserv.

IV. DIVISION REPORTS**a. Academic & Special Libraries – Danielle S. Apfelbaum**

- i. The Academic and Special Libraries Division Executive Board met on March 1.
- ii. The Division's annual spring conference "Publish or Perish" will be held April 26. Conference brochures are available.

b. Children's Services – Marie Drucker (Absent)

- i. The Children's Services Division (CSD) Executive Board meeting was held on Monday, March 25, at the Manhasset Public Library. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 27, at the Malverne Public Library at 9:30 a.m.
- ii. The Children's Services membership drive is over and the division will soon be purchasing the iPad mini to award to one member who joined by the deadline.
- iii. The spring professional development session at the Cradle of Aviation is coming up on Wednesday, April 17. It will run from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and include a guided tour of the museum and hands-on examples on the Cradle's outreach programs. The cost is \$15 for NCLA members and \$20 for non-members.

- iv. As mentioned last month, the Children’s Division will have a table at the Long Island Library Conference (LILC), where they will have a few giveaways, including book lights, and themed baskets to raffle, including a *Downton Abbey* basket and a Jack Gantos basket.
- c. **Media Services – Grace Palmisano**
 - i. The Media Services Division is offering discounted tickets for Book Expo, which will be held May 29-June 1 at the Javits Center. Registration forms can be found on NCLA’s website and any questions can be directed to Grace Palmisano or Ed Escoffier at the Hicksville Public Library.
- d. **Programming & Public Relations – Dolores Nicholes (Absent/No Report)**
- e. **Reference & Adult Services – Jean King**
 - i. The Executive Board meeting of the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) was held Tuesday, April 9 at West Hempstead Public Library.
 - ii. The RASD table at the Long Island Library Conference will be offering several gift baskets and a digital picture frame as raffle prizes. They will have computer screen wipes as give-aways.
 - iii. The RASD speaker at the conference will be associate professor Claudia Perry from Queens College who will be presenting from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. on the topic “Public Library Services to Older Adults: Survey Results and Resources.”
 - iv. The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the West Hempstead Public Library.
- f. **Support Staff Division – Connie Stanga (Absent/No Report)**
- g. **Young Adult Services – Courtney Greenblatt**
 - i. The next YASD Executive Board meeting is on May 16 at Oceanside Public Library.
 - ii. The B.E.S.T. Award (Bringing Excellence in Service by Teens) committee is reviewing applications. The award will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference.
 - iii. The YASD Award for Excellence in Programming committee is accepting applications for this year’s award.
 - iv. YASD will have a table at the Long Island Library Conference. NCLA members were encouraged to stop by.
 - v. The annual YASD June Luncheon is on June 6 at the Hofstra University Club. Daryl Grabarek of *School Library Journal* is the guest speaker. Ms. Grabarek will be presenting “Apps for Teens.”

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Archives – Stuart Schaeffer (Absent/No Report)**

b. Civil Service – Ken Bellafiore

- i. The Civil Service Committee met on March 29.
- ii. Deidre Goode was named as the new member of the Civil Service Committee by NCLA.
- iii. The NCLA Civil Service committee met with the MLD side to discuss the agenda that they would like to move forward with.
- iv. The next Joint meeting will be held at April 26 at 9:30AM at NLS.
- v. The Civil Service committee will continue to look into the Librarian 1 and 2 exams, and looking at the matrices for scoring because they have received questions about them.
 1. There have been questions about the points that are awarded on the exams.
 2. Ken Bellafiore noted that one point of concern is that librarians with experience are not allotted additional points whereas people with a second masters are given additional points. The committee would like to see if librarians with experience can also receive additional points. Currently, six points are rewarded for a second masters. One suggestion is that maybe three points can be given for a second masters and three points can be given for experience.

c. Constitution & Bylaws – Maureen Chiofalo (Absent/No Report)

d. Continuing Education – Peter Cirona

- i. Curt Friechs, business librarian from SUNY Old Westbury, will be giving a presentation “Business Information for the Layperson: Part 1” on July 12 at 9:30AM at NLS in the Andrew Geddes room.
- ii. The Continuing Education committee is looking forward to Part 1, and plans to offer a Part 2 in September or thereabouts.

e. Directory – Art Friedman

- i. The directory will be finished and sent out to members soon.

f. Finance – Jan Heinlein (Absent/No Report)

g. Institutional Services – Amrita Madray (Absent/No Report)

h. Intellectual Freedom – Jeffrey Feinsilver

- i. Art Friedman discussed news articles relating to libraries at the meeting, some of which he brought copies to the meeting.
 1. One article was from [*Prepress Call to Action*] Freepress Action Fund dealing with the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA). This article is about a bill currently working its way through Congress about internet privacy.
 2. Another article was from *Info World* about cyber crime, including the repercussions of a suicide related to downloading from JSTOR.

(Cringely, Robert X. “Think cyber crime laws are bad now? Wait till you see the latest proposals. *InfoWorld*, April 8, 2013.)

3. There was a court hearing about MP3s. The major topic they were discussing was about the first sale doctrine and how libraries can weed collections of material they no longer need.
 4. *Publishers Weekly* February issue had an article called “Piracy Reality Check;” by Jenn Webb which argued that companies and publishers shouldn’t be fighting pirates, but instead work with issues that have arisen in the digital age. The article noted that sales have increased tremendously when publishers are not worrying about digital rights management.
 5. *E-content Magazine* had an article called, “My First Ebook: Why Physical Books Aren’t Going Anywhere” by Theresa Cramer.
 6. There was a ten page article in *Forbes* arguing that libraries are not going away and still have a major role to play in society. (Vinjamuri, David. “Why Public Libraries Matter: And How They Can Do More.” January 16, 2013.)
 7. There are a few censorship issues currently going on, mostly dealing with school libraries, such as with a complaint about the book *Persepolis*.
- ii. Jeffrey Feinsilver stated that there was a Copyright program held on April 4 where Baldwin Trustee Joseph Carroll spoke. About 6-8 people attended the program.
 - iii. There was a meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Committee on April 10.
 - iv. There were many submissions to this year’s Intellectual Freedom Essay Contest.
 - v. The Intellectual Freedom Committee will have a program at the Long Island Library Conference (LILC).
 - vi. Jeffrey Feinsilver highlighted news items pertaining to libraries.
 1. The Library of Congress’s report noted that copyright for sound recordings will not end until 2067. This may be disputed, since most copyrights expire in 99 years, while this would be 177 years.
 2. The decision made in the Supreme Court Case *Kurt Sang vs. John Wiley and Sons* upheld the first sale doctrine.
 - vii. The next meeting of the committee will be held April 17, in which the committee will mostly be judging essays that were submitted for the Intellectual Freedom Essay Contest.

i. **LDA Award – Marcia Olsen**

- i. The Committee for the LDA Award had two nominations and it was reviewing the nominations.

j. **Legislation – Frank McKenna (Absent)**

- i. Art Friedman noted that the New York State Assembly and Senate agreed to restore \$4 million to library funding. However, even with the additional

\$4 million, the funding is still short of the \$102 million that should be allocated to libraries.

- ii. Legislative appointments were being set up with federal representatives, including Carolyn McCarthy, Steve Israel, Tim Bishop, and Peter King.
- iii. Announcements will be sent by LILRC, but appointments have not been scheduled yet.
- iv. It was noted that federal work is ongoing, but that the sequester is going to hurt library funding, and a cut at the federal level will affect the New York State Library system.

k. Long Island Library Conference – Jessica Tymecki

- i. Registration is open for the Long Island Library Conference (LILC), which will be held May 2 at the Marriot in Melville, NY.
 - 1. Registration for LILC can be done online through NYLA's website this year.
 - 2. While there are no print registration forms this year, checks are still accepted.
- ii. Registration for LILC was up from last year at the same time.
- iii. There are 21 programs scheduled, which Jessica Tymecki noted was the most she has ever had since she has been on the committee.
- iv. There was a tasting for the food and it was good. The Marriott is all set for the conference.
- v. If there are any questions, members can contact Jessica Tymecki.
- vi. Registration for the conference starts at 8:00AM and the first program is at 9:00AM.

l. Membership, Promotion, and Mailing – Art Friedman

- i. As of April 11, there were 706 members of NCLA, but the morning of April 12 increased the number to at least 728 members.
- ii. Membership for Academic and Special Libraries, Children's Services, Media Services, and Young Adult Services were all up significantly.
- iii. Membership for Retirees was also up.
- iv. Membership for Friends of NCLA has done well as has the Support Division.
- v. Members are encouraged to let new people at their libraries or new graduates know to join NCLA.

m. Mentoring – Natalie Korsavidis (Absent/No Report)

n. NCLA Promotions

o. Newsletter – Mamie Eng

- i. The newsletter should be out before the LILC. Anyone who sent information about a program should see it in newsletter.

p. Nominations – Natalie Korsavidis (Absent/No Report)

q. Outreach – Lee Gundel (Absent/No Report)

r. Personnel Issues and Professional Concerns –Bobbi Benigno

- i. On April 23 from 9:30-10:30 at NLS, the Personnel Issues and Professional Concerns Committee will host the program “Discover the Best in Yourself: Your Career, Business, and Retirement.” Stan Broitman will be the speaker. The cost will be \$5 for NCLA members and \$15 for nonmembers.

s. Programs (Annual Dinner)/Fundraising – Chris Marra

- i. Plans were set for the annual dinner.
- ii. NCLA had a good turnout for the Islanders Game. Chris Marra thanked Frank McKenna for organizing the event. About 30 people went to the game.
- iii. NCLA has 50 seats for the Long Island Ducks game on August 23. The cost is \$15 per person. Those who are interested need to send a check by July 8. It is a Friday night game and starts at 7:00PM.

t. Recruitment & Scholarship – Alicia Sanchez (Absent/No Report)

u. Retirees – Bobbie Benigno

- i. There is a workshop for Retirees called “Introduction to Genealogy” to be held on April 16 at 9:30AM at NLS. 30 people are currently registered.
 1. Jean King is the speaker, who is also the head of RASD and teaches genealogy classes at Nassau Community College.
 2. The workshop is still open and costs \$1 for NCLA members and \$11 for nonmembers.
- ii. Bobbie Benigno will be away next month, but has contacted all 20 people in her committee via email.
- iii. On May 21 at noon there will be a committee meeting and lunch at Domenico's restaurant in Levittown. Individual checks are required and the meeting is RSVP only. An email was sent to the 20 people who are active members and then a general letter was sent on the listserv
- iv. June 11 from 10:00-12:00PM is Senior Tuesday. There is no fee for those over 62 years old. The event will be held at Long Island Museum in Stony Brook and include a free, self guided tour. Those participating must make their own travel arrangements as there will be no bus provided. The display includes the new Carriage Galleries. Lunch will follow at Pentimento Italian Restaurant where people will pay by separate check. The number of possible attendees at the museum is unlimited, but there is a limit of 20 at restaurant.
- v. In July, there are plans for a high tea but the date and place has yet to be determined.
- vi. In August, there is a pending local road trip.

- vii. On September 25 at 10:00AM, there will be a field trip to a Project Independence office in Roslyn Heights where Claudia Poglianich, Director of Outreach, will explain Project Independence and then take participants on a tour of resources available to seniors. There is a limit of 20 people and a luncheon will follow. Project Independence (P.I.) is a program designed to support residents 60 and over to continue to enjoy good health and a rewarding quality of life in their own homes and communities.
 - viii. On October 8, from 9:30-11:30AM at NLS, there will be a speaker from Project Independence who will discuss Paper Pruning, such as what documents to keep, what to throw away, how long to keep them and how to safe guard yourself from leaving a paper trail.
 - ix. In November, there will be a visit to the Nassau County Museum of Art Peter Max exhibit, although a specific date is not set. There will be a lunch to follow.
 - x. On December 10, at 9:30AM at NLS, there will be a Holiday Cookie swap
- v. **Statistics – Mamie Eng**
- i. *Statistics* will be converted to a Microsoft Excel document from a Microsoft Word document.
- w. **Webpage – Rocco Cassano**
- i. There are over 700 individuals subscribed to our email list, however, Rocco Cassano is currently moderating those with Yahoo accounts, meaning they have to be approved before posting on the listserv. This is because there is a trend of Yahoo accounts being targeted by hackers.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. **Long Island Library Resources Council – Min Liu**
- i. LILRC has several continuing education programs planned.
 1. On April 18, there will be a customer service program.
 2. On May 17, there will be a program called “‘Bringing Back the Funny’ – Using Humor in the Library.”
 3. On May 23, there will be a program called “Building a LibraryAware Community: The Value Proposition” which will focus on management and customer service.
 4. On June 7, there will be a program called “Pinterest for Libraries and Librarians” about the social networking site pinterest.
 - ii. Several webinars are available. Employees of LILRC member libraries can receive a \$10 discount. Members can register online using a credit card or Paypal.
 - iii. Art Friedman talked about the LILRC conference on “Libraries and the Future.”
 1. The LILRC conference currently has five speakers lined up.

2. There is very limited seating and so the conference can only register 125 people.
 3. The conference will be held in October over two days, October 24 and 25.
 4. The conference is for library leaders and those who aspire to be library leaders, but registrants do not have to be or become a director.
 5. It is a local scholarly conference, but on a scale of national conferences and is considered one of the best conferences to go to.
 6. Since it is a two-day conference, registration can be shared, meaning that one person from your library can go the first day and a different person from your library can go the second day.
- iv. LILRC has two new Samsung digital projectors to lend out to member libraries. One was already checked out.
 - v. Other technology LILRC lends out includes the Kindle, iPad, and tablets from Samsung and Nexus.
 - vi. Vice President Min Liu attended the “Computers and Libraries” Conference.
 1. Learned how libraries can integrate iPads as tools they can use, such as taking a photo of a document with the iPad, converting it to a .pdf file, and then emailing it to a patron. iPads can also be lent out to students and patrons.
 2. About 30 people from Long Island attended the “Computers and Libraries” Conference. Member libraries can get a discount for the conference through LILRC.

b. Member Library Directors – Frank McKenna (Absent)

- i. Ken Bellafiore said that the Member Library Directors are working on a fundraiser for Thursday, June 6 at the air museum in Farmingdale. There will be raffles, 50/50s, and tours. The cost is \$50 per person. Flyers will be coming out soon.
- ii. Bayville, Island Park, and Great Neck public libraries currently don’t have directors.

c. Nassau Library System –Elizabeth Olesh

- i. On April 10, NLS held a North Shore Reads book discussion. There was a full room.
- ii. J. R. Moehringer, the author of *Sutton*, will be at Old Plainview-Bethpage Library on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00PM.
- iii. There will be a Reader’s Advisory Virtual Program on April 24 and 25. The program is ALA and RUSA sponsored and will discuss doing reader’s advisory when you can’t read everything.
- iv. Elizabeth Olesh will be speaking at the LILC. Specifically, she will discuss the ALA Notable Book lists and how to become involved on the ALA Notable Book Committee

- v. In June, there will be a program/workshop about how to teach adults digital literacy. The program will be more advanced and will include time to share about best practices concerning digital literacy instruction.
- vi. The current Outreach Services Specialist at NLS is resigning so NLS is looking for resumes. Those who are interested can send a resume to Elizabeth Olesh.

d. Nassau BOCES School Library System – Carl Vitevitch (Absent)

- i. Art Friedman made it known that Eva Efron passed away this month after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Carl Vitevitch is probably acting director in her stead. Art Friedman noted that Eva Efron's passing is a major loss to the library community.

e. New York Library Association – Art Friedman (No Report)

f. Suffolk County Library Association – Tracy Van Dyne (Absent/No Report)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Art Friedman discussed how Nassau Community College served as a regional center for a Poetry competition, in which high school students select poems, memorize them, then interpret and present them to judges. Those who succeed at the local level, can then compete in the state level and then national level.
 - i. Seven schools were involved in this event, but there is potential for more schools to get involved next year. Art Friedman encouraged the members to get the young adults who visit the library to participate or to get the school districts involved.
 - ii. At the national level, winners of the contest can be awarded a \$20,000 scholarship.
 - iii. This year's judges at the local level at Nassau Community College included two Long Island poet laureates.
 - iv. By hosting the local competition at Nassau Community College, high school students from Nassau and Suffolk County do not have to travel to Brooklyn to compete.
- b. NYLA is sending a bus to Book Expo. On May 29 at Book Expo, there will be an event about future library technology. Information on NYLA's participation in BookExpo can be found on NYLA's website.
- c. Members were invited to look at giveaways after the meeting to help decide what will be used at the NCLA table during the LILC.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:59AM by President Cummings-Young.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Giunta
Secretary