

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that summer is here, I plowed through the last of my spring cleaning, including going through my NCLA folders and documents to make sure everything was in order. In doing so, I realized that I neglected to provide an overview of the results of the recent NCLA membership survey in these pages. Apologies!

We received 125 responses, 82% of which were from current NCLA members. While more responses would have been welcome, the number of respondents seemed to be on a par with our previous Civil Service survey, so we felt that people with strong feelings about membership were, indeed, making their voice heard.

Below, please find a summary of the questions that generated the most responses, and the issues/ideas the Executive Board will be exploring moving forward:

### What activity of NCLA provides the best value to you? (top three responses)

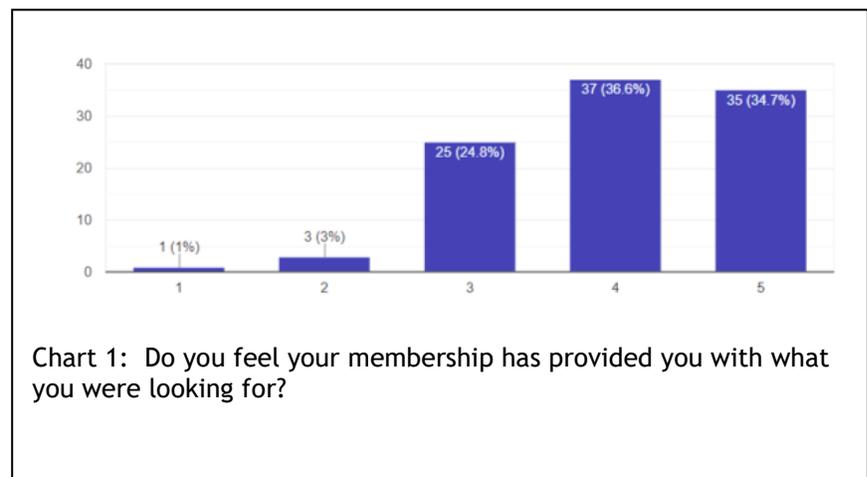
- CEU-Earning Workshops and Skills Building
- Networking to Build Relationships with Colleagues
- Career Growth through Knowledge Sharing and Job Postings

It was no surprise to learn that earning CEUs is at the top of most folks list when it comes to value. NCLA is committed to our members' ongoing professional education and will continue (and maybe even increase) our CEU-granting programs, across all divisions and committees.

The eye-opener here (at least for me) was seeing networking come in a close second! Our networking events have not been especially well-attended in recent years, so maybe this marks a swing in the right direction. If you have any ideas for the type of networking events you'd like to attend, please get in touch. We'd love your input!

### Do you feel your membership has provided you with what you were looking for? (on a scale of 1/strongly disagree to 5/strongly agree)

*See Chart 1 for the survey results.*

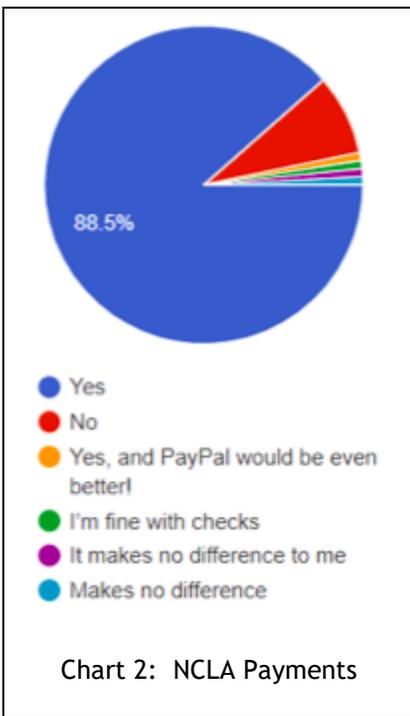


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While we’re pleased that over 70% of respondents answered that they agree or strongly agree NCLA is meeting their expectations, there’s clearly room for improvement here. No one should feel that their membership is unproductive or not worth the cost. Improving member satisfaction will be one of our primary goals in the months and years to come.

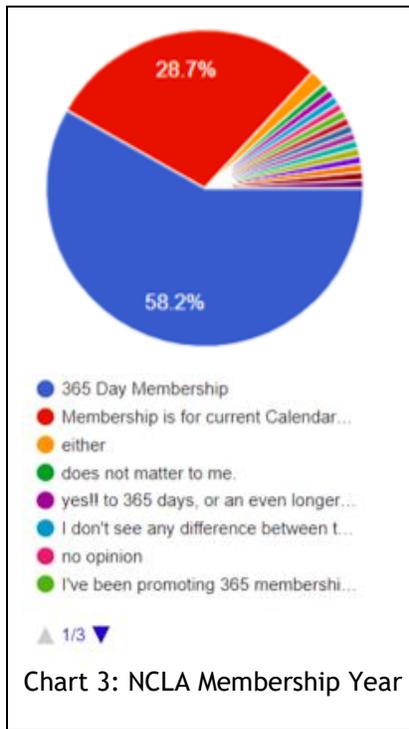
**If it were to become available, would you support the ability to pay for membership, event registration, and other activities with a credit card?**



We got the message! I’m happy to report that we’re already exploring options that will make online membership/registration a reality. Of course, we have a lot to consider - including the privacy

of everyone’s financial information - so while I strongly believe that this will happen sooner rather than later, it will still take time to vet possible platforms, configure the best one to work the way we need, and put it into action. Please be patient and know that we’re working behind the scenes on this one.

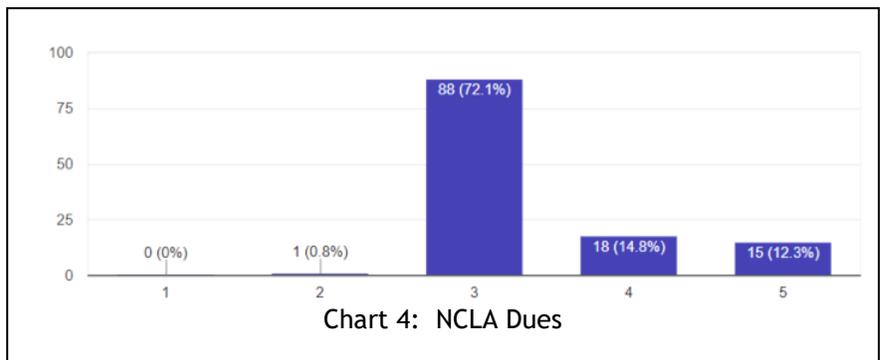
**If it were to become an option, would you support making membership last 365 days? Or do you wish to leave membership as lasting the calendar year?**



This question attempted to ascertain whether it would be preferable to keep all memberships on a calendar year schedule (everyone is up for renewal on January 1<sup>st</sup>, regardless of when they joined during the year) or whether membership should be on a rolling basis (if one person joins June 1<sup>st</sup>, they’re membership ends on May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year; if another person joins on October 15<sup>th</sup>, their memberships ends on October 14<sup>th</sup> of the following year). What we heard was that the rolling option would be preferred (and many of you made individual comments about it, which is why there are so many tiny slices on the pie chart). Instituting this would mean a sea change in how NCLA handles membership and will require a thoughtful strategy. It’s not something that we can make happen immediately, so as I mentioned above, be patient while we explore how best to approach any such change.

**I feel that membership dues pricing is (sliding scale: 1/too low to 5/too high).**

See Chart 4 for survey results.



It seems that most folks feel we're right on target when it comes to dues, but we're always looking for ways to make fees more equitable for our diverse membership.

**I feel that event fees are (sliding scale: 1/too low to 5/too high):**

See Chart 5 for survey results.

Again, according to respondents, event fees are where they should be - neither too low, nor too high. I think that result circles back to the question asking what's valuable about an NCLA membership: members pay \$15 less per program/event than non-members. So, depending on your membership level, even if you only attend 3 or 4 events per year, you've saved more than your membership cost (and probably earned valuable CEUs in the process). So, is joining NCLA worth it? You bet!

**What one area would you like NCLA to focus on in the upcoming year? (top five answers listed)**

- Civil Service
- Professional Development/Skills Building
- Management/Leadership Training
- Online Membership/Registration/Resources
- Networking/Social Opportunities

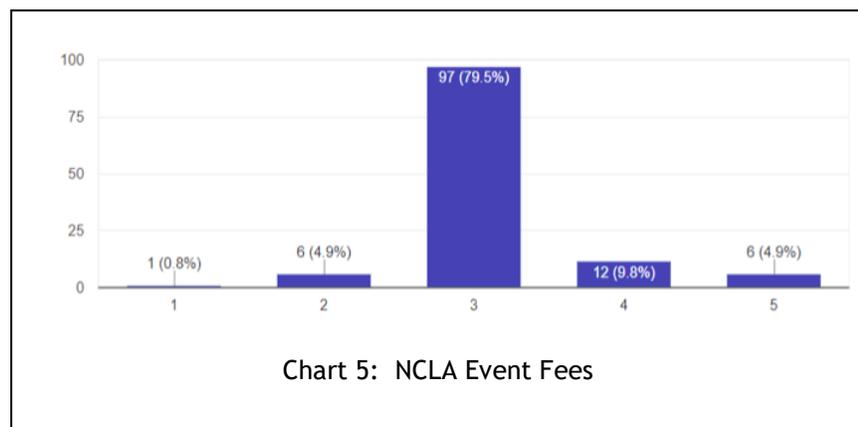
As expected, Civil Service, with all its new changes, is a concern that NCLA needs to continue addressing. The joint NCLA/MLD Civil Service Committee has worked diligently to connect with Martha Krisel (Executive Director of Nassau County Civil Service) and her staff and to establish an ongoing relationship. Thanks to their efforts, I now firmly believe that NCLA will have a permanent seat at the table to discuss proposed changes, information updates, and

suggestions regarding Civil Service. On the education front, we're off to a great start, having had Librarian Exam prep sessions and Civil Service Profile workshops, hosting over 150 attendees looking for the latest information. We look forward to presenting more information and prep sessions as we learn further details about what Civil Service has in store for library workers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey! Again, please know that the Executive Board has heard you, and we'll be exploring options to make NCLA more relevant, more interactive, and more user friendly as we look toward the future. And it bears repeating that meaningful change doesn't happen overnight, so be patient with us and know that we are working hard to ensure the organization reflects the needs of its members.

If you missed the survey, it's not too late! I'm always excited to engage with current and future members. Please email me ([vacklin@bellmorelibrary.org](mailto:vacklin@bellmorelibrary.org)) and let's talk about how NCLA can serve you better!

**Valerie Acklin  
2019 NCLA President**





Nassau County Library Association  
Media Services Division



NCLA Media Services Division

invites you to enjoy live musical performances

which kick off

“Shorts on the Beach”  
Long Beach International Film Festival

**Friday, August 2, 2019**  
6:00 p.m. - Live Musical Performances  
9:00 p.m. - Short Films Begin

Beachfront at Allegria Hotel  
80 West Broadway  
Long Beach, NY 11561

**IMPORTANT**  
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There will be a section of approximately 30 seats cordoned off for NCLA members.  
First Come, First Seated. Bring your own snacks. No registration necessary.

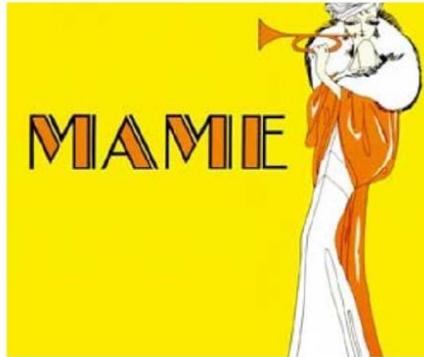
Contact NCLA MSD President Camille DiPietro at [cdipietro@longbeachlibrary.org](mailto:cdipietro@longbeachlibrary.org) for further information.

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NCLA RETIREE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES

**Dinner/Theater on August 14**

**Westbury Manor,  
1100 Jericho Tpke, Westbury, NY  
12 noon lunch, 1:15 showtime  
*Arrival time 11:45***



Tickets go on sale May 28.  
Any reservation with incorrect payment will be returned and name placed on waiting list.

Fifteen reservations have been made.  
As tickets are expected to sell quickly, it is strongly suggested to submit the form promptly, along with your check.

RSVP by July 25 to Bobbi Benigno at [dottiebobby@yahoo.com](mailto:dottiebobby@yahoo.com).  
Mail checks, along with your info below, to Elly Arnost

\_\_\_ NCLA Member \$48

\_\_\_ Non-Member \$63

All monies are non-refundable

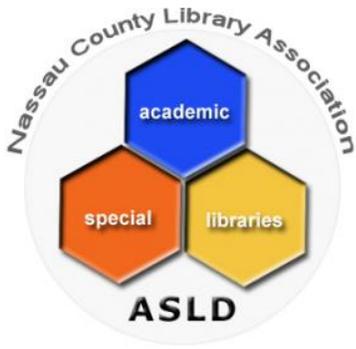
Please enclose a check made payable to **NCLA**.  
Mail to: **Elly Arnost, 101 Margaret Blvd., Merrick, NY 11566**

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We hope everyone had a great time at this year's Long Island Library Conference. ASLD sponsored three programs on great topics that included special collection internships, free family research resources, and Queer support and visibility. If you could not attend, most of the presentations are available on the Conference website.

ASLD is planning some great events for the fall and spring, so keep checking our site for details. If there is any topic you're interested in hearing about or if you are interested in getting involved with ASLD, please contact Alexandra Janvey at [alexandra.janvey@liu.edu](mailto:alexandra.janvey@liu.edu).

**Alexandra Janvey**  
**2019 ASLD President**

On May 3, 2019, the Academic and Special Libraries Division partnered with LILRC and SCLA DASL to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Herb Biblo Academic Libraries Invitational. It was a great day of networking and presentations on Rethinking Spaces and Services, Using VR in Art Instruction, and Content Gamification. We plan on doing another Academic Libraries Invitational next year around the same time so keep an eye out for details.

## NCLA NEEDS YOU!!!

NCLA is looking for an enthusiastic individual interested in being our liaison to LILRC. The primary responsibility of the liaison is to work closely with LILRC to organize the Advocacy Day bus. Advocacy Day is one of the most important events of year, and without transportation, we can't ensure a critical mass of librarians on site in Albany, to make our voices heard and make sure our libraries are funded.

The liaison also assists LILRC in planning the Legislative Breakfast, which is held in the fall and represents another opportunity for us to speak with our local representatives about issues facing libraries, as well as show our appreciation for their support. This is important work at a time when we desperately need to strengthen relationships with our elected officials and restore the critical funding necessary for Nassau libraries to serve our communities (not to mention, it's also a great way to show professional involvement on the Civil Service exam!). Please consider helping out! Feel free to reach out with questions or to throw your proverbial hat into the ring.

Thanks in advance,

**Valerie Acklin**  
**2019 NCLA President**



Fabio Montella, Assistant Professor of Library Services at Suffolk Community College, gives his presentation on VR Art Instruction at the 5th Annual Herbert Biblo Academic Libraries Invitational on May 3, 2019.



NASSAU COUNTY LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER &  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

# Save the Date

6:00 - 10:00 PM

**THE CORAL HOUSE**

70 Milburn Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510

CONTINUOUS OPEN BAR • CRUDITE • HOT  
BUTLER STYLE HOR D'OEUVRES • BUFFET  
DINNER • DESSERT • ICE CREAM BAR •  
DANCING WITH DJ ROB OF PACE  
ENTERTAINMENT • RAFFLE BASKETS • LOTTERY  
TREE • INSTALLATION OF THE 2020 NCLA  
OFFICERS

**\$50 NCLA MEMBERS**

**\$65 NON MEMBERS**

Come support your Division and the newly installed  
Executive Board of NCLA!

# Intellectual Freedom Committee of NCLA

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual “Freedom to Read” Essay/Art Contest

### 2019 Winners and Finalists

The reception for the winners and finalists was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Westbury Memorial Public Library. Contestants received a Certificate of Recognition, and winners also received a Barnes & Noble gift card.

#### Essays - 7 to 9 yr. old

- **Winner** - Natalia Elsigany / Lee Avenue School, Hicksville (Anne of Green Gables - Book)
- **Finalist** - Mackas Kneski/ Lee Avenue School, Hicksville (The Little Red Hen - Fable)
- **Finalist** - Shreya Thomas / East Street School, Hicksville (Nest - Book)

#### Essays - 10 to 12 yr. old

- **Winner** - Jubilee Kim / Floral Park - Denton Avenue Elementary School (Clementine and the Spring Trip - Book)
- **Finalist** - Saoirse Feerick / Long Beach Middle School (Rain, Reign - Book)
- **Finalist** - Anna Goldhirsch / Stewart Manor School (Awkward - Book)

#### Essays - 13 to 15 yr. old

- **Winner** - Jillian Chang / Great Neck South Middle School (All the Bright Places - Book)
- **Finalist** - Aidan Din / Great Neck South Middle School (Hugh Glass, Mountain Man - Book)
- **Finalist** - Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School (The Book Thief - Book)

#### Essays - 16 to 18 yr old

- **Winner** - Cate Conway / Long Beach High School (Looking for Alaska - Book)
- **Finalist** - Ava Kennedy / Island Trees High School, Levittown (The Great Gatsby - Book)
- **Finalist** - Jennifer Malone / W. C. Mepham High School, Bellmore (Avengers: Infinity War - Movie)

#### Art - 7 - 9 yr. old

- **Winner** - Sebastian Staron / Lee Avenue School, Hicksville (Spider-Man - Into the Spider-Verse - Movie)
- **Finalist** - David Abbott / Lee Avenue School, Hicksville (Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief - Movie)
- **Finalist** - Jaden Chae / Lee Avenue School, Hicksville (Dog Man - Book)

#### Art - 10 - 12 yr. old

- **Winner** - Grace Rosenstein / Lee Avenue School, Hicksville (iCarly - TV Show)
- **Finalist** - Rutvi Joshi / Lee Avenue School, Hicksville (Nightmares! The Sleepwalker Tonic - Book)
- **Finalist** - Kiara Molina / Smith Street School, Uniondale (My Hero Academia - Book)

#### Art - 13 - 15 yr. old

- **Winner** - Katherine Kruger / W. C. Mepham High School, Bellmore (Winnie the Pooh - Book)
- **Finalist** - Sakin Ahmed/ New Hyde Park Memorial High School (Frozen - Movie)
- **Finalist** - Annabelle Chan / New Hyde Park Memorial High School (Little Red Riding Hood - Book and Movie)
- **Finalist** - Yiluo Zhang / New Hyde Park Memorial High School (Snow White - Book and Movie)
- **Winner** - Sabrina Wang / New Hyde Park Memorial High School (To All the Boys I've Loved Before - Book and Movie)
- **Finalist**- Cynthia Park / New Hyde Park Memorial High School (Little Red Riding Hood - Book and Movie)

Congratulations to all the winners and finalists!

*Jeffrey Feinsilver*  
Intellectual Freedom  
Committee Contest  
Chairperson

Presentation of the

**2019 LDA Award for Excellence in Library Achievement**  
at the  
**44th Annual Long Island Library Conference**

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

**May 9, 2019**

It is my honor to make the presentation of the LDA Award to a deserving member of the Long Island Library community. To begin this year's event, I offer, on behalf of LDA Publishers and the Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations, a thank you to the members of this year's bi-county award committee for their work in soliciting nominations and selecting a nominee. The committee was co-chaired by Paula Bornstein of the Lindenhurst Memorial Library and Catherine Barretta, an independent librarian.

In 1977, Mr. Andrew Ippolito, a past-president of NCLA, former Director of the Merrick and Lindenhurst libraries, founder of LDA Publishers, and Director of the Newsday Library, created the **LDA Award for Excellence in Library Achievement** to call attention to the importance of libraries and those who provide a special value to the libraries of Long Island. The award criteria are published in the *Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers*. Although my remarks will be limited, I will try to highlight some of the accomplishments that are part of our honoree's years of distinguished service in the advancement of libraries and librarianship.



Prof. Arthur L. Friedman presents LDA Award to Matthew Bollerman at the Long Island Library Conference on May 9, 2019.

As I read through the nominating materials, the thoughts that struck me in describing this individual were: innovator, advocate and visionary. For the past few years, I have noted that our honoree also represents what I call the 4 "Cs" of librarianship - collaboration, cooperation, communication, and community.

Many of our colleagues have had the opportunity to build or expand their libraries during their term of office as director of the institution. They have worked with their boards of trustees and architectural firms to create beautiful structures reflecting traditional values. Today's honoree believes that the hallmarks of a great library building include providing a healthy setting for

the library staff as well as the public, leveraging technology to make sure that the library is energy efficient, and providing space so that the library can meet future needs that may be only figments of the imagination. Welcoming and accepting input from the community is a key concept towards building a facility that the community will enjoy and continue to use.

Libraries are frequently the last thing that our state legislators think about when they are negotiating the New York State budget. The annual mid-winter trip that librarians take to Albany helps to put the issues in front of our legislative leaders, however, much work needs to take place in quiet meetings and at other gatherings. The New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC was created more than 15 years ago to provide additional avenues for legislative advocacy. However, individual donations from members of the library community didn't provide sufficient funding for it to have much effect. On one of those Albany trips, our honoree said, "Why not do a fundraiser?" This simple idea has evolved into the Annual PLDA Golf Outing, winery tours, raffles and dinner, and has been emulated in Nassau County through other events. It is estimated that more than \$150,000 has been raised to benefit the PAC and by extension, our library programs.

Since the 1930s, a core value of librarianship has been intellectual freedom. Our honoree stepped up to this challenge when taxpayers challenged the content of a library program and CBS News New York came calling. Perhaps we should all take to heart the comment that he offered: "...we are not here to judge the universe of thought." By this comment, I am reminded of the wisdom and principles of Raganathan. I understand that this was not the only time that he has faced this type of controversy and he stood tall, strong and proudly to defend our values.

Many of the nominators mentioned that our honoree is a visionary. We have seen that vision recognized by NYLA in the creation of the Sustainability Initiative, the founding of the ALA Sustainability Round Table and now by ALA Council as it has amended the Core Values of Librarianship to include this concept as a direct result of his advocacy. I would suggest that members of this audience acquire a copy of the *NYLA-SI Road Map to Sustainability*, gain an understanding of its principles and use it in their libraries with the communities that they serve.

There is much more that can be said about this individual who has the traits emblematic of an Eagle Scout, hardworking, smart, ethical, loyal, compassionate, courteous, helpful, etc., is always prepared to share his knowledge and experience with others, and is ready to continue leading the field of librarianship into the future.

I am only surprised that he didn't bring a few kegs of his home-brewed beer to help us celebrate this recognition with him.

I know that the nominators have given us a candidate who is very much deserving of being the winner of this year's LDA Award. Please join me in congratulating the 2019 LDA Award recipient, a past-president of the New York Library Association and the Suffolk County Library Association, an outstanding librarian and library leader. The Director of the Hauppauge Public Library

### Mr. Matthew Bollerman



## RASD Update

The Reference and Adult Services Division held a successful and very well attended program at the Long Island Library Conference on May 9, 2019, titled "How to Implement Things When People Hate Change" with speaker Jason Griffey. We also had success fundraising with our table raffles, thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

Our June 20, 2019 program was held at The Merrick Library with Carol Fitzgerald from [bookreporter.com](http://bookreporter.com) who was back to give librarians a preview of the hottest upcoming books.

[bookreporter](http://bookreporter.com)

Please contact [jfirer@bethpagelibrary.info](mailto:jfirer@bethpagelibrary.info) if you have any questions or suggestions on how NCLA RASD can better serve you.

*Josh Firer*  
*RASD President*



### Change of Address

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



### JOIN TODAY!



## Long Island Library Conference Thursday, May 9, 2019



NCLA Vice-President James Hutter sells raffle tickets at the NCLA Table.



Conference Keynote Speaker Dave Isay shares stories from StoryCorps at the Long Island Library Conference.



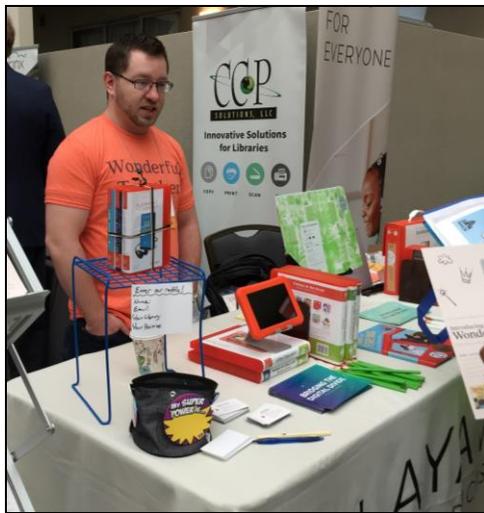
Min Lu welcomes conference goers to the LILRC Table.



Maryanne Linehan at the Children's Services Division Table.



(L to R) Connie Stanga, Dalal Fatoush, and Ilene Reif at the Support Staff Division Table.



↑↑↑ Aaron Rinehart displays launchpads, Wonderbooks, and other devices for Findaway at the Long Island Library Conference.



Brian Nielson at the Penguin Random House table. ⇄⇄⇄



(L to R) NCLA PR/Programming Division President Roseanne Dorfman with guest speaker Laura Winnick at “From A to Zine.”



2019 Long Island Library Conference Chair Stacey Mencher welcomes attendees at the conference luncheon.



(L to R) Camille DiPietro and Natasha Drax at the NCLA Media Services Division Table.



(L to R) Ken Bellafiore, Mamie Eng, Dalal Fatoush, Honorable Judge Elizabeth Dalal Pessala, and Jeanette Nicoletti at the conference luncheon.



Fabulous prizes at the NCLA Pop Culture Committee table.



Busy exhibit hall at the conference.



The NCLA Emerging Librarians Committee, along with the NCLA Computers and Technology Committee, will be hosting a “**Tech Petting Zoo and Brew**” event that will be taking place at the Port Washington Public Library on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

We are looking for libraries to participate by showing off one or two technologies that new and current librarians should be excited about! *Have you been doing something cool at your library? Now's the time to show it off!*

Afterwards, we will be going to Finn MacCool's Restaurant next door to the library for a “networking” event (meaning: have a drink or two with colleagues and talk shop).

If you are interested in participating, please respond to either [elibrarians@gmail.com](mailto:elibrarians@gmail.com) or [hutterj@pwpl.org](mailto:hutterj@pwpl.org) off list.

Thank you!

***The Emerging Librarians & Computers and Technology Committees***

## A CONVERSATION ABOUT DIVERSITY



(L to R) Dr. Lambert Shell (Roosevelt), Kaysha Watson-Phillips (Baldwin), Triina Reed (Levittown), Mamie Eng (Valley Stream), Richard Ashby Jr. (Yeadon Public Library, PA), Michelle Samuel (Oceanside), Elizabeth Olesh (Baldwin), and Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel (Uniondale).

The NCLA Library Staff of Color Committee held its inaugural program on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the Roosevelt Public Library, “A Conversation about Diversity.” This timely discussion featured a panel of accomplished directors from area libraries:

Richard Ashby Jr.  
Yeadon Public Library, PA

Mamie Eng, Henry Waldinger  
Memorial Library  
(Valley Stream)

Trina Reed  
Levittown Public Library

Dr. Lambert Shell  
Roosevelt Public Library

The discussion was moderated by Elizabeth Olesh, Director of the Baldwin Public Library.

After brief introductions and discussions based on questions from the moderator, the panelists answered questions from the audience. Based on the positive feedback regarding the program, the committee is planning additional programs and welcomes suggestions and volunteers.

***Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel  
Michelle Samuel  
Kaysha Watson-Phillips  
Co-chairs  
Library Staff of Color  
Committee***

## Update from the NCLA PR/Programming Division



Long Island Harmonica Club Band



He-Bird, She-Bird



Patrick Patrone, Elvis Tribute Artist

The NCLA PR/Programming Division's Performers Showcase, held on April 10, 2019, was a huge success! It was a jam-packed day with over 46 performers and presenters. There was something for everyone and the attendees had a lot of fun and booked many new programs for their libraries.

The PR/Programming Division hosted "From A to Zine" at the Long Island Library Conference. Presented by librarian and zinester Laura Winnick from the Blue School, we learned all about what a zine is, how to make one, have a zine program, and how to create a zine library. There were many questions and a lively discussion.

I invite NCLA members involved in PR and programming to become active in the division. Contact Roseanne Dorfman at [programs@whplibrary.org](mailto:programs@whplibrary.org).

**Roseanne Dorfman**  
**NCLA PR/Programming**  
**Division, President**



## News from the Support Staff Division

Unruly Patrons - You be the Judge! ... This was our program at the Long Island Library Conference on May 9, 2019 at the Melville Marriott. The Honorable Judge Elizabeth Dalal Pessala, who is also a librarian, gave a lively speech on how to deal with difficult people in our libraries. With her many years of experience as a judge and a librarian, she was very informative and gave good tips. There was standing room only for this program!



Honorable Judge Elizabeth Dalal Pessala speaks at Support Staff Division program at the Long Island Library Conference.

At our Association Table in the exhibit hall, we spoke with people from different libraries from across Long Island. Due to this year's theme "Libraries Light the Way!", we had a raffle for a solar-powered outdoor lighthouse (won by Laura Giunta of the Garden City Public Library) and another raffle for a London Fog piece of luggage (won by Ilona Syan of the East Meadow Public Library).

We are busy support YOU! We have a seat on the NCLA Civil Service Committee and are working to make the support staff's voices heard. Be on the lookout for a survey sent by Jody Brower (Support Staff Vice President) asking for your input. Please return the survey promptly.

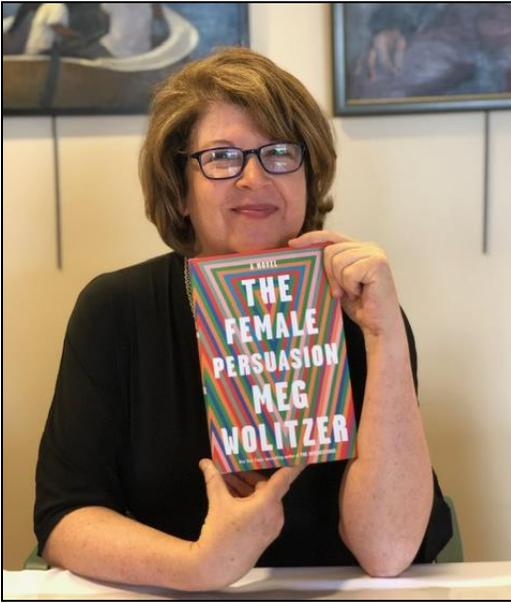
We are working on our annual bus trip for September. Details to follow. Contact me if there are any programs you would like to see us plan.

**Connie Stanga**  
*NLCA Support Staff President*  
[cstanga@eastmeadow.info](mailto:cstanga@eastmeadow.info)



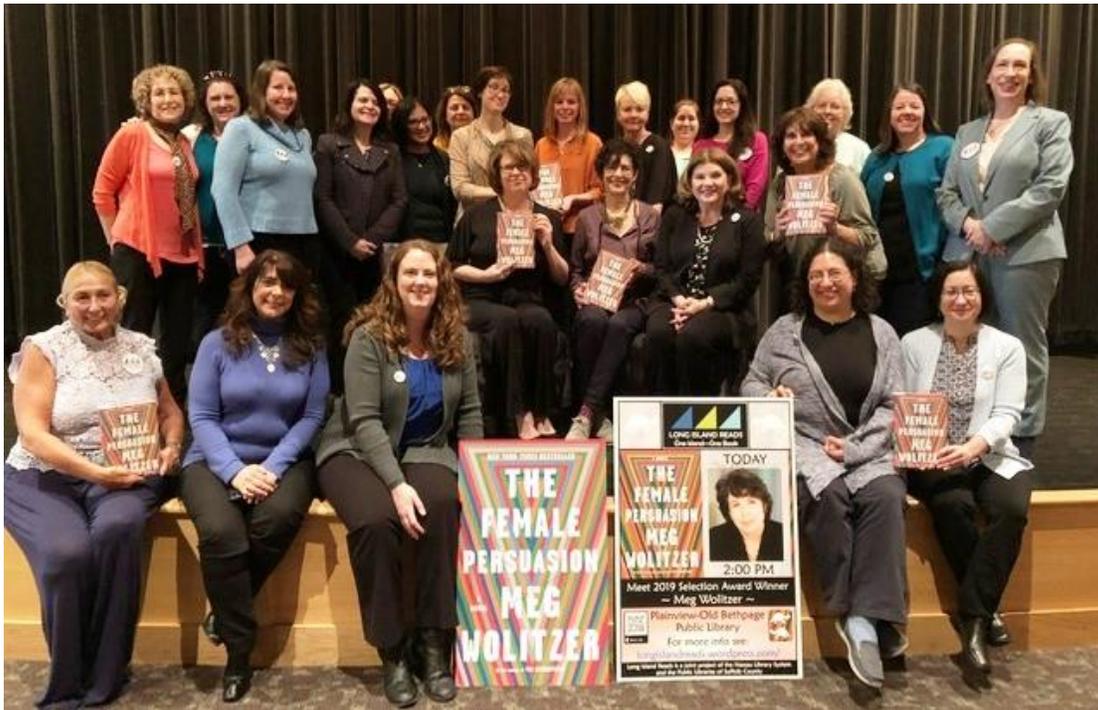
NCLA Support Staff Division Board Members with the Honorable Pessala.  
(L to R): Cathy Cincotta, Dalal Fatoush, Elizabeth Dalal Pessala, Connie Stanga, Jeanette Nicoletti, Tricia Smith-Duhaney, Clare Badke, Ilene Reif

## 2019 Long Island Reads Is Success!!!



An enthusiastic and appreciative audience enjoyed the 2019 Long Island Reads Selection Award event for *The Female Persuasion*, held on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at Plainview Old Bethpage Library.

Author Meg Woltizer grew up in Syosset and regularly visited both her home library and POB as a child. During her remarks, Meg was joined on stage by her mother, fellow Syosset author, Hilma Woltizer.



Nassau librarians pictured: Ellen Getreu, Hewlett-Woodmere; Deborah Kinirons, Uniondale; Nicole Sherer, Nassau Library System; Lois Buonagurio, Plainview Old Bethpage, Ann Gilmartin, Levittown; Jackie Rinaldo, Syosset; Janet Schneider, Peninsula; Karen Shaw-Widman, East Meadow; Marcia Olsen, Levittown (Retired); and Sally Stieglitz, LILRC.

## IN MEMORIAM

In early July 2019, Baldwin Library Director Elizabeth Olesh had the sad task of reporting on the passing of **JOSEPH J. CARROLL**, who was a devoted trustee of both the Baldwin Public Library and Nassau Library System for many years. Joe was a strong advocate for public libraries and especially intellectual freedom.

This is a tremendous loss for the entire library community. Joe's knowledge of copyright law and his willingness to teach others, his advocacy for libraries, but most of all, his humanity were assets to our community that cannot easily be replicated. He was a loyal member of the Nassau County Library Association from his early days as a trustee to the end.

## REMINDER

Have you renewed your membership to NCLA for 2019? Renew your membership for:

- Member rates to continuing education and networking opportunities.
- Free copy of 2020 Directory of Libraries and Media Centers (with payment of dues - \$25+up).
- NCLA Listserv.
- NCLA Newsletter.
- Career and professional development.

## People in the News

Longtime Reference Expert **ROSEMARIE BARATTA** has retired from Peninsula Public Library. Rosemarie was an amazing storehouse of information and will be greatly missed. She previously was the Director of the Island Park Public Library.

**NICOLE SCHERER** has been appointed Assistant Director of the Nassau Library System. She previously served as the Outreach and Engagement Manager at NLS.

The Board of Trustees of the Malverne Public Library has appointed **CAROL LAGOS** as Library Director. She succeeds **MARIANNE KOBBE** who retired in May 2019. She had 32 years in public service, serving as Malverne Library Director, as Head of Reference at the Baldwin Public Library for many years, plus as librarian at several other libraries in Nassau County.

**TRACEY SIMON** has been appointed the director at the Westbury Memorial Public Library. She previously was Assistant Director at the Hewlett Woodmere Public Library and Director at the Floral Park Public Library.

The Baldwin Public Library Board of Trustees has appointed **KAYSHA WATSON-PHILLIPS** as Assistant Director. She previously was Youth Services Librarian at the Levittown and Freeport libraries. Watson-Phillips is a Co-Chair of the NCLA Library Staff of Color Committee.

## 2019 NCLA BOARD MEETINGS

The dates for the NCLA Executive Board meetings are as follows. They will take place at NLS starting at 9:30 a.m. All members are always welcome to attend.

September 13, 2019  
October 18, 2019  
November 8, 2019  
December 13, 2019

## TD Bank Affinity Program

NCLA Treasurer Cara Howfield would like to remind NCLA members about NCLA's relationship with TD Bank and its "**Affinity Program**" for new and existing members.

Basically, if you plan to open a new account at TD Bank (or already have an account), *TD is willing to give a contribution to NCLA as a part of their "Affinity Membership Program."*

Read the TD Bank Affinity Program brochure available at the NCLA website at <https://ncla.info/ncla-executive-board/raise-money-ncla/> or talk to a TD representative for more information.

**NCLA Affinity Code is AH176**

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## Announcements from the NCLA Health Services Committee

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) is partnering with WebJunction to facilitate a four-week online course for public librarians on Wikipedia health and medical information, to be offered this coming fall!

Wikipedia is a go-to resource for health and medical information, not just for the general public but for health care providers as well. Over 50% of physicians, and 94% of medical students use Wikipedia to find medical information on the internet. It may be popular, but library staff want to know how reliable it is and how to assess quality on behalf of their patrons. The National Network of Librarians of Medicine (NNLM) supports strengthening the ability of public libraries nationwide to find reliable and authoritative medical and health information online for information seekers.

Hear how Liz Waltman from the NNLM connects with WikiProject Medicine, an organization of volunteers dedicated to developing, maintaining, and promoting accurate medical information on Wikipedia.

Learn about the upcoming online training program Wikipedia + Libraries: Health and Medical Information that will empower you to confidently guide your patrons to reliable resources on the internet. The free four-week course will be offered in the fall of 2019.

Join the NHLM for a webinar on August 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM ET to learn more about the upcoming course, and the importance of improving health and medical information on Wikipedia.

<https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/why-wikipedia-matters-for-health-and-medical-information.html>



Are you interested in having a NNLM Reading Club in your library?

What is the NNLM Reading Club?

It's a selection of "ready-to-use" book titles along with free and downloadable materials designed to help libraries support the health information needs in their communities. Through the fun and intimacy of a book club, readers will discuss health and wellness topics important to them and their loved ones as well as discover NIH National Library of Medicine consumer health resources.

Here is a link to more information: <https://nnlm.gov/all-of-us/nnlm-reading-club>

**Jeanne Strausman**  
**Chair, Health Services**  
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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The NCLA Website Committee will no longer be posting non-NCLA events (bus trips, author visits, etc.) to the NCLA Listserv, NCLA website, or on NCLA's Event Keeper. The goal is to keep the NCLA Listserv specific to NCLA events and matters, or other significant news in our field. The only exceptions to this policy are job postings, and important events from partner organizations (such as NLS, LILRC, SCLA, NYLA, METRO, and ALA).

Non-NCLA events will only be shared through NCLA social media pages. In addition, we urge everyone to promote non-NCLA events through Staff Exchange [staffexchange@nassaulibrary.org](mailto:staffexchange@nassaulibrary.org).

**NCLA Website Committee**

## 2019 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The revised 2019 deadlines for the NCLA Newsletter are:

Summer 2019	August 2, 2019
October 2019	September 13, 2019
December 2019	November 15, 2019
Year-In-Review	January 10, 2020

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