

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This time last year, I was thinking about the future of NCLA and what the Executive Board's focus might be for upcoming 12 months. The list was long! One area, though, stood out: membership. NCLA is only as strong as our members, and one of the keys to our ongoing success is an active, informed, and engaged membership.

We started the year in a very good place, in terms of membership. This was due largely to the Herculean efforts of our Membership Chairperson, **Art Friedman**. Art's knowledge and leadership is invaluable in so many areas of NCLA, but maybe nowhere as much as membership. Almost single-handedly, he has maintained our records, sends welcome letters to new and renewing members, collects dues, and constantly updates our printed roster of members (to name just a few of his responsibilities). It is no small task to accomplish all this and there simply aren't enough superlatives to heap upon Art for all that he does.



As Vice President James Hutter and I compared notes about where we wanted NCLA to go this year, and how we hoped to lead it there, we realized that continuing to strengthen our membership was essential. It also became clear that innovations in how we handle membership could help NCLA grow, evolve, and better serve Nassau County library workers.

To find out where we should concentrate our efforts in updating membership policies and procedures, we asked members and non-members alike for input. The survey we sent out this past spring asked folks to weigh in on a number of aspects of membership - from methods for joining/renewing to the relative value of our dues. The feedback we received was thoughtful and varied, but, overwhelmingly, respondents told us that the ability to manage membership online and pay dues electronically was of paramount importance.

Well, I'm happy to report, that the NCLA Executive Board has now acted upon those comments. At our November board meeting, we voted to move ahead with adopting Wild Apricot, the membership platform that we have been looking into these past few months.



Wild Apricot will provide users with an easy, electronic avenue for managing memberships. As we launch this new platform, here's a peek at what it can provide:

- A fully automated and customized application process that is web-based and mobile-friendly
- Immediate membership confirmation and renewal notification
- Safe and secure credit card payment options
- The capacity for members to check their membership status at any time
- Automatic renewal (for those who want it)
- Protection of Executive Officer, Division Officer, Committee Chairperson, and general membership contact information

Of course, none of these changes are going to happen overnight. As James assumes the NCLA presidency, NCLA will begin to slowly roll out Wild Apricot. And rest assured that, should you not wish to take advantage of online membership options, NCLA will still be accepting paper membership forms and payment by check, just as we have always done.

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But if you are as excited about Wild Apricot as I am, and are looking forward to the expanded opportunities it will provide, perhaps you would like to play a part in its implementation? The Executive Board has created an ad hoc committee to help get the new platform up and running, and we are looking for people to actively help us make the transition. If **you'd be interested, please don't** hesitate to contact James (hutterj@pwpl.org). **It's a great** time to get involved!

As I end my term as NCLA President, I want to thank the Executive Board, Division Officers, and Committee Chairs for a great year, with a special thanks to Vice President James Hutter for stepping in whenever needed.

I hope you will take advantage of the professional development opportunities, continuing education programs, and networking events that will be offered by NCLA next year, and you will consider taking an active role in the association by serving on a division board, working on a committee, and attending the Long Island Library Conference and the numerous programs offered by NCLA.

Valerie Acklin
2019 NCLA President



JOIN TODAY!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our 2019 membership year officially ended on December 31, 2019, and NCLA has recorded the names of 841 active members. Unfortunately, membership files contain the names of at least 200 individuals, institutions and vendors who have permitted their membership to lapse.

NCLA has the potential to reach the 1,000-member mark in 2020. It has done it in the past, and NCLA can do it again!

We want to remind our members that if you know a soon-to-be library school graduate, this is a perfect time to **"gift" a membership**. Help them learn that as members of our community that should also be members of our association. If you know someone who can **find a "home" in NCLA, now is a** good time to provide that individual with a membership in NCLA.

Institutional membership continued to be strong, and in 2019, 59 organizations and four vendors of various types decided that they needed to belong to the Association.

NCLA's leadership encourages the membership to offer ideas for increasing our membership, as well as helping to promote NCLA to new members of library staff, library school students, and others who could benefit from participation in the many activities that the Association provides throughout the year.

Be sure to join NCLA in 2020 so it can reach and even surpass the 1,000-member mark!

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The NCLA Computers & Technology Committee is set to meet on Monday, February 3, 2020, 9:30 am, at the Syosset Public Library.

The agenda includes:

- Census Update - How are libraries planning to tackle the technical needs required for assisting patrons with Census 2020?
- VR Halloween Program Idea - Great Neck recently created a VR Halloween Experience. They will be sharing details of that successful program.
- Hotspots - **What's the latest in the** world of Hotspots and Hotspot lending?
- KnowBe4 Phishing Test Software - What are libraries using to test their vulnerability to phishing & ransomware?
- Streaming Video Games & Game Lending Solutions for Libraries - What are libraries doing to provide video games to their patrons?
- OPEN Q&A - Bounce questions off of the group or share recommendations on new products & solutions. An open forum.

Please consider joining us for this Round Table Discussion.

James Hutter
Technology Librarian
Head of Computer Services

Library Advocacy Day

Wednesday, February 27, 2019



Assemblymen Edward Ra (AD#19) and John Mikulin (AD#17) join Senator Michael LiPetri (SD#9) at the Library Rally on Library Advocacy Day.



Senator John E. Brooks (SD#8) meets with library directors, staff, and trustees on Library Advocacy Day.



Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages (AD#22) speaks at Library Advocacy Rally.



Library staff, trustees, advocates, and supporters rally in the Well on Library Advocacy Day.



Library staff, trustees, advocates, and supporters meet with Assemblyman John Mikulin (AD#17) to discuss library funding needs.

Long Island Library Conference

2020 A Vision For The Future



Register Jan 1, 2020!

We are delighted to announce that author, literary critic, and "America's Librarian," Nancy Pearl, will be the keynote speaker for the 2020 Long Island Library Conference at the Melville Marriott on May 14th, 2020.

Nancy Pearl regularly speaks about the importance and pleasure of reading at libraries, literacy organizations, and community groups around the world. She can be found on NPR's Morning Edition and other news outlets talking about

her favorite books. Among her many honors are the 2011 Librarian of the Year Award from Library Journal and the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association. Nancy is the creator of the internationally-recognized program *If All of Seattle Read the Same Book*, and was the inspiration for the Archie McPhee "Librarian Action Figure."



Nancy is, first and foremost, a reader and has spent her life promoting reading as one of the most beneficial and joyful experiences anyone can have.



Take advantage of early bird pricing through March 6, 2020!

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>Regular</u>
NCLA & SCLA members*	\$60.00	\$70.00
Non-member	\$80.00	\$90.00
Student	\$30.00	\$40.00
Same Day Registration	\$120.00	

*Membership will be verified

[To register, please visit https://libconference.org/registration](https://libconference.org/registration)



THE NCLA STORE IS OPEN

You can now sport the NCLA logo on everything from T-shirts (Men's & Women's) to Hoodies (Men's & Women's) to Car Magnets to Baby Onesies to Dog Clothes ... and so much more! We've added plenty of quirky, fun items too! The NCLA Store is managed by CafePress, and NCLA's portion of the profits goes back to the organization. Be sure to browse through the collection, and please consider making a purchase to help support NCLA!

Go to the NCLA Store at <https://www.cafepress.com/ncla> or from the link on the NCLA website (ncla.info).



LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY

Tuesday, February 25, 2020



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support for NCLA remained strong in 2019 as a total of 59 institutions and 4 vendors joined for the first time or renewed their affiliation with NCLA. We hope that your library will be on the list in 2020.

Academic Libraries

Adelphi University
Molloy College
Nassau Community College
NY College of Osteopathic Medicine

Public Libraries

Babylon Public Library
Baldwin Public Library
Bayville Free Library
Bellmore Memorial Library
Brentwood Public Library
The Bryant Library (Roslyn)
East Meadow Public Library
East Rockaway Public Library
Elmont Public Library
Farmingdale Public Library
Franklin Square Public Library
Freeport Memorial Library
Garden City Public Library
Gold Coast Public Library
Great Neck Library
Hempstead Public Library
Henry Waldinger Memorial Library (Valley Stream)
Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library
Hicksville Public Library
Hillside Public Library
Island Park Public Library
Jericho Public Library
Lakeview Public Library
Levittown Public Library
Locust Valley Library
Long Beach Public Library
Lynbrook Public Library
Malverne Public Library
Manhasset Public Library
North Bellmore Public Library
North Merrick Public Library
Northport-East Northport Public Library
Oceanside Library

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library
Peninsula Public Library
Plainedge Public Library
Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library
Port Washington Public Library
Rockville Centre Public Library
Roosevelt Public Library
Sea Cliff Village Library
Seaford Public Library
Shelter Rock Public Library
Syosset Public Library
Uniondale Public Library
West Hempstead Public Library
Westbury Memorial Library

Special Libraries

Newsday, Inc. Library

Library Systems

Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Library System
Long Island Library Resources Council
Nassau Library System
Nassau School Library System
Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Associations

Great Neck Library Staff Association
LI Association of Jewish Libraries

Vendors

Enviroscience Consultants, Inc.
Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman, LLP
OSI Technologies
Sandpebble Builders, Inc.

*Arthur Friedman
2019 Membership Chair*



Long Island Library Conference Thursday, May 9, 2019



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



Maryanne Linehan at the **Children's** Services Division Table.



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



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



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

Children's Services Division Highlights

The NCLA Children's Services Division, headed by Jaclyn Kunz of the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library, had a busy year in 2019. They approved a new logo for CSD to promote their activities.



A Facebook book discussion group was established so librarians could share and discuss various titles throughout the year.

Children and young adult author Elizabeth Eulberg was the CSD featured speaker at the Long Island Library Conference in May. She spoke to a standing room only audience about her favorite books as a child, including the Betsy-Tacy books by Maud Hart Lovelace, *Little Women*, and the Sweet Valley High books.

On November 18, 2019, the Children's Services Division held a Bobwhite Quail Incubation Workshop with a presentation by Ranger Eric of the Center for Environmental Education and Discovery to learn about hatching Bobwhite Quail at the library.



CSD continued its outreach program with volunteers sharing popular children's book and distributing free books to children at various Head Start facilities in 2019.

On October 31, 2019, the division held its Annual Installation Breakfast at the Heritage Club in Bethpage. Author and social worker Caron Levis (author of *Ida, Always*) was the guest speaker, covering questions on how to field questions on loss and tough topics from both parents and children.

Congratulations to the incoming 2020 CSD Board:

President - Rosemarie Birofka
 Vice-President - Erin DeMarco
 Recording Secretary - Jessica Carruba
 Corresponding Secretary - Meghan Fangmann
 Treasurer - Stephanie Montesanto
 Director - Maryanne Linehan
 Director - Catherine Barretta
 Immediate Past President - Jaclyn Kunz

The next CSD Board Meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020, 9:30 am, at the Nassau Library System, and all NCLA members are invited to attend.

Jaclyn Kunz
 2019 CSD President

TD Bank Affinity Program

NCLA members are reminded to enroll in the TD Bank Affinity Program, if they are opening 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

For more information, contact:

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 Elmont Public Library
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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.

34th Annual Legislative Breakfast

Sponsored by the Long Island Library Resources Council & the Nassau County Library Association

Friday, October 4, 2019
Nassau Library System



Assemblyman Edward P. Ra (AD#19) pledges his continued support for libraries in 2020.



Assemblyman John K. Mikulin (AD#17) speaks of his support of libraries since he was an Island Trees Library Trustee.



(L to R): Leo Meyers, District Representative for Senator Todd Kaminsky (SD#9), with Valley Stream Library Board President Marie O'Connell.



(L to R): Franklin Square Trustee Bill Youngert, Valley Stream Trustee Mario O'Connell, Hewlett-Woodmere Assistant Director Cathi Nashak, Franklin Square Trustee Carl Gerrato, Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages (AD#22), Elmont Trustee Natasha Warburton-Welch, Elmont Trustee Livingstone Young, Valley Stream Children's Librarian Jaclyn Kunz.



(L to R): Seaford Director Frank McKenna and Assemblyman David G. McDonough (AD#14).



(L to R): Hempstead Director Irene Duszkievicz and Assemblywoman Taylor Raynor (AD#18).



***Nassau & Suffolk YASD
Annual Joint Meeting***
**Serving Teens
with Special Needs**

Thursday, February 27th, 2020

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Massapequa Public Library - Bar Harbour Building
40 Harbor Lane, Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Learn some best practices for working with teens with special needs from a panel of librarians featuring **Christa Lucarelli**, Assistant Director of the Farmingdale Public Library, **Michael Ambrosio**, Special Needs Coordinator at the Oceanside Library, **Kristina Holzwelss**, Educational Technology Enrichment Specialist from the Syosset High School Innovation Lab, and **Evangelina King**, School Media Specialist & **Kathleen Wegner**, Special Education Teacher, from the Massapequa High School Ames Campus.

Topics discussed will include how schools and school libraries engage their students, how libraries can support school curriculum and behavior plans, how public libraries can build and support sensory friendly environments, and how public library programs can be made more inclusive to teens with special needs.

CEU's will be awarded

Registration for Nassau and Suffolk YASD Annual Joint Meeting, 2/27/2020

\$10 for NCLA/SCLA members. Non-member fee is \$25.

Please make checks payable to NCLA.

Name: _____

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**Please return by February 24, 2020 to Jennifer McHugh, Wantagh Public Library,
3285 Park Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793 (516) 221-1200**

Reference & Adult Services Division – A Look Back at 2019

The NCLA Reference and Adult Services Division began 2019 with a successful program on March 26, 2019, at the Bethpage Public Library called "Adults Read Comics Too." Panelists Lenora Ashford, Caryn Emde, and Shazia Naderi shared their deep knowledge of comics and graphic novels.



In May, NCLA RASD cosponsored with the Suffolk RASD, "How to Implement Things When People Hate Change" at the Long Island Library Conference. Jason Griffey, a current Affiliate at metaLAB at Harvard and a former Fellow at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, addressed an audience of over 125 attendees. The RASD table at the conference drew many visitors, and \$535 was raised from its raffle.

In June, RASD sponsored a reader's advisory program with Carol Fitzgerald from bookreporter.com coming back to Nassau County to give librarians a preview of the hottest upcoming books.

bookreporter

On October 2, 2019, the Reference & Adult Services Division held its Annual Breakfast at the Syosset Public Library. Riley Sager, a well-known author of thrillers, was the guest speaker.



Members of the RASD Board with author Riley Sager (third from left) at the Annual Breakfast on October 2, 2019.

The Reference & Adult Services Division ended 2019 with a **"Library Programming Unconference,"** co-sponsoring it with NLS and the NCLA PR/Programming Division on December 3, 2019. Brynna Tucker, Senior Manager of Innovation, Strategic Planning from Brooklyn Public Library, shared **"Tips to LOVE Your Job."**

Congratulations to the incoming 2020 RASD Board:

President - Stacey Mencher
Vice-President - Donna Burger
Recording Secretary - Christine Talio
Corresponding Secretary - Christine Talio
Treasurer - Patricia Marino
1-Yr. Director - Maggie Rusch
1-Yr. Director - Stephanie Dwyer
2-Yr. Director - Cynthia HoSang
Immediate Past President - Josh Firer

Josh Firer
2019 President

**DIRECTORY
OF
LONG ISLAND
LIBRARIES
AND
MEDIA CENTERS
2019**

DIRECTORY

The 2019 *Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers* was successfully published and distributed to qualifying NCLA members (paid dues of \$25.00 or more in 2018) and others who ordered a copy.

NOTE: Work on the 2020 edition is now beginning, and Catherine Barretta, James Mantegna, Cathi Nashak and Robert J. Weiss have joined the committee to create this valuable publication. Additional volunteers are requested. Contact Art Friedman, at 572-7401 x 26028, if you would like to learn about this NCLA publishing venture!

Arthur Friedman
Directory Editor

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NASSAU COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Coral House
Thursday, November 21, 2019



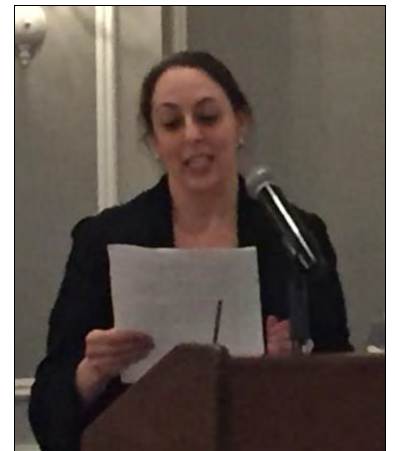
2020 NCLA Executive Board and Division Presidents at the Installation of Officers.



James Hutter is installed as 2020 NCLA President.



(L to R): Master of Ceremony Frank McKenna and
Dinner Co-Chair Christina Marra



2020 NCLA Vice-President Emily Trezza gives Farewell
Speech for 2019 NCLA President Valerie Acklin
who was unable to attend Annual Dinner.



(L to R): 2019 NCLA Education Grant Winners Faith Kenney (Henry Waldinger Memorial
Library, Valley Stream), Michelle Samuel (Oceanside Library), and Nadine Spano
(Oceanside Library). Alice Robinson (Bryant Library) also received a grant but was not
able to attend the Annual Dinner.



(L to R): Michael Reed (Elite Construction of NY, Dinner Sponsor), Trina Reed (Leviittown),
MaryAnn Tweedy (Massapequa), Arthur Friedman (Nassau Community College), Christina
Marra (Oceanside), James Hutter (Port Washington), and Frank McKenna (Seaford).

Another Banner Year for the Support Staff Division



2019 Support Staff Division Executive Board at the Annual Open House.

The NCLA Support Staff Division began 2019 with Microsoft Word training classes in February, and then they offered several additional classes throughout the year for the benefit of its members.

The Annual Open House was held on March 26, 2019, at the Farmingdale Public Library, which featured a local theatre group performing **"American Dating Catastrophes"** and delicious food from Borrelli's.



American Dating Catastrophes

In April, the NCLA Support Staff Division held an **"East Meets West Roundtable"** with members from the Support Staff of the Suffolk County Library Association. It gave staff members from both counties an opportunity to meet to discuss common problems and issues, and more importantly, to network.

In May, the Support Staff Division sponsored the program, **"Unruly Patrons - You Be the Judge!"** at the Long Island Library Conference. Judge/Librarian Elizabeth Pessala was the guest speaker, and she gave practical suggestions on how to effectively deal with challenging library patrons.



Judge/Librarian Elizabeth Pessala at the Long Island Library Conference.

The Support Staff Division also had an association table at the conference with fabulous giveaways and a most appropriate raffle prize for this **year's conference theme** (Lighting the Way) - a solar powered lighthouse plus London Fog luggage.

The Support Staff Division Annual Roundtable Meeting was held at NLS on October 23, 2019. The panelists were Ken Bellafiore (Freeport), Mamie Eng (Valley Stream), Chrissy Hirsch (East Meadow), James Hutter (Port Washington), Diane Miller (NLS), and Nicole Scherer (NLS). A variety of issues were discussed including the resource sharing code, i-Types, holds, civil service, and delivery problems.

In November 2019, the Support Staff Division Annual Fall Trip was to the Westbury Manor where members had a delicious luncheon and then saw the show, **"Guys and Dolls,"** at the Manor. Since there was no bus provided, members met at the Manor on their own without any problems.



Congratulations to the incoming 2020 Support Staff Division Board:

President - Jody Brower
Vice-President - Tricia Smith-Duhaney
Secretary - Clare Badke
Treasurer - Carol Santillo
Past-President - Connie Stanga

*Connie Stanga
2019 President*

NCLA Library Staff of Color Presents: NYLA, Civil Service & You!

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

9:30AM - 12:00PM

Nassau Library System

*900 Jerusalem Ave,
Uniondale, NY 11553*



Join us for a lively discussion on NYLA's impact on you, the New York State Civil Service system and the field of librarianship.

Presenters:

Claudia Depkin (NYLA President-Elect, NYLA's Civil Service Task Force, and Director of Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library), Mamie Eng (Director of Henry Waldinger Memorial Library) and, Jeremy Johannesen (NYLA Executive Director).

\$5 for NCLA/SCLA members and students. \$20 for non-members.

Please make checks payable to NCLA.

CEUs will be awarded for completing the time period

Return by January 31, 2020 to Kaysha Watson-Phillips
Baldwin Public Library
2385 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510

Name: _____

Library: _____

MANY THANKS TO NCLA CONTRIBUTORS

FUND DONORS

NCLA's Education Grant

Fund continues to grow as members express their concern for the future by contributing to this program. The following individuals and organizations made donations totaling \$768.50 to the NCLA Education Grant Fund Account in 2019:

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In 2019, the following individuals and organizations made donations totaling \$1277.50 the NCLA Scholarship Fund Account (also known as the Andrew Ippolito Scholarship to support the education of future librarians:

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We thank all our donors for their support of NCLA scholarship activities.

Arthur Friedman

PR/PROGRAMMING DIVISION – YEAR IN REVIEW



Long Island Harmonica Club Band performs at the Performers Showcase.

On April 10, 2019, NCLA PR/Programming Division held its Performers Showcase at the Roosevelt Public Library. Library programmers and staff had the opportunity to preview numerous musical acts, to speak demonstrations, and to network with speakers and performers. Because of the amount of work and preparation needed to hold the Performers Showcase, this event is held every other year, so look forward to the next showcase in 2021.

The PR/Programming Division hosted *"From A to Zine"* at the Long Island Library Conference in May 2019. Presented by librarian and zinester Laura Winnick from the Blue School, the audience learned all about what a zine is, how to make one, how to have a zine program, and how to create a zine library. There were many questions and a lively discussion.

The 2019 year ended with the **"Library Programming Unconference"** in December which the PR/Programming Division co-sponsored with NLS and the NCLA Reference & Adult Services Division.

The incoming 2020 PR/Programming Division Board is as follows:

President - Mamie Eng
Vice-President - Roseanne Dorfman
Secretary - Yolanda Phillips
Treasurer - Maryellen Cantanno
1-Yr. Director - Tony Iovino
2-Yr. Director - Marialisa Arnold
Immediate Past-President - Roseanne Dorfman

*Roseanne Dorfman
2019 PR/Programming
Division President*



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



Library Advocacy Day 2020

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Join your friends and colleagues on a bus trip to Albany to meet with state legislators.
It's more important now than ever before!



Advocacy Day in Albany!

It's time for NCLA's annual Advocacy Day bus trip to Albany! We need as many library advocates as possible to communicate to our legislators the importance of libraries in New York State.

Travel to Albany and spend a memorable day with your friends and colleagues. You'll be surrounded with lively conversation, camaraderie and a sense of achievement.

The trip begins on a luxury motor coach. Bring a beverage of your choice and we'll provide the bagels with all the trimmings.

During the trip you will be given briefing packets which will include the schedule with assigned times to meet with our legislators and additional backup information regarding the legislative issues important to our Long Island libraries. To be even more informed, attend a prep session at the Nassau Library System.

We'll meet at "the well" in the Legislative Office Building (LOB) and participate in the main event - the big rally!

Why should I participate in Advocacy Day?

Library supporters from across the state will be heading to Albany to speak with our legislators about the importance of libraries and how they are a crucial part of New York's education system.

Our communities need people like you (library staff, trustees, volunteers, users, and Friends groups) in Albany on Advocacy Day to help our legislators understand that libraries are a funding priority.

Your personal experiences are powerful. Share your stories about how the library impacts the lives of its community members and why your library needs stable funding.



You can make a difference.

Your presence in Albany matters.

NYLA's 2020 Agenda

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Libraries are Education - Increase State Aid to \$200 Million statewide.

Library Construction Aid - Increase investment in the Public Library Construction Aid Program to \$75 Million statewide.

Equal Access – require all school districts to employ a certified school library media specialist in elementary and secondary schools.

Share an experience that supports these points:

Libraries Are Education

Libraries teach early literacy skills in an environment dedicated to creativity and free inquiry.

Libraries remain open after schools have closed for the day, week, and school year.

Libraries are often a sole source of free tutoring and homework help.

Libraries provide adults access to free lifelong intellectual enrichment including those who could not afford college.

Libraries are the leading digital literacy instructors in New York State.



Sandwiches, beverages, and dessert will be served on the trip back.

AND... THIS TRIP IS 100% FREE!

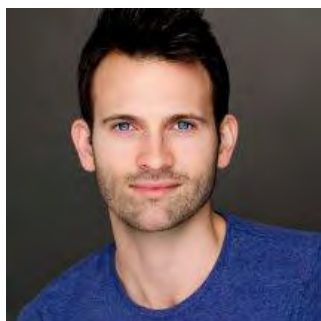
Register ASAP – See announcement on the NCLA Webpage @ ncla.info.

YASD Year-In-Review



Young Adult librarians began the year with the Joint Nassau & Suffolk YASD February Meeting, on Wednesday, February 14, 2019, at the Patchogue-Medford Library. Suffolk County Police Officer, Nancy Ward, presented a "PoliceSmart Cyberbullying Workshop," which focused on cyberbullying, social media posting, sexting, and identity theft.

NCLA YASD was pleased to sponsor/co-sponsor two programs at the Long Island Library Conference in May. At the first, Michael Crouch gave a stellar presentation about audio books and his process as a narrator.



Michael Crouch is an Audie Award-winning actor who has earned multiple Earphones Awards from *AudioFile* magazine for his book narrations.

The second program at the Long Island Library Conference featured two Youth Service Librarians, Margaret Capobianco from Rockville Centre Public Library and Georgina Rivas Martinez from South Huntington, at a presentation on "Teen Volunteer Programming."



Georgina Rivas Martinez talks about recruitment and the importance of training of teen volunteers.

Also, at the conference YASD was happy to give the Nassau B.E.S.T. Award to a well deserving teen, Athena Allen, from Uniondale Public Library. She was recognized for her outstanding service and her "Music with Athena" program.



Athena Allen receives the 2019 Nassau B.E.S.T. Award at the Long Island Library Conference.

The YASD June Brunch was held on Friday, June 14, 2019, at the Nassau Library System and featured a panel of school librarians from Syosset High School, including SLJ School Librarian of the Year, Kristina Holzweiss, as well as Youth Services Librarian, Sharon Long from Syosset Public Library to speak about collaboration between school and public libraries.

The final program of the year was the YASD Installation Brunch on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at the Syosset Public Library. The guest speaker was acclaimed YA Author Tiffany Jackson.

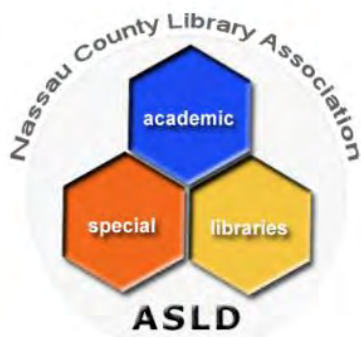


The 2020 YASD Board will be:

President - Lisa Zuen
Vice-President - Rosann Podias
Recording Secretary - Caroline Lynch
Treasurer - Jennifer McHugh
Immediate Past President - Janice Cosenza

Janice Cosenza
2019 YASD President

Academic & Special Libraries Division Wrap-Up



The NCLA Academic and Special Libraries Division had a great year in 2019. Prior to the Long Island Library Conference, it held in conjunction with LILRC and SCLA DASL, the “5th Annual Herbert Biblo Academic Libraries Invitational” on May 3, 2019, at the Molloy College, Suffolk Center. This year’s conference was officially changed to the “Herbert Biblo Academic Libraries Invitational” in memory of former LILRC Director Herbert Biblo.

The speakers for the conference were:

- Jason Byrd, Associate Dean of Research and Academic Services, Adelphi University Libraries, who spoke on **“Rethinking Spaces and Services: Building a Single Service Point at Adelphi University Libraries.”**
- Kristen Cinar, Reader Services Librarian, Suffolk County Community College /Ammerman Campus, who presented **“Content Gamification: Educational Games that Yield Informative Results.”**
- Fabio Montella, Assistant Professor of Library Services, Suffolk County Community College, who discussed **“VR Art Instruction: Transformative Learning and Enhanced Creativity through the Use of Virtual Realities.”**

The Academic & Special Division also presented two programs at the Long Island Library Conference in May - **“Collection Internships: Expectations, Disappointments and Responsibilities”** and **“The Quiet Solidarity of National Coming Out Day through Queer Storytelling and Coffee.”**

The 2020 Academic & Special Libraries Division Executive Board will be:

President - Victoria Pilato
Vice-President - Lorraine Botros
Recording Secretary - Lisa Errico
Treasurer - Educardo Rivera

Alexandra Janvey
2019 ASLD President

2020 NCLA Board Meeting Dates

All members of the Nassau County Library Association are invited to attend the NCLA Executive Board Meetings, scheduled as follows:

- February 14, 2020
- March 13, 2020
- April 17, 2020
- May 8, 2020
- June 12, 2020
- September 11, 2020
- October 16, 2020
- November 13, 2020
- December 11, 2020

Meetings are held in the Andrew Geddes Meeting Room at the Nassau Library System, starting at 9:30 a.m., unless otherwise announced.



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.

2019 - Another Busy Year for the Retirees Committee

The NCLA Retirees Committee, under the leadership of Bobbie Benigo, had a wide range of programs to offer for retired NCLA members in 2019. On April 17, 2019, Karen Maletz led a Bookshare program at **Domenico's Restaurant** in Levittown. Attendees enjoyed lunch and a lively book chat.

On May 14, 2019, the committee sponsored a meeting on the Simplified Caption Phone from Clear Captions which is available for free for anyone with hearing loss. Jessica Colligan from Clear Captions explained how the phones work, and a few attendees signed up to receive the phones.

On June 26, 2019, retirees enjoyed lunch and theater at Westbury Manor, with a presentation of the play **"Mamma Mia."**

On July 16, 2019, the Retirees Committee sponsored a Victorian High Tee at Hidden Oak Café, at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum.

Retirees and friends returned to the Westbury Manor for lunch and theater on August 14, 2019. The featured production this time was popular musical **"Mame."**

To enjoy the fall colors, the Retirees Committee arranged a tour of the Norman Levy Park and Preserve in Merrick, with a **jitney tour of Long Island's South Shore** led by a park ranger.

Following the tour, some of the participants then met for lunch at LaStrata Restaurant in Merrick.

The Retirees Committee ended the year with a Holiday Party on December 5, 2019, at **Domenico's Restaurant**. The festivities featured raffles and a Secret Santa bag.

*Bobbie Benigo
Committee Chair*

2019 LDA AWARD WINNER



Prof. Arthur L. Friedman presents LDA Award to Matthew Bollerman, Director of the Hauppauge Public Library, at the Long Island Library Conference on May 9, 2019. He was recognized for his advocacy efforts, his leadership roles in SCLA and NYLA, and in particular, for the creation of the Sustainability Initiative and founding of the ALA Sustainability Round Table.

Media Services Division Wrap-Up

The NCLA Media Services Division had busy year with two Media Services Roundtables in 2019 - one in January 2019 and then again in December 2019.

The division sponsored a "Tour to NBC Studios" at Rockefeller Center in April 2019.



Participants enjoyed behind-the-scenes access to the studios where favorite shows are made, including *Saturday Night Live*, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers* and more.

MSD President Camille DiPietro arranged for a special showing of the acclaimed movie, "The Public" in July 2019, at the Long Beach Public Library, and reserved seating at "Shorts on the Beach" at the Long Beach International Film Festival in August 2019.



*Camille DiPietro
2019 MSD President*

Establishment of the Library Staff of Color Committee

NCLA approved the establishment of the Library Staff of Color Committee at the end of 2018, and Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel, Michelle Samuel, and Kaysha Watson-Phillips were appointed as co-chairs of the new committee by NCLA President Valerie Acklin.

The mission of the Committee was adopted as follows:

- The Committee will serve as an advocate for the recruitment & professional development of librarians and support staff of color.
- The Committee will advocate for diverse library collections, programming and practices.
- The Committee will serve as a visible reminder to NCLA of the necessity to address the needs unique to minorities working in libraries.

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. The committee is planning additional programs and welcomes suggestions and volunteers.



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

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NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The 2020 deadlines for the NCLA Newsletter are:

February 2020	January 31, 2020
April 2020	March 6, 2020
June 2020	May 15, 2020
Summer 2020	June 26, 2020
October 2020	September 11, 2020
December 2020	November 20, 2020
Year-In-Review	January 8, 2020

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Pop Culture Committee Review

The NCLA Pop Culture Committee started 2019 with a program entitled “The Internet Is Dark and Full of Terrors” on February 8, 2019, at the Syosset Public Library.

The program, which was co-sponsored by the NCLA Computers & Technology Committee and SCLA, dealt with everything from harassment, to grooming, the ALT right network and beyond. The program was such a success, it was submitted and accepted for presentation at 2019 NYLA and 2020 PLA.

The Pop Culture Committee program for the Long Island Library Conference featured Dave Roman in an interactive program about adapting graphic novels to Reader’s Theater.

The Pop Culture Committee raffled three themed baskets (Marvel, Game of Thrones, and Doctor Who) at the Long Island Library Conference.

The year ended with the Pop Culture Committee and the Networking Committee’s special private showing of the final Star Wars movie, *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*, on December 22, 2019, at the Bellmore Playhouse. The event was sold out within days.



A RX lightsaber was raffled off at the movie showing.



Computers & Technology Committee Wrap-Up

The NCLA Computers & Technology Committee had a very busy year with several roundtables to discuss new technologies, computer issues, streaming services, internet security, and more.

The committee worked with the Pop Culture Committee to present “The Internet Is Dark and Full of Terrors” in February 2019, and then again at NYLA 2019. The program will also be presented at PLA 2020.

With SCLA (CATS/TIF), the Computers & Technology Committee sponsored a program at the Long Island Library Conference on “Podcasting in Libraries,” led by Lisa Zuena of the Massapequa Public Library.

The Computers & Technology Committee also worked with the Emerging Librarians Committee to offer a fun and informative program, “Tech Petting Zoo and Brews,” in November 2019, at the Port Washington Public Library. Items such as Virtual Reality, 3D printers, robots, Augmented Reality, and more were demonstrated. Then the participants moved to Finn MacCool’s for networking.





UPCOMING LILRC EVENTS

LILRC wishes everyone a Happy New Year!! We are excited to present the following new Continuing Education programs for Winter 2020. Registration for all events: lilrc.org/events

6 Documents Every Archive Needs

TWO DATES/LOCATIONS

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Nassau Library System

OR

Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Strategic Thinking for Leaders

Friday, January 31, 2020, 10:00AM - 12:00 PM

Brentwood Public Library

Coffee and Conversation: Social Media Librarians Meet-Up

Thursday, February 06, 2020, 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Suffolk Cooperative Library System

How to Publish in LIS: An Introduction to Scholarly and
Professional Writing by Librarians

Friday, March 06, 2020, 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Data Sharing Deep Dive for Health Sciences Librarians: With Ithaka S+R

Friday, March 20, 2020, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Adelphi University, Swirbul Library

Busy Fall for the NCLA Health Services Committee

The NCLA Health Services Committee had a busy fall offering **“Dr. Google is OUT: Consumer Health Resources for Public Librarians,”** a series of workshops about free, reliable health resources.

“Medline Plus & Consumer Health Resources” was offered in September, and **“Nutrition Resources for the Consumer”** was held in October. The final program, **“Genetic Resources”** was held on November 20, 2019.

All the classes were held at the Nassau Library System and because of limited seating, some of the classes were closed out, so the committee will consider repeating them in 2020.

*Jeanne Strausman
Committee Chair*

Update from the Emerging Librarians Committee

The NCLA Emerging Librarians Committee offered a wide range of programs for new librarians and library school students during 2019, under the leadership of Pamela Pagones and Georgina Rivas Martinez.

In February 2019, they hosted a Game Night at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, for a fun night of networking.

At the Long Island Library Conference in May, the committee sponsored the program **“The Line Between Service and Safety,”** with Elizabeth Olesh, Director of the Baldwin Public Library, and Nicole Scherer, Assistant Director of the Nassau Library System.

A Friends & Family Kickball Game was planned for July, but it was cancelled because of low registration. However, there was an informal gathering of new librarians to review resumes. In addition, the Emerging Librarians Group had a meet-up in August to do the Nassau Library Tour together.

Finally, the NCLA Emerging Librarians Committee cosponsored the Tech Petting Zoo and Brews program at the Port Washington Public Library in November.

*Pamela Pagones
Georgina Rivas Martinez*

NCLA MENTORING COMMITTEE HOSTED “STAFF TACTICS” – June 11, 2019



(L to R): Detective Don Longo, Lucia Escobar, Christina Marra, Cathi Nashak
at “Staff Tactics” workshop.

2020 NCLA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

JOIN TODAY!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Reduced rate registration fee to the 44th Annual **LONG ISLAND LIBRARY CONFERENCE** (tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Melville Marriot Hotel...
- Access to low cost, **HIGH QUALITY** and relevant continuing education opportunities...
- The opportunity to participate in a reasonably priced, group dental plan tailored to your **INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY** needs! Multiple plans available. Note: Membership in NCLA must be maintained to continue your coverage under this program.
- Newsletters, the **Directory of L.I. Libraries and Media Centers-2021** (Note: requires a minimum dues payment of \$25.00), special publications...Please let us know if you DON'T want to receive this publication.
- Selection of membership in **ONE** specialized division of your choice. (Additional divisions can be added at the low fee of \$3.00/division)...
- and much more

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