

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a stellar year for NCLA, we are jumping right into 2020 with a healthy and vibrant organization that is set to further grow and strengthen. Thank you to Past President Valerie Acklin, Executive Board Members, Division Presidents, Committee Chairpersons, and all our members for putting us on such strong footing. Let's take a quick look to the future and see what lies ahead...

As NCLA members, many of you participated in our Membership Survey last year, and your feedback was invaluable. It provided us with a roadmap of changes to implement to make membership even more enticing. We thank you for that!

Last year, our Divisions and Committees formulated exciting workshops and seminars, while keeping event costs low for our members. You can absolutely expect more of that in 2020.

Many of you had expressed a desire to register your memberships online and pay with a credit card, for the sake of convenience. We are happy to report that change is imminent in 2020 as we roll out our new membership management platform. While credit card payments will be a new feature, we should also make it clear: you can still pay by check and cash.

We are working hard to ensure that all your payment preferences will be honored, and your input on this change is always welcome.

We wouldn't be completely forthcoming with our members if we didn't discuss some of the challenges ahead for 2020. As seems to be the case nearly every year, Albany is threatening to reduce state funding for libraries. All year long, we need to remind our state legislators of the financial stresses impacting libraries and why Albany's support of libraries is critical.

LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY

Tuesday, February 25, 2020



We've confronted Nassau County Civil Service about the recent changes they've made to exams and titles in our county - changes that directly impact so many of you. We will not stop our work in engaging that Commission and fighting for improvements that give our members clearer paths for career growth, while also making it easier for newcomers to join our field.

As we start 2020, let's work together to keep building upon the successes of 2019! If you wish to become more actively involved in NCLA Divisions and Committees, please email me directly. And if you have feedback for our organization, please don't hesitate to reach out or visit our Executive Meetings.

NCLA is here to support you, and we thank you for supporting NCLA!

James Hutter
2020 NCLA President
Hutterj@pwpl.org

REMINDER

The NCLA Young Adult Services Division (YASD) is hosting its annual Joint Meeting with SCLA on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at the Massapequa Public Library's Bar Harbour building.

The program will feature a panel of public and school librarians and a public school teacher to discuss how to best serve our teens with special needs.

Lisa Zuena
President, YASD
(Massapequa Public Library)



***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 Holzweiss**, Educational Technology Enrichment Specialist from the Syosset High School Innovation Lab, and **Evangeline 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: _____

Library: _____

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

CALL FOR LDA AWARD NOMINATIONS

It's that time of year again to gather names for nomination for the LDA Award. This award is given annually at the Long Island Library Conference and is graciously presented to the winner by Dr. Arthur Friedman.

We are calling on the members of NCLA to come up with nominees for this prestigious award. The application for the award is available at: <https://ncla.info/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/LDA-2020-revised.pdf>.

If you would like to nominate an individual please fill out the form, follow the guidelines on how to nominate someone, and return the nomination to me by March 23, 2020.

If you have any questions, please let me know at: mschneiderle@levittownpl.org.

Maryanne Linehan
LDA Co-Chair
(Levittown Public Library)



JOIN TODAY!

The Force Is Strong with NCLA's Pop Culture Committee



The NCLA Pop Culture Committee raffles a light saber at the NCLA showing of "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker."

The NCLA Pop Culture Committee finished out 2019 on a high note by filling The Bellmore Playhouse with a showing of "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" for its annual fundraiser. Jedis of all ages enjoyed the latest Star Wars film, and the experience was made complete with popcorn, soda, and a raffle to win a light saber. All funds raised directly benefited NCLA. Thank you to all who attended!

The Pop Culture Committee looks forward to expanding its reach and developing new programs that not only benefit NCLA, but also local communities in need.

If you are in another NCLA group and would be interested in partnering for upcoming events, please contact our co-chairs, Kat (kbaumgartner@greatnecklibrary.org) or Melissa (mrubin@bryantlibrary.org). The Committee also plans to have a greater presence at local conventions, including Cradle Con and the Long Island Library Convention. We hope to join forces with you soon!

Kat Baumgartner
(Great Neck Library)
Melissa Rubin
(Bryant Library)
Co-Chairs
Pop Culture Committee



**BECOME A MEMBER
BY MAY 14 TO BE ENTERED INTO A
DRAWING TO WIN AN AMAZON
GIFT CARD!**

**DON'T FORGET TO JOIN OR
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE
CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION!**

**JOIN THIS YEAR TO RECEIVE A
REUSABLE STRAW
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)**

WHY JOIN CSD?

**THE CSD PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CONTINUING
EDUCATION CREDITS, AS WELL AS A NETWORK
OF LIBRARIANS ALL SHARING THE COMMON
GOAL OF OFFERING THE BEST IN CHILDREN'S
SERVICES.**

For more information, please contact
the CSD Board at CSDNCLA@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

The Institutional Services Committee was formed some years ago to support local students and others in need by providing library services: reading materials, supplies and programs. We are presently completing a project to donate tablets to a local school, Mercy First, to support a reading program for older students in disadvantaged circumstances.

We are looking for new committee members and fresh ideas to help us in this effort. We are a perfect match for YA librarians, but all NCLA members are invited to join.

If you are looking to get involved in an NCLA Committee for the first time, this could be an excellent opportunity, please contact: Jeanne Lettieri, Chairperson, jlettieri@northbellmorelibrary.org.

Jeanne Lettieri
Chairperson
Institutional Services
Committee
(North Bellmore
Public Library)



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.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

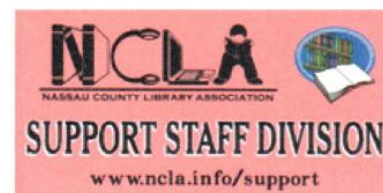
The NCLA Computers & Technology Committee on Monday, February 3, 2020, at the Syosset Public Library.

The agenda included:

- **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.

The group had a lively and informative roundtable discussion.

James Hutter
Computers & Technology
Committee Co-Chair
(Port Washington
Public Library)



The NCLA Support Staff Division invites you to an Intermediate Microsoft Excel Workshop on Thursday, March 5, 2020, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., at the Uniondale Public Library.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information and a registration link.

Complimentary for NCLA members and CEUs to be awarded. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jodi Brower
President
Support Staff Division
(Massapequa Public
Library)

YASD Wants YOU

The NCLA Young Adult Services Division is looking for a new board member to fill its "Professional Development" committee slot! The next YASD Board meeting is on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at the Massapequa Public Library's Bar Harbour building.

Join us then to learn more! Contact me at lzuena@massapequalibrary.org or 516-799-0770 (ext. 1 or ext. 5305 voicemail).

Lisa Zuena
YASD President
(Massapequa Public Library)



Invites you to a Computer Workshop

PRESENTED BY SHARPER TRAINING SOLUTIONS, INC.

INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT EXCEL



Learn more about the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including functions, working with ranges, macros, charting, and much more. (For intermediate & advanced users)

There is a 24-person limit for this hands-on class...register early!

Thursday, March 5 , 2020

9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M

Uniondale Public Library 400 Uniondale Avenue, Uniondale

NCLA Members: FREE! Non-Members: \$15.00

Register Online Only at:

<https://bit.ly/2utolaC>

Send checks payable to NCLA...(sorry no refunds)
to Carol Santillo at Massapequa Library – Bar Harbour
40 Harbor Lane, Massapequa Park, NY 11762
or via NLS bins

Space is limited - please respond promptly. CEUs to be given. Membership will be verified.

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 Archee 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).



ATTENTION RETIREES AND FRIENDS

The Retirees Committee's email mail list is currently being put together. If you want to receive updates or participate in upcoming events, please email your email address and phone number to me.

Bobbi Benigno
Retirees Committee Chair
Dottiebobbi@yahoo.com

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:

Cara Howfield
NCLA Treasurer
Elmont Public Library
(516) 354-5280
nclatreas@yahoo.com

FINAL CALL

There are just a few spaces left on the bus to Albany for Library Advocacy Day on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. It's important that we send up a full bus. Please consider joining your colleagues on this trip!

For more information, contact Marie Drucker at: mdrucker@hwpl.org.

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NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The 2020 deadlines for the NCLA Newsletter are:

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

Return all information to:

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



UPCOMING LILRC EVENTS

LILRC has some great programs coming up in the next few months, including two brand new webinars, a workshop on homelessness, a digitization best practices and metadata basics workshop, and a Spring Book Buzz ... the buzz is that registrants will receive lots of ARCs of new titles from major publishers!

Check these out and visit LILRC's events page often to see a complete list of upcoming programs. Registration for all events: lilrc.org/events.

How to Publish in LIS: An Introduction to Scholarly and Professional Writing by Librarians
March 06, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Data Sharing Deep Dive for Health Sciences Librarians: With Ithaka S+R
March 20, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Adelphi University, Swirbul Library

Digitization Best Practices and Metadata Basics
March 24, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
South Huntington Public Library

What is Homelessness on Long Island: The Work of Long Island Coalition for the Homeless
April 07, 2020
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
North Merrick Public Library

LILRC Spring Book Buzz
April 16, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Digitization Best Practices and Metadata Basics
May 7, 2020
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Farmingdale Public Library

Sally Stieglitz
*Communications and
Marketing Librarian*
LILRC
sstieglitz@lilrc.org
631-675-1570 x2005

Update from the PR/Programming Division

The NCLA PR/Programming Division will be sponsoring a workshop at the Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 14, 2020, "Libraries versus Loneliness: Programs to Alleviate Loneliness and Social Isolation," during Session II (10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) in the Vanderbilt Room.

Norman Reiss, Program Coordinator for DOROT's Connect through Tech, will give an overview of social isolation, how it affects older people, and the importance of building social connections. He will also discuss the DOROT's University Without Walls program which partners with libraries, while Tony Iovino will discuss Oceanside's Connections program.

Mamie Eng
*PR/Programming Division
President*
(Valley Stream)

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

DR. ALICE A. ROBINSON is a candidate for a seat on the American Library Association's Council. She is the only member of the Long Island library community who is running for an ALA Council seat. She has been an NCLA member for many years and currently serves as a Secondary School Librarian for the West Babylon School District. Dr. Robinson is also a frequent columnist for the NYSUT newspaper offering hints on selected books and how to use them in educational settings. If you are an ALA member, NCLA urges you to give Dr. Robinson your utmost consideration in the upcoming elections.

Westbury Memorial Public Library Director **TRACEY SIMON** has announced her retirement. She was named the director at Westbury in May 2019, after serving as Assistant Director at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, Director at the Floral Park Public Library, and Assistant Director at the Lynbrook Public Library. She is a Past-President of NCLA, plus has been active in the PR/Programming Division and many other NCLA committees.

ELLEN FIRER, Director of the Merrick Library, retired from her position at the end of 2019. **DAN CHUZMIR** has been promoted from Assistant Director to Director, and **DIANE BONDI** has been named Assistant Director.



NCLA/HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE AND LILRC PRESENT:

Healthy Aging at Your Library: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information



Speaker: Tess Wilson, Community Engagement Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region (NNLM MAR)

Monday, May 4, 2020 at Farmingdale Public Library, 9:30am -12pm

\$5 for members of NCLA or LILRC, \$20 for nonmembers

Name _____

Library _____

Email _____

Please return by April 20, 2020 to: *Jeanne Strausman, NYIT/COM Library, Rockefeller Bldg, Northern Blvd, Old Westbury, NY, 11568.*

All Checks must be payable to: **NCLA** There is .20 CEU for the class.

LIBRARY BRIEFS



In January 2020, the **MINEOLA LIBRARY** sponsored Dobby's Sock Drive. Named after the loveable elf from the "Harry Potter" books, Dobby's Sock Drive collected new socks for needy men, women and children. Donations were given to the INN at Hempstead. Library staff displayed some of the donations that were collected.



On February 2, 2020, the **HENRY WALDINGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF VALLEY STREAM** held a concert to celebrate Black History Month performed by the Valley Stream Inspirational Community Choir. VSICC is a unique community choir, representing different cultures in Valley Stream and the surrounding area, under Reverend Phil Jones of the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church. The program was made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and administered by the Huntington Arts Council.

#eBooksForAll

KEEP YOUR RIGHT TO READ

**Tell Macmillan
to stop the
Library Embargo**

Visit eBooksForAll.org to sign the petition. Post about it on social media. Share with friends, family, and fellow readers. Tell Macmillan that you want to keep your right to read!

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:

- 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.



2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:		
Library (or Address):		
Email Address:		
Basic Membership (Select one, based on annual salary)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Students, Retirees, Trustees, Friends (\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$20,000 (\$20) <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 to \$30,000 (\$30) <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 to \$40,000 (\$40) <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 to \$50,000 (\$50) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 and over (\$55) <input type="checkbox"/> Institutions & Vendors (\$65)* *Institutional members receive one copy of every membership publication plus 5 vouchers to permit a library employee or trustee to attend a workshop at member rates. (This does not include the Long Island Library Conference or the NCLA Annual Dinner)		\$ _____
Divisions (First division free, additional divisions can be added for \$3 each)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic & Special Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Services <input type="checkbox"/> Media Services <input type="checkbox"/> PR Services/Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Reference & Adult Services <input type="checkbox"/> Support Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Services		\$ _____
Donations (Optional)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ NCLA Scholarship Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ NCLA Education Grant Fund	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

Nassau County Library Association

Send this form and payment to:

Janice Cosenza
 NCLA Membership Committee Co-Chair
 Syosset Public Library
 225 S. Oyster Bay Rd
 Syosset, NY 11791

Check this box if you are interested in the Dental Plan: ☐

Questions? NCLAMembership@gmail.com