

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, NCLA members! How has your summer been going?

Earlier this summer, I sent congratulations to the members of the Long Island Library Conference Committee for a job well done in presenting a successful 46th Annual Long Island Library Conference. There were a healthy variety of programs that harmonized with the conference theme of "Libraries: Banned and Dangerous" and the Keynote Speaker, Bill Goldstein gave an excellent discourse.



(L to R): Dr. Arthur Friedman presents Frank McKenna with the 2024 LDA Award.

In addition, I sent my congratulations to Seaford Library Director Frank McKenna on his much-deserved LDA Award, presented to him at the Long Island Library Conference.

Next up on NCLA's agenda is the joint Fall NCLA/SCLA Professional Development Series. NCLA Vice President Melanie Davidoff will be taking the lead in coordinating the NCLA programs.

I have no doubt that both the program offerings and registration numbers will be robust. This series is an excellent opportunity for newer librarians to earn those mandatory continuing education credits.



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President's Message (Continued)

And, you still have one last chance to sign up for the upcoming Nassau County Library Association's 90th Anniversary Cruise. The cruise is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024. Details are in the flyer in this newsletter. This will be a great opportunity to network and connect with your fellow librarians and library staff.



Our next NCLA Executive Board Meeting on Friday, September 27, 2024, will be in-person at the Nassau Library System. The Executive Board hopes to see all the seats in the room filled with members and officers exchanging ideas, networking and noshing on refreshments.

Lastly, on behalf of the Nassau County Library Association, I wish to express my condolences to the family and friends of the late Mrs. Arleen Reo. Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Reo was the longtime Director of the Peninsula Public Library.



Mrs. Reo was also the person who gave me my first job in a public library. She hired me in the early 2000s as a trainee with a few credits under my belt and no work experience. I learned many things from her during my time at Peninsula; my greatest lesson from her was the importance in forming and nurturing our relationships with the communities that we serve. Her library patrons truly knew her and she knew them; rarely would you find her in her office. She was constantly on the floor interacting with her patrons and helping out her staff at both circulation or professional service desks. I always admired that about her, and I realize now that over the years her influence can be seen in how I interact with the community that I serve. For that I am thankful. Rest in peace, Arleen Judith Reo.

Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel
2024 NCLA 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**

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NEW DATE!

WE NEED A MINIMUM OF
50 PEOPLE TO SECURE
THIS CELEBRATION.

Celebrating 90 Years By Land and By Sea!

SUNSET BOAT CRUISE - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

We want **YOU** to join us as we celebrate 90 years of the Nassau County Library Association!

Prepare yourself for an enjoyable sunset cruise, sailing on the Captain Lou VII out of the famous Nautical Mile in Freeport.

Prior Registration Required for Boarding - Membership Will Be Verified.

6:00pm - 9:30pm - Boarding begins at 5:30pm
31 Woodcleft Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520



What to Expect:

- Live DJ
- Hot & Cold Buffet Dining
- Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, & Tea
- Double Decker Boat w/indoor and outdoor seating.
- Raffles

Suggested Footwear:
Comfortable shoes

COST

IF PAYING BY CHECK:
CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO NCLA

NCLA MEMBER \$100

**NCLA
NON-MEMBER \$110**



Register online at <https://ncla.wildapricot.org/event-5783512>

CREDIT CARD FEES APPLY: \$102 FOR MEMBERS AND \$113 FOR NONMEMBERS

The last day to register is Monday, August 19th

Send checks to the attention of Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel at Uniondale Public Library



2024 Long Island Library Conference Committee Members



Conference Exhibit Hall



2024 NCLA President Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel photobombs the photo being taken of the NCLA Table.



2024 LDA Award Winner Frank McKenna celebrates his honor with his wife, Williston Park Library Director Donna McKenna.



(L to R) Port Washington Public Library Assistant Director James Hutter and Library Director Keith Klang.



Previous LDA Award Winners congratulate the 2024 recipient Frank McKenna.
(L to R): Chris Marra, Trina Reed, Ellen Firer, Arthur Friedman, Christopher DeCristofaro, Thomas Tarantowicz



Roseanne Dorfman checks out the NCLA Pop Culture Table presented by Committee Co-Chair Laura Guinta.



Pansy Cheng from Mei Wo Design at the Conference Exhibit Hall.

Presentation of the
**2024 LDA Award for
Excellence in Library Achievement**

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

LDA Award Committee
A Joint Committee of the Nassau County & Suffolk County Library Associations

Presented at the Long Island Library Conference

May 9, 2024

In 1977, Mr. Andrew Ippolito, founder of LDA Publishers, Director of the Newsday Library, and 1978-79 President of the Nassau County Library Association, created the LDA Award for Library Excellence to recognize and honor outstanding members of the Nassau and Suffolk County library community. It is important to note that the recipient of this award was not limited to librarians but was designed to include members of the library staff, trustees, and other leaders of institutions who through their actions promoted the ideals of libraries

On behalf of LDA Publishers and the Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations, I thank the members of this year's bi-county award committee for their work in soliciting nominations and selecting a nominee. The panel was co-chaired by Maryanne Linehan of the Levittown Public Library, Noel Reich of the Lindenhurst Memorial Library, and Catherine Barretta, The Bryant Library (Roslyn). Three additional individuals from the Long Island library community served as evaluators as well.

The award criteria are published in the *Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers* and include distinguished service, original contributions, intellectual freedom and creative or innovative utilization of technology. ...



I believe that our honoree first came to the attention of the library community when as a bartender at the Villa Victor in Syosset, NY, a friendly manner and the ability to provide excellent libations helped the individual hear what was happening at these LILRC annual gatherings, and that sparked an interest in becoming part of our community. It didn't take long for this individual to be enrolled in the library school at Queens College. In fact, one of the nominators referenced their acquaintanceship during those studies and how the values of intellectual freedom and advocacy of and for libraries were always displayed by this individual.

After completing the MLS requirements, and gaining a public librarian's certificate, our honoree began a career that has included service at a number of Nassau County libraries. However, continuing education was never far from our honoree's thoughts and the Leadership Program at the Palmer School and the NYLA Emerging Leaders curriculum were important in this leader's further development.

You may recall this individual's work on advocacy that cemented the idea that "Libraries are more than just books!" in the mind and vocalizations of local politicians. Continuing and continuous advocacy encouraged these politicians to support our libraries through state appropriations and the allocation of member item resources. How could this advocacy not lead to service on the Nassau County Member Library Directors Funding Advocacy Committee, work with the New Yorkers for Better Libraries Pac, and participation at advocacy events throughout the Nassau/Suffolk region?

Nominators noted that this individual is an "unflinching supporter of other librarians" and contributes "generously to their growth in the profession." Our champion is a mentor, helping librarians and the libraries they serve by being "encouraging, supportive," and helping them recognize and realize their own visions and working with them until they succeed.

The number and intensity of challenges to libraries through their development of book collections has never been greater and a more pressing issue than today. A strong advocate for our rights, and the rights of all who utilize our libraries, as described in the Freedom to Association, today's honoree is at the forefront of a continuing education program to make sure that librarians have the tools to fight for our core values. Service and leadership on the NYLA Intellectual Freedom Round Table and Intellectual Freedom Committee has put him in a position to develop the Intellectual Freedom Breakfast Program -- the culminating and widely-attended activity at the Association's Annual Conference.

I have noted my 3 C's of library service before and believe that they fit our honoree as well.

Collaboration -- working with other library directors, members of library boards, and rank and file librarians to gain additional library funding, advance intellectual freedom, and building mentorship activities that strengthen the profession.

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LDA Award Presentation (Continued)

Cooperation - always being available to take on challenges of the Nassau County Library Association, the NLS Member Library Directors, and the New York Library Association. Even serving as Treasurer of NYLA as it deals with its recent fiscal crisis.

Communication - using the available resources to alert members of the library community to state budget issues, intellectual freedom challenges, and creating a non-fiction book club to explore issues in politics, history and social issues.

I have known our honoree from his student days in my library science course, where I believe he met his future wife, partner, the mother of two lovely young women (future librarians?), and a current Nassau County library director. I have observed his work at LILRC Annual Meetings, and his service on the NCLA Executive Board, LILRC Board of Trustees, and NYLA. I can concur with the nominator who said his "commitment to the profession, innovation in its practice, and support for colleagues" makes him more than worthy for this award.

Please join me in congratulating the 2024 LDA Award recipient, the 47th recipient of this honor, an outstanding librarian and library leader, Director of the Seaford Public Library staff, someone that I am proud to call a colleague and a mentee:

Mr. Frank McKenna



JOIN IN 2024

LDA Award Remarks by Frank McKenna



Thank you Dr. Art:

First, I want to thank the Long Island Library Conference Committee and to all those who are presenting today and to my wonderful staff from Seaford!

I want to very much thank the LDA Award Committee for choosing me to receive this very prestigious award and express my deep appreciation to those who wrote letters of nomination from both Nassau & Suffolk, you are truly my colleagues and friends, forever. Nassau & Suffolk are one – one Island (Strong Island) that is why this gathering is called the Long Island Library Conference, after all.

Many amazing people have been honored to receive this award over the years, and I am humbled to join such an illustrious club. Several are in this room right now, others who have retired and could not be here today (but wish they could - Dr. Mary Westerman, Jackie Thresher and Jerry Nichols among them) and several who have passed on but I had the pleasure of knowing – Myron Rooschvarg and Herb Biblo)

I also know that there are several people who deserve this award more than I do, but I say to them, in tweaking a quote from Charlton Heston: **"I'll give you my Award when you pry it from my cold, dead hands."**

Those who know me know I try not to take myself too seriously, but I take what I do & what **you all do** in Libraries of all types: public, school, academic and special - very seriously!

So, let me take this opportunity to make a few points:

- 1) Join and be active in your professional organizations:** Join and get involved with NCLA/SCLA and join NYLA!!!!!!! We have our amazing NYLA ED AnnaLee Dragon with us today and LI's own NYLA President Lisa Kropp and NYLA President-Elect & LILRC Executive Director Tim Spindler.

I am going to make a plug: When you join or rejoin NYLA make sure you become a member of the IFRT (& any other section or roundtable you wish). IFRT has approximately 135 members; we want to get to 200 by this time next year! Also, join and support the New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee - and attend their fun events in Nassau & Suffolk and buy their merch & NYLA's merch as well. (My NYLA tank top was delivered yesterday but I did not think it was appropriate to wear it here today).

- 2) Keep Advocating for Libraries:** We had a relatively good year this year with State funding, but we always need to fight and push for more funding – libraries matter and all of you who work in and for libraries (librarians, support staff, trustees, Friends, professors, administrators, cleaners). "Keep Advocating every day" as past NYLA President Barbara Stripling said and as Jay-Z said several times at the Emmy Awards "Keep showing up"! Show up in Albany, show up at meetings with your legislators! Show up at Library & School Board meetings! Just Show Up!

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LDA Remarks by McKenna (Continued)

3) Keep Fighting for Intellectual Freedom! I mentioned those who have received this award over the years – one was Irene Turin (1983), the Librarian at my HS Alma Mater – Island Trees). Mrs. Turin was the professional voice and force against the IT Board of Trustees book removal that ultimately was decided upon by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1982. I was in the packed auditorium of the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School in 1976 to witness the tumult of that infamous saga. **Slaughter-House Five** was among the nine books removed from the shelves back then (later brought back) & people are still trying to remove it and many of books & displays) now!

I want to give a shout out to my classmates who brought the lawsuit against the IT School Board back then: Glenn Yarris, Russ Reiger, Jackie Gold, Paul Sochinski and Steven Pico. Also, to our English teacher the late Mrs. Pepper who informed us in class of what the Board had just done the day after the book removal, to Mr. Connolly (a NYC Firefighter who was an outspoken opponent of the Board's actions – he spoke up at each of the Standing-Room Only Board Meetings and said he was "a blue-collared working man & many would assume he was in agreement with the Board's actions – but he said he did not support the Board's actions that "the Board was Wrong and put the books back on the shelves where they belong!!!!!!" **and a special shout-out** to my sister Mary, who was leading a protest against that same School Board several months earlier than the Book Ban fiasco, where she was wearing the recently won right to wear black arm bands, to protest against the banning of the Student Newspaper – *The Bulldog*. (the reason the paper was banned was because a picture was published of Math teacher Mr. Spallone holding his nose when asked what he thought of the HS Football team).

So, I want to express my gratitude to the courageous Library Leader Irene Turin and those folks who instilled in me long ago - the passion for Intellectual Freedom, I am trying to pay it forward.



So, in closing, yes, we know there are forces around us who are trying to take us back to the Dark Ages (not because they are evil, but because they are scared, scared of change and scared of evolving). And, they are trying to scare and intimidate us & stop what we want and need to do, to become a more just and decent society. But take note: they are a vocal, sometimes very vocal, minority but we have a lot of support in this room, and outside this room, we need to have each other's backs and we do, on Long Island, throughout New York State, and throughout our nation (well maybe not Florida). New word I learned recently of: Arrogance, a combination of Arrogance and Ignorance. - Keep Fighting and Stay Strong against Arrogance!

Thank you & Give Blood!

Frank McKenna

SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Nassau County
Legislative Breakfast

September 20, 2024
8:30-11:30 am

Farmingdale Public Library

Upcoming NCLA Events

August 27, 2024, 11am
Intellectual Freedom
Committee Meeting (Zoom)

**September 5, 2024,
2:30pm**
YASD Board Meeting (Zoom)

**September 5, 2024,
5:30pm**
NCLA Celebrating 90 Years-
Sunset Boat Cruise
(Freeport)

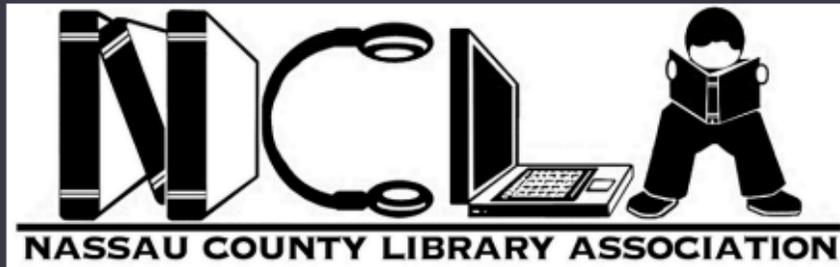
**September 12, 2024,
2:30pm**
Joint NCLA Tech & SCLA
CATS/TIF Zoom Meeting

**September 16, 2024,
9:30am**
CSD Board Meeting (Zoom)

**September 25, 2024,
9:30am**
CSD Professional Development
Program, "Budgeting with
Excel: Tips to Take the
Headache Out of Budgeting"
(Zoom)

**September 27, 2024,
9:30am**
NCLA Executive Board Meeting
(NLS)

Check NCLA Calendar for
details & registration.



Application deadline for both awards is October 1.

Andrew Ippolito Scholarship Award

The Andrew Ippolito Scholarship Award provides financial assistance to interested and deserving students who are pursuing a Master's Degree in Library or Information Science at an ALA accredited library school in the New York Metropolitan area.

Eligibility: Any NCLA member currently residing in Nassau County and enrolled in an ALA accredited Library or Information Science program who has completed at least 12 credits toward a Master's Degree. [Click here for more details and application to apply.](#)

Not an NCLA member? Student membership is just \$15.00. [Click here to join](#)

NCLA Education Grant

The EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM will reimburse the recipient for courses taken and/or library related conferences attended prior to or within six months of the approval date of the grant award and satisfactory proof of completion of the course or attendance at the conference.

Eligibility: Any NCLA member in any division of the Association currently employed in a library or library related institution. [Click here for more details and application to apply.](#)

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<https://ncla.info/awards-and-scholarships/andrew-ippolito-scholarship-award/>

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JOIN IN 2024

Just a reminder to join NCLA for the 2024 calendar year.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Reduced registration fee to the Long Island Library Conference
- Access to low cost, high quality, and relevant continuing education opportunities
- Select membership in 1 specialized division of your choice. Additional Divisions can be added at \$3 each.
- Newsletters, the Directory of L.I. Libraries and Media Centers, and other special publications
- Benefit from a reasonably priced group dental plan tailored to your needs! *Membership must be maintained to continue program coverage.*
- ...and much more!

To join or to renew your membership, please access our online membership portal. Link to the online portal:

<https://ncla.wildapricot.org/>

If you wish to pay by check instead of credit card, there is an invoice button. Print your invoice and send me the check with the invoice. You will receive an email letting you know we have gotten your check.

Not interested in clicking through the membership portal? See the attached NCLA 2024 membership application. You can mail me a check or send it through the NLS bucket.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Emily Trezza **Membership Co-Chair**

NOTE: Providing your e-mail address will register you on the NCLA listserv.

DIGITAL NCLA Membership Card

This is a reminder that your **NCLA Membership Card** is **DIGITAL!** Please log in to the membership portal to view your card. *Print cards will not be sent out!*

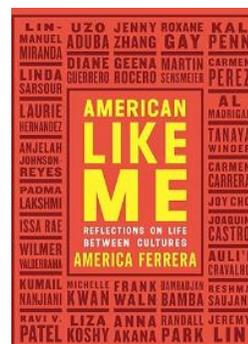
Please contact Emily Trezza with questions or problems accessing your card, etrezza@whplibrary.org or leave a voicemail at 516-481-6591 x 18. Login here:

<https://ncla.wildapricot.org/Sy/s/Login>

News from the Academic & Special Libraries Division

Every year, colleges and universities across the country announce their Common Read title for the academic year. The Common Read is designed to bring the campus community together to read one text and its themes.

At Nassau Community College, the First Year Experience Committee reviews and considers various titles for adoption. In May 2024, the committee announced America Ferrera's *American Like Me: Reflections on Life Between Cultures* as the Common Read selection for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.



If you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact me.

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Go to <https://ncla.wildapricot.org/join-us>



2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:		
Address:		
Current Employer (Library or Institution)		
Email Address:		
Basic Membership (Select one, based on annual salary)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 and over (\$55) <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 to \$50,000 (\$50) <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 to \$40,000 (\$40) <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 to \$30,000 (\$30) <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$20,000 (\$20) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Circle One:</i> Students, Retirees, Trustees, Friends (\$15) <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: **Emily Trezza, Membership Co-Chair**
 West Hempstead Public Library 500 Hempstead Ave
 West Hempstead, NY 11552

You can send this through the NLS bucket to Attn: Emily Trezza, West Hempstead Public Library

Check this box if you are interested in the Discount Dental Plan:
Check this box if you DO NOT want a copy of the Directory:

Questions? NCLAMembership@gmail.com



Please complete the NCLA Committee Form if you are interested in participating in a committee.

NCLA Committees (free)

The following are the current and active committees of the Nassau County Library Association. Members of the Association may volunteer to serve on one or more committees. If you would like to enhance your participation in librarianship and the Association, please consider these areas. Check off as many as you are interested in to be submitted with your Membership Application.

- Annual Dinner: Plans and conducts the Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers.
- Archives: Maintains the Archives of the Association which are located at Farmingdale Public Library
- Civil Service: This is a joint committee of NCLA and the Member Library Directors of Nassau County
- Computers & Technology: Serves to discuss library service related to computers and technology
- Constitution & By-Laws: Conducts an annual review of NCLA's documents and proposes changes as necessary
- Continuing Education: Proposes, plans and offers continuing education of interest to all NCLA members
- Directory: Responsible for the creation and distribution of the Directory of LI Libraries and Media Centers
- Emerging Librarian: Organized for the purpose of integrating new librarians into the profession and Association
- Finance: Develops the Association's annual budget.
- Health Services: Develops and conducts programs to inform the membership of topics in this area
- Institutional Services: Manages the Associations institutional donation program
- Intellectual Freedom: Monitors intellectual freedom issues affecting libraries. Also holds annual contest.
- LDA Award: A joint committee of NCLA and Suffolk County Librarian Association to select an award recipient
- Legislation: Monitors legislative issue and conducts the annual Library Advocacy Day bus trip
- Library Staff of Color: Develops programming to increase diversity in the library community
- LI Library Conference: Joint committee of NCLA and SCLA to conduct an annual conference
- LI Library Pride Alliance: Joint committee of NCLA and SCLA to promote LGBTQIA+ services and information
- Membership, Promotions & Mailing: Maintains the membership roll of NCLA, including its mailing list; promotes and recruits' members; handles bulk mailings for NCLA
- Mentoring: Organized to promote membership opportunities between veteran and new NCLA members
- Networking & Promotions: Organizes professional networking events for NCLA members and families
- Newsletter: Gathers material and created NCLA's Newsletter
- Personnel Issues & Professional Concerns: Provides programming and information of interest to members
- Pop Culture: Develops and conducts programs to inform the membership of topics in this area
- Recruitment & Scholarship: Conduct the annual scholarship and education grant awards program
- Retirees: Conduct programs for the retiree members of NCLA
- Statistics: Gather information for and publish "Salary Schedules and Personnel Benefits"
- Webpage: Develop and maintain NCLA's website
- Wild Apricot: Develops and maintains our membership portal