

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Although the Nassau County Library Association had only one bus up to Albany on March 14, 2006 for Library Lobby Day, the results as of the end of March seem very encouraging. The 2000 census (yes, this is 2006) will NOW be used for formula aid to library systems (\$2.7 million) with a hold-harmless clause included for areas with population loss, \$3 million for library systems statewide, and \$14 million in library construction aid.



Thanks to the deserving NCLA members who made the trip to the state capital and to those who met with or contacted their local legislators and the governor to advocate for increased and full funding for libraries and library systems. Records were set with 880 library advocates from around the state in attendance as well as 65 legislators attending the Legislative Breakfast Reception and many state and local legislators participating at the Lobby Day Rally in the Well of the Legislative Office Building.

Thanks also are very well deserved for Charles Sleaf from the Mineola Memorial Library for organizing and planning of the trip and Dr. Art Friedman for his presentation of the background, context, and issues involved with the lobbying effort and for the fine food and drink on the bus.

I would like to give special thanks to the former co-chairs of the NCLA Civil Service Committee Rhoda Orenstein and Susan Newson who, with the committee members, have made tremendous progress working with the Nassau County Civil Service Commission in revamping and updating the Director and Assistant Director lists and with the elimination of the population grid. Special thanks as well to Laura Goudket for her many, many years of service to NCLA and, in particular, her dedicated work with the Continuing Education Committee.



Do not forget the Long Island Library Conference on May 3, 2006 at the Huntington Townhouse and please consider volunteering some time at the NCLA booth during the conference.

Frank McKenna  
 NCLA President

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## Mark Your Calendar!

The Academic and Special Libraries Division of NCLA will hold its 35th Annual Continuing Education Conference on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. The conference is on the "Changing Role of Librarians" and will start at 9:00 AM. The location is Nassau Community College.

Some of the programs scheduled include: "Thriving (and Surviving) in Libraries: The Marketing Imperative," "Role of Librarians in Digital Libraries," and "All Things Being Unequal."

Please save the date and look for registration forms in the mail and on the ASLD page of the NCLA website.

## Clerical Division News



Clerical Division members learn the hula at the 2006 Clerical Division Open House on Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

The NCLA Clerical Division held its annual Open House at the Uniondale Public Library on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Once again, we had an overwhelming response with over 65 people attending. We enjoyed a hot buffet catered by Bagel Doctor of Oakdale, free raffles and dessert. Lucy Heredia, Chris Marra, and Sheila Patterson of the Uniondale Public Library gave a tour of the newly renovated library.

Our entertainment for the evening was provided by the Aloha Iolani Hawaiian Dance troupe. The troupe performed Polynesian, Hawaiian, Tahitian and Maori dance numbers, which included an explanation of the culture with an assortment of dazzling authentic and colorful costumes and props. Volunteers were given free hula lessons and all had a fabulous time. Our Open Houses are a great way to network with staff from other libraries across Long Island.

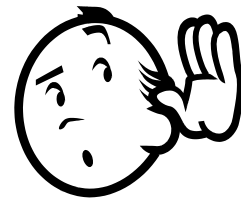


Aloha Iolani Hawaiian Dancers demonstrate the hula at the Clerical Open House.



The Clerical Division is hosting a Clerical Roundtable on Wednesday, April 20, 2006 at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon (refreshments at 9 am). Come join us with your questions, ideas, concerns and suggestions. Watch for our flyers!

Plans are under way for the 2006 Long Island Library Conference to be held at the Huntington Town House on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. We are sponsoring a program entitled: Is Anybody Listening: A Guide to Effective Listening with speaker Professor Joseph S. Coppolino of Nassau Community College. Be sure to stop by our table for our famous "chip clips" and to say hello and enter our raffle.



If you have any ideas for workshops, programs or bus trips you would like to see us sponsor, please let us know. Be sure to renew your NCLA membership if you haven't done so already and recruit a friend. Check out our website at:

<http://www.nassaulibrary.org/ncla/nclcler.html>

Debbie Fox  
Clerical Division  
President

# 31st Annual Long Island Library Conference Embracing Change

On May 3, 2006, please join us for the 31st Annual Long Island Library Conference: "Embracing Change." Our keynote speaker will be Chris Crutcher, who will discuss his latest two books. You may purchase copies at the Conference for him to autograph.



Young Adult Author Chris Crutcher is keynote speaker at Conference.

We also have many exciting programs scheduled. Programs on Podcasting, RSS, Intellectual Freedom, Sex in the Young Adult Novel, and how to conduct yourself during a job interview, among others. In addition, this year, will be the ability to download handout from our website, after the Conference. We're asking all sponsors to send copies of handouts to us so if you missed a workshop, you will be able to have the handouts.

Lunch will be buffet style, and this year we have two rooms available – the Penthouse and Excelsior. If you prefer a quieter, more relaxed atmosphere, please use the Penthouse – the room only holds about 250.

Cost for the conference will remain the same as last year. Registration forms and further information can be found on the webpage,

<http://suffolk.lib.ny.us/lilc>.

Hope to see you there.

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## REMINDER

### ADDRESS FOR NCLA WEB PAGE

The address for the  
NCLA web page is:

<http://ncla.info>



## News from the Civil Service Committee

At the end of 2005, the Nassau County Civil Service Commission revised the Library Director and Assistant Library Director examinations for the first time in many years.

The Commission has indicated that it would like the NCLA Civil Service Committee to provide feedback on the revised examination, with the possibility of "tweaking" future exams.

Therefore, the NCLA Civil Service Committee needs director and assistant director candidates who to these exams to comment about them. Please indicate which exam you took, your score, and your current position so we have a frame of reference for your comments. Then include specific remarks about the exam and its scoring.

Please include your name and library on your comments. This information will not be released, but we need it to verify your response.

Please send your written comments to:

Debbie Podolski  
Director, Farmingdale Public Library

OR

Margaret Cincotta,  
Director, North Merrick Public Library

## YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED!

## Media Packaging and Security for CDs & DVDs: A Roundtable Discussion

On Tuesday, March 7, 2006, the NCLA Media Services Division sponsored "Media Packaging and Security for CDs and DVDs: A Roundtable Discussion," at the Nassau Library System.

The program began with a short presentation by Showcases, the "Storage Solutions Consultants."



Different types of books on audiocassette and compact disc packaging were displayed, with advantages of each type demonstrated. Various DVD packaging were also shown.

Members of the audience then discussed their packaging and security concerns. Issues such as carpal tunnel caused by using security systems, bulkiness of special security boxes, and loss of materials came up. Another problem that is experienced in several libraries is the packaging of television DVD series.



Media Division President Rick Fox with Dana Volland and Sandy Smith from Showcases.

Other topics for discussion were VHS vs. DVD, cassettes vs. CDs, and RFID. The audience had many more issues to discuss, and the Division hopes to address them in future programs.

A scrumptious brunch was served by Kitchen Kabaret, courtesy of Showcases.

A media services listserv has been established and media librarians were encouraged to sign up. Contact Rick Fox at the Syosset Public Library for further information about the listserv.

Rick Fox  
Media Services Division  
President

### 2006 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The deadlines for 2006 NCLA Newsletters are:

June 2006 Issue	Fri., May 12, 2006
Summer 2006 Issue	Fri., July 7, 2006
October 2006 Issue	Fri., Sept. 15, 2006
December 2006 Issue	Fri., Dec. 8, 2006
End-of-the-Year Issue	Fri., Jan. 5, 2007

Return all information to:

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Valley Stream, NY 11582  
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## Children's Services Division News

The NCLA Children's Services Division is thrilled to be having this year's Caldecott winner, Chris Raschka, as its guest speaker at the Long Island Library Conference on May 3, 2006 at the Huntington Townhouse. Of course, he will be discussing how he created the illustrations for this year's winner, *The Hello Goodbye Window*. He will also be giving an overview of several of his earlier works including *Can't Sleep*, *Charlie Parker Played Bebop*, and his Caldecott Honor Book, *Yo! Yes!*. He will be speaking at 2:40 PM.



Photo from Book Page

Our annual outreach program to local Headstart centers is a huge success as always. As part of this program, a volunteer librarian goes to one of three centers (Rockville Centre, Roosevelt or Hempstead) one morning each month to do a model story time for all of their classes.

In addition, she leaves two gift books for their "library". At the end of the school year in June, each child receives a gift paperback and a parent letter explaining our program and encouraging them to take advantage of the resources at their local library. This year, coordinating with the children's room staff of the Long Beach Public Library, we are also supplying books for the Long Beach Headstart. Next year, we hope to be able to coordinate with other "home" libraries in communities with Headstart centers.

Karen Maletz  
Hicksville

## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA also continues to grow. Our total for 2006 is now 37 and additional renewals are expected. The following institutions have already joined NCLA in 2006:

Academic Libraries  
Nassau Community College

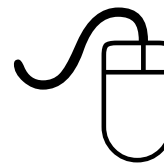
Public Libraries  
Baldwin Public Library  
Bellmore Memorial Library  
The Bryant Library (Roslyn)  
Sachem Public Library

Library Systems  
Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Shouldn't your organization be added to the list of NCLA supporters?

Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair

## NCLA Computer & Technology Committee News



The Long Island Library Conference is being held on May 3, 2006, at the Huntington Townhouse, and Robyn Klose, through NLS Electronic Resources & Services, is co-sponsoring a program with the NCLA Computer & Technology Committee. The program is "Blah, Blah, Blah Library Blogs," with guest speaker Linda Braun.

You may have heard people talking about blogs. You may have read some blogs. You may be wondering if blogging is something the library should consider. In this presentation, you'll find out what blogging is all about, look at a few library and non-library blogs, and learn how to start your own.

The Committee is hoping to set up a meeting for the third week of April. It would be an informal meeting where members can get together and discuss various issues, problems, etc. that have arisen in the last few weeks. Members will also be able share some information about new technologies, software, etc. that they have discovered recently.

James Hutter  
Committee Chair

## NCLA Outreach Committee Presents ...

The NCLA Outreach Committee is presenting "Whatever It Takes: A Program of Abilities, Inc." on Friday, April 28, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., at the Rockville Centre Public Library.

A representative of Abilities, Inc. will discuss "Whatever It Takes," a collaborative effort of Hempstead Works, Abilities, Inc., and the New York State Vocational and Education Services for Individuals with Disabilities. This program helps persons with disabilities with finding and keeping a job. Find out how this program can help patrons in your library.

CEUs will be offered to all participants. Please RSVP to Merrill Belson, Outreach Committee Chair, by phone (516) 766-6257, ext. 18, or e-mail: [mbelson@rvcpl.org](mailto:mbelson@rvcpl.org).

Merrill Belson  
Outreach Committee  
Chair

## NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I am writing this report with two days to go before the first quarter of NCLA's membership year comes to an end. Our membership roster contains the names of 726 individuals and organizations – only 26 short of our record total at this time last year. I am optimistic that our 2005 members will continue to support the work of our

Association, and with the substantial number of brand new memberships that have been received (and others that will arrive), our 2006 campaign will be successful as well.

Please note that mailing labels are now including a friendly reminder to rejoin NCLA for those who have not yet sent in their dues. An "X" in the upper right corner indicates that we have not received a membership renewal when this Newsletter (or any other mailing) was being prepared for shipping. NCLA's Constitution requires that returning members remit their dues by the end of March each year.

It is interesting to observe that a "friendly" informal competition may be taking place between NCLA's divisions once again to see who can establish new participation levels this year. At this time the PR/Programming Division and the Young Adult Services Division are ahead of the competition for new members; however, the Clerical Services Division is putting up a strong effort as well. Their "Open House" event certainly helps to cement the cohesiveness of this group and it displays their "welcome in" attitude towards colleagues working throughout the libraries of Nassau County.

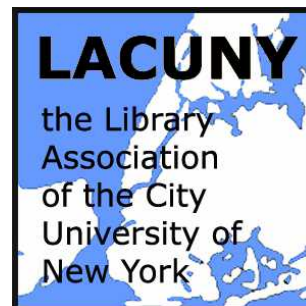
As I review the application forms that come to my desk, I am pleased to see that new arrivals in our libraries are being encouraged to join the Association by NCLA supporters and that "veterans" need only a little reminder to

recognize the value of membership in the Association.

The Long Island Library Conference is always an inducement for individuals to renew their membership. I am sure that the arrival of this year's LILC registration form will have a similar effect.

Last year we completed our campaign with 1038 members. Will 2006 be another record setting year? Can NCLA's membership total exceed 1100 active members?

Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair



The Library Association of the City University of New York (LACUNY) is pleased to announce its annual professional development conference: The LACUNY Institute. This conference will be held all day, Friday, May 19, 2006 at Baruch College on East 25th Street in the Park Avenue South area of Manhattan, New York City. The theme of the workshop is "Information Commons: Are We All Things to All People?" For further information, contact Katherine Parsons, Bronx Community College, 718-289-5434.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

NCLA's Scholarship Fund continues to grow as members express their concern for the future by contributing to this program. The following individuals made donations totaling \$1,319 to the NCLA Scholarship Fund Account in 2005:

Terry Ain  
Eleanor Arnost  
Anne Bauman  
Al Bellos  
Ellen B. Berman  
Mary Berman  
Dr. Robert D. Berman  
James R. Brown  
Barbara Buckley  
Margaret G. Burke  
Maryellen Cantanno  
Rocco Cassano  
Carol Ann Ceraldi  
Peter Cirona  
Karen Cooper  
Susan Curran  
Edward deSciora  
Susan O. de Sciora  
E. Marie Doran  
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Michelle Young  
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Catherine Wellikoff  
Dr. Mary L. Westermann-Cicio  
Dr. Paul A. Winckler  
Elizabeth Young

In 2003, the NCLA Executive Board created an Education Grant Program. During 2005 the following NCLA members made contributions to this scholarship fund totaling \$493.50.

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Eleanor Arnost  
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Chris Stack  
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Barbara J. Thomas  
Joan A. Thorn

We thank these donors for their generous contributions to this program which provides deserving NCLA members with continuing education assistance.

Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair

**31st Annual  
Long Island Library Conference**

**"EMBRACING CHANGE"**

**Guest Speaker: Chris Crutcher**

**May 3, 2006**

**Huntington Town House  
Huntington, New York**

Registration & Program Information  
COMING SOON!  
Check our website:  
<http://www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/llc/>

Just  
A  
Reminder



Join NCLA for a fun filled event to be shared with friends, family and colleagues at one or both of the following Long Island Ducks Games this summer 2006.

**DATES:**

**Friday July 7, 2006**—\$32 for adults and \$25 for children age 9 or under which includes one ticket, and an all you can eat picnic/buffet with chicken, tossed salad, hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, potato/macaroni salad, ribs, roasted corn and soft drinks. The picnic begins at 5:30PM and game time is 7:05PM.

**Saturday August 19, 2006**— \$11 includes one ticket. Game time is 7:05PM.

**All tickets include a \$2 donation for NCLA. No Refunds! Rain or Shine!**  
**Decisions regarding the cancellations of games are made at game time.**

Quackers says “take advantage of the Ducky Deal of the season from NCLA and receive an NCLA T- shirt for only \$8 with the purchase of a Ducks Ticket” We only have them available in sizes Large and X-Large.



**Tear off and return by May 1, 2006 (4 ticket per-person / per-event )**

JULY 7: Adults \$32 \_\_\_\_\_ Children (9 years old and younger) \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

AUGUST 19: Adults and children \$11 \_\_\_\_\_

Ducky Deal with the purchase of Ducks tickets add \$8 per t-shirt to the total amount and specify size and how many L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return your requests with a check and self addressed return envelope to the  
Freeport Memorial Library  
144 West Merrick Road Freeport, New York 11520  
Attention: Kathy Rodriguez or Liz Gifkins

**Make checks payable to Nassau County Library Association or “NCLA”**

Include your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Library: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



# Library Briefs



(L to R): The Long Island Arts Council in Freeport honored recipients of 2006 New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program Grants at a reception on Thursday, March 16, 2006. Dave Opatow (Director of the Freeport Memorial Library), Nancy Curtin (Director of the Port Washington Public Library), Mamie Eng (Assistant Director of the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library), Susan Healy (Librarian from the Shelter Rock Public Library), Edith Kalickstein (Program Coordinator from the Long Beach Public Library), Tracey Simon (Librarian from the Lynbrook Public Library), and Lucille Carl (Young Adult Librarian from the Baldwin Public Library).

The Freeport Memorial Library hosted a performance of the Da Capo Chorale, directed by noted conductor Talbot Thayer, on April 2, 2006. The program consisted of a capella madrigals and varied choral works from many periods. This concert was made possible by a generous grant from the Dr. Rudolph and Mildred Joseph Foundation and by a grant of public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport.



The husband and wife duo Eranga and Prianga Pieris from Sri Lanka will perform international songs in multi-languages at the Shelter Rock Public Library on Sunday, April 30, 2006. Prianga will accompany songs on the Spanish guitar. The duo has appeared on BBC TV in London and ZDF in Germany, and throughout Europe, Asia, and the Americas. This program was made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts through the Nassau Grants for the Arts, administered by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport.

The Mineola Memorial Library has been chosen as one of the sixty libraries that will host the American Library Association's traveling panel exhibit, "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation." The exhibit consists of reproductions of rare historical documents from the Huntington Library in San Marino, CA, which reexamine Lincoln's efforts toward the abolition of slavery during the Civil War. Mineola will host the exhibit from November 12, 2009-January 8, 2010. It is the only library in Nassau County chosen to host the exhibit and is the closest library to New York City on the tour.

## LIBRARY LOBBY DAY

NCLA was represented at this year's Library Day in Albany by more than 50 individuals. While some members and friends of libraries took the bus sponsored by NCLA for the March 14<sup>th</sup> event, others traveled earlier to attend meetings in Albany and were participants at the Legislative Breakfast hosted by NYLA that began the day's activities. In addition, a number of NCLA members were on the SCLA buses and they joined our group when we reached the Capitol. Kudos to Charles Sleepe for their leadership in organizing the bus trip.

Participation in this year's Day was excellent. A "rally" in the well of the Legislative Office Building was attended by at least 500 individuals. Speakers included NYLA's President Jennifer Morris and Legislative Committee Chair Kathy Miller, as well as Senators Farley and Saland (Ed. Comm. Chair), Assemblywomen Cathy Nolan (Ed. Comm. Chair), Pat Eddington (Library Comm. Chair) and Dandy Galef (former Library Comm. Chair). This event helped inspire our "citizen lobbyists" to make our case to our representatives. NYLA reports that at least 800 people, representing all areas of NY State, came to Albany on the 14<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate their concern for library funding in the State budget.

Reports indicate that the Legislature has agreed to provide libraries with \$20 million in additional funding this year. However, there is still much work to do as the Governor still has the potential to line-item veto this additional spending. NCLA members are urged to keep vigilant in case further action is necessary with respect to our Albany representatives.

The additional funding includes \$2.7 million to fully fund systems, etc. based on the 2000 census, \$3 million in new system aid, and a \$14 million library construction package.

Work on delivering a timely budget in NY State will no doubt be concluded by the time this Newsletter arrives on your desk, however, talking to legislators about library issues should be an ongoing activity for all NCLA members and supporters.

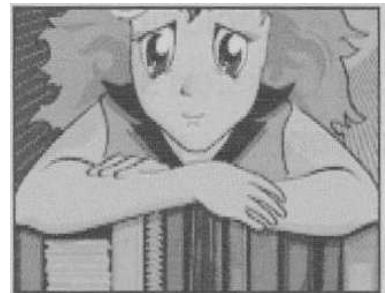
Arthur Friedman  
NYLA Liaison

## MANAGING MANGA

The NCLA Young Adult Services Division Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2006, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., at Peppercorn's Restaurant, 25 East Marie Street, Hicksville, NY 11801.

The guest speaker will be graphic novel expert Robin Brenner, the resident comics and graphic novel enthusiast at Cary Memorial Library in Lexington, MA. She is the creator of the nationally recognized graphic novel website, "No Flying No Tights," which contains reviews, news, and recommendations for teens and librarians navigating the increasingly popular world of graphic novels and manga.

Ms. Brenner will share her insight into the history of manga (Japanese graphic novels), how it differs from Western graphic novels, and the latest trends and hot titles in this wildly popular art form.



The cost for NCLA and SCLA members and students is \$35.00 and \$45.00 for non-members. Please register for the luncheon by Wednesday, May 10, 2006, by sending your check (payable to NCLA), to Kate Monsour, Port Washington Public Library, One Library Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050. For further information, contact Kate at (516) 883-4400, x121.

Kate Monsour  
YASD President

Nassau County Library Association  
 PR/Programming Division  
**TALENT SHOWCASE 2006**



⇐ Japanese Drumming  
 Performed by Gerard & Hiroko Senese

Shakespeare in Song & Story  
 with Barry Kaplan ⇓



Latin American Music  
 by Eco Del Sur ⇒



Classical Harmonica  
 by Jia-Yi He ⇓



⇑ Origins of Broadway Musicals/Opera by Arlene Kaye

