



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the newly elected Officers of NCLA's Divisions and to the Executive Board, as well as those selected as Committee Chairs for 2006! I look forward to working closely with the Board, Divisions, and Committees as NCLA continues to grow in strength and commitment to advocate for libraries and library systems.

As part of that effort I urge all members of NCLA to join us on Tuesday March 14, 2006 as we make our annual "Library Legislation Day" bus trip to Albany. NCLA now has over 1,000 members; if only 10% of us made the trip we would have a phenomenal presence. Staff members, Friends, directors/assistant directors, trustees and patrons are all welcome to join us.

This year, with all members of the legislature up for re-election, we have a very good opportunity to effectively persuade our officials that the vitally critical need for full and increased funding for libraries and library systems is in everyone's best interest.

Details concerning the trip were mailed out to members in early February (orange colored flier) and will be posted on the NCLA website, <http://ncla.info>. Hope to see you in Albany!

The first NCLA Executive Board meeting of this year was held on January 13, 2006. All of the meeting dates have been posted on the NCLA website.

The 31st Long Island Library Conference: "Embracing Change" will take place on Wednesday May 3, 2006, at the Huntington Town House. The Keynote Speaker will be Chris Crutcher.

NCLA will be offering many outstanding programs and workshops throughout the year that are organized with the needs of libraries and their staffs in mind. I look forward to seeing and meeting as many of you as possible at these events. Have a wonderful 2006!

Frank McKenna
NCLA President

Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, March 14, 2006, is NYLA's Library Lobby Day. Join hundreds of other advocates from around the state in the fight for libraries fair share of the state budget. Your legislators need to hear from you; make your voice hear!

For all the details on NYLA's Library Lobby Day 2006 click:

http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=148. You can also take action now, by visiting NYLA's Online Advocacy Center. This feature of the NYLA website allows you to send a fax message to your state representatives, letting them know that you support library issues. Best of all there is no cost to you: http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=925.

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Clerical Division News



2006 Clerical Division Board (L to R): Debbie Fox – President; Jeanette Nicoletti – Vice-President/Pres. Elect; Roseanne Crudo - Treasurer, Dalal Fatoush - Past President. Missing: Chris Marra - Secretary (Maternity Leave).

On December 16, 2005, the Clerical Division held its annual Luncheon/Installation of officers at the Gifts of the Green in Levittown.

The following officers are as follows:

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2006 promises to be another banner year! Our membership numbers are already on the rise and several new members have sought us out wanting to become active in our Division. If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership. As always, we urge all members to recruit at least one new member. Let's show our support of libraries.

Plans are already underway for our Annual Open House where you can network with colleagues from across Nassau County. This year we will be having a Luau with authentic dancers, delicious dinner and dessert and of course, raffles. It will be held at the newly renovated Uniondale Public Library on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. We hope to see many of you there.

Another important event that we urge Clerical Division members to attend is the Annual Bus Trip to Albany on Library Legislation Day – Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

We are planning other workshops for 2006, and we'd appreciate your input. Please contact me or any other board member with any ideas, information, or suggestions. We need and want to know what is important to you in performing your library duties.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Open House.

Debbie Fox
Clerical Division
President



(L to R): Debbie Fox, Jeanette Nicoletti, Roseanne Crudo.

YASD News

The Young Adult Services Division ended 2005 with the traditional December Brunch and Installation of Officers. This year, our celebration was held at the newly renovated Baldwin Public Library on December 1, 2005.

Forty three librarians attended the brunch, which featured an excellent guest speaker from the Ketchum Public Relations Agency. Karen Strauss gave an informative and entertaining talk, entitled, "How to Market to Teens the Way the Pros Do!" She offered insight into how corporations and ad agencies successfully target teen audiences and suggested ways that public libraries could emulate those strategies to market their programs and services to an increasingly busy and stressed out teen population.



Photo Courtesy of Ketchum

Karen Strauss, Partner and Global Director of Strategic and Creative Planning, Ketchum Public Relations

The talk was followed by a tour of the library, including the new Teen area. Thanks to Lucille Carl and the Baldwin Public Library for hosting this very successful event.

On January 12, 2006, Young Adult librarians from Nassau and Suffolk Counties met at the South Huntington Public Library for the annual Mock Printz Workshop. After much spirited debate and discussion, the novel, Looking for Alaska, by John Green, was chosen by the group as the winner for 2006. As it has for the past few years, the ALA Printz Committee agreed with us, and Looking for Alaska was chosen as the 2006 Printz Award winner on January 23, 2006 at the ALA Midwinter Meetings in San Antonio.

NCLA's Young Adult Services Division looks forward to another record breaking year in 2006. Last year's membership total reached 92 members, a high for the division. Thanks to Aviva Kane, 2005 YASD President, and Pat Friedland, Membership Chair, for all of their dedication and hard work in achieving this landmark.

This year, the board hopes to build upon the great example set by last year's officers and continue to offer dynamic and informative programs and services to our members. The 2006 Executive

Board and Committee Chairs

President: Kate Monsour
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Secretary: Peter Cirona
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Nominating: Terry Ain
Technology: Jennifer Firth

Please join us as we embark upon another great year!

Kate Monsour
YASD President

2006 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The deadlines for 2006 NCLA Newsletters are:

April 2006 Issue	Fri., March 10, 2006
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

Send news that might be of interest to your NCLA colleagues. Please remember to include WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and WHY.

Return all information to:

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INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA also continues to grow. Our total for 2006 is now 31 and additional renewals are expected. The following institutions have already joined NCLA in 2006:

Academic Libraries

Five Towns College
New York College of
Osteopathic Medicine
New York Institute of
Technology – Wisser Library

Public Libraries

Bethpage Public Library
East Rockaway Public Library
Floral Park Public Library
Freeport Memorial Library
Garden City Public Library
Great Neck Library
Hempstead Public Library
Henry Waldinger Memorial
Library (Valley Stream)
Hewlett-Woodmere Public
Library
Huntington Public Library
Island Park Public Library
Jericho Public Library
Locust Valley Library
Lynbrook Public Library
Massapequa Public Library
North Merrick Public Library
Peninsula Public Library
Plainview-Old Bethpage Public
Library
Uniondale Public Library
West Hempstead Public Library
Westbury Memorial Library

School Libraries

Friends Academy Library
North Shore High School
Library

Oceanside High School Library

Library Systems

Long Island Library Resources
Council
Nassau Library System
Nassau (BOCES) School Library
System

Library Schools

Palmer School of Library &
Information Science

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

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

Children's Services Division News

We have great news at CSD! Our guest speaker at the Long Island Library Conference on May 3 will be this year's Caldecott winner Chris Raschka. Congratulations to our new president, Michele Vaccarelli for arranging for such an exciting and timely guest.

I am sure he will tell us how thrilled he was to win this prestigious illustration award for his latest work "The Hello Goodbye Window" written by Norton Juster. In 1994, Mr. Raschka was a Caldecott honor recipient for "Yo Yes." He has also written/illustrated many other works. We will be selling a selection of them at the conference.



Congratulations to this year's slate of officers who were installed at our annual breakfast meeting at the Wantagh Public Library on December 12, 2005. They are: Michele Vaccarelli (Wantagh)-President, Janet Scheuering (Rockville Centre)-Vice-Pres./Pres. Elect, Helen Friedman (North Merrick)-Rec. Secretary, Linda Eagan (Lynbrook)-Corres. Secretary, Geraldine Farmer-Morrison (Levittown)-Treasurer and Bonnie Markel (Merrick)-Director. Karen Maletz (Hicksville) continues on as director of a 2-year term.

At this meeting, our guest speaker was award-winning author/storyteller, Heather Forest who was very entertaining. Thanks again to Michele and her committee for arranging such an enjoyable morning.



Heather Forest at CSD Installation Breakfast.

Karen Maletz
Hicksville

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NCLA Liaison to SCLA

Mary Donor (Retired)

TAKING CARE OF CAREGIVERS

The services provided by family caregivers represent 80% of all home care services. Family caregivers provide a vast array of emotional, financial, nursing, social, homemaking, and other services on a daily or intermittent basis.

Caregiving itself is a multi-dimensional puzzle. For some it means providing 24- hour care for someone who can't dress, feed, go to the bathroom, or think for himself or herself. For others, caregiving is an emotional roller coaster because a diagnosed condition has not exhibited debilitating symptoms – yet. *

As a caregiver, you may feel you have little control over your circumstances, but the opposite is true. You have several rights. It's important to keep these in mind when caregiving becomes over-whelming and you feel frustrated or out of control.

When you are a caregiver, finding time for positive, nurturing interactions with others might seem impossible. But you owe it to yourself to find time for you. Without it, you may not have the mental strength to deal with all of the emotions you experience as a caregiver, including guilt and anger. Give yourself permission not to be perfect...you're doing the best you can.

The following "tips" might prove useful to you:

- Incorporate activities that give you pleasure even when you don't really feel like it. Listen to music, work in the garden, engage in a hobby...whatever it is that you enjoy.
- Pamper yourself. Take a warm bath and light candles. Find some time for a manicure or a massage.

- Eat balanced meals to nurture your body. Find time to exercise even if it's a short walk everyday. Do the best you can to sleep at least 7 hours a night.

- "Laughter" is the best medicine"...buy a light-hearted book or rent a comedy video. Whenever you can, try to find some humor in everyday situations.

- Keep a journal. Write down your thoughts and feelings. This helps provide perspective on your situation and serves as an important release for your emotions.

- Arrange a telephone contact with a family member, a friend, or a volunteer from a church or senior center so that someone calls each day to be sure everything is all right. This person could relieve you of responsibility by contacting other family members to let them know the status of the care receiver or if you need anything.

- Try to set a time for afternoons or evenings out. Seek out friends and family to help you so that you can have some time away from the home. And, if it is difficult to leave, invite friends and family over to visit with you. Share some tea, or coffee. It is important that you interact with others.

- Join a support group. Seek out people who are going through the same experiences that you are living each day. If you can't leave the house, many Internet services are available.

- Draw strength from your faith, or any faith-based caregiving support services. A congregation in a church or synagogue can provide the encouragement you need to feel good about your caregiving role, and may also be able to provide a break from time to time.

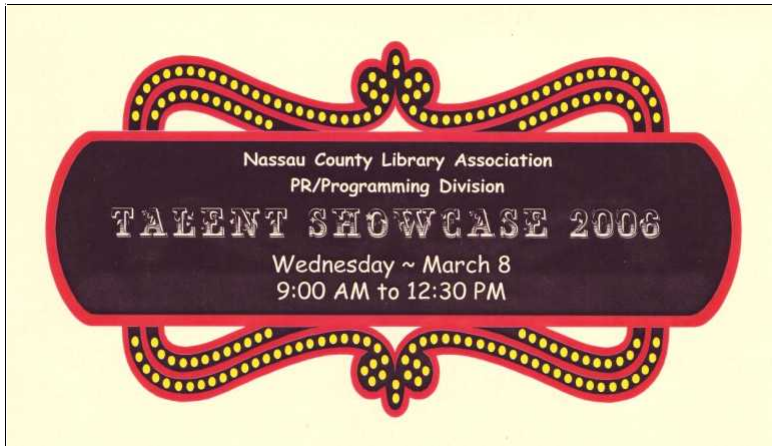
This information was provided by Cindy Powers of the Bristol Assisted Living Center. The Center offers a member-benefit to NCLA members. For information contact Art Friedman at 516-572-7883.

REMINDER

ADDRESS FOR NCLA WEB PAGE

The address for the NCLA web page is:

<http://ncla.info>



NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Last year, in time for Valentine's Day, NCLA members showed that they had the Association in their hearts and minds as more than 600 individuals and institutions had sent in their 2005 dues. It appears that our 2006 campaign is keeping up with our previous record-setting pace. I am hopeful that the addition of "lapsed" members and staff members, who are new to our libraries, will make NCLA stronger than ever. In 2005 we reached a membership of 1038, how about at least 1050 in 2006?

Our second membership mailing will be going out towards the end of March to those individuals and institutions that have not yet rejoined. Why not help the process along (and save NCLA printing and postage costs, as well as the time of your membership chair) by making sure that you are a paid-up member or by taking the time to renew now?

Note that officially, NCLA's Constitution requires that returning members remit their dues by the end of March each year.

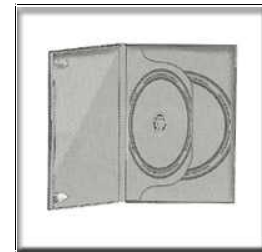
A number of NCLA divisions are continuing on their record setting paths for active participation. The Children's Services and Young Adult Services divisions are leading the way in 2006 to enlist new members and increase their networking potentials.

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

News from the Media Services Division

The Media Services Division had its first board meeting on January 31, 2006, where we welcomed new board members and shared ideas for upcoming programs. Is there a topic you'd like to see covered during a roundtable or panel discussion, or a speaker you'd like us to invite to speak? In order to build on last year's

programs and to keep up with rapidly changing technology and the demands of our public, we need your input! Send us your ideas and bring them to our first program in early March, "Media Packaging & Security for CDs and DVDs: A Roundtable Discussion."



A representative from Showcases (www.showcases1.com/main.htm), "Storage Solutions Consultants," will give a short presentation, and it is rumored that they will also be providing brunch. Although we have suggested a topic for discussion, there will also be time for everyone to share new issues and pressing concerns. It would be great to hear what newly renovated libraries have planned/are planning for their media collections and services.

The roundtable discussion is held early in the year in the hopes of collecting ideas for future programs and welcoming new members to the division. We were pulling together the last few details of this March program as the newsletter was sent to press. For more information, check the NCLA calendar and the Media Division page at www.ncla.info.

Rick Fox
President
Media Services

Save the Date



NCLA is planning to have two Long Island Ducks Games events this year. Dates are as follows:

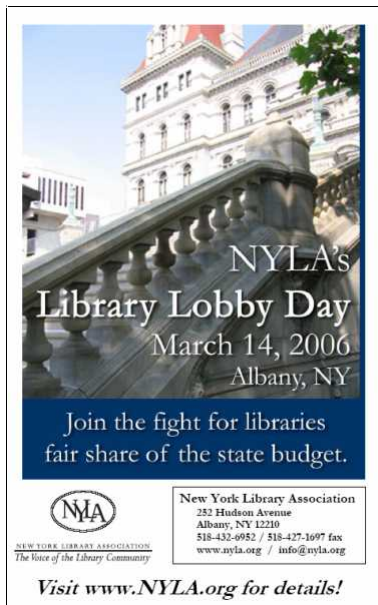
Friday July 7, 2006: Pre-game Picnic at 5:30 pm; Game to follow versus the Road Warriors. Price per ticket: \$32.

Saturday August 19, 2006: Game Only, 7:05 pm, versus the Road Warriors. Price per ticket: \$11.

Each ticket will include a \$2 contribution toward NCLA. Stay tuned; more information to follow.


Ken Bellafiore
Nassau Community College

Liz Gifkins
Freeport Memorial Library



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Visit www.NYLA.org for details!

HURRICANE KATRINA DIASTER RELIEF EFFORT

The tragedy of the failure of the man-made levee system to protect the lives and property of our neighbors in New Orleans has touched us all. As members of the library community, we know how important our institutions are to the well-being of our clientele and the communities in which they live. Taking a cue from our colleagues in the Gulf region, the NCLA Executive Board decided that our Association should do what it can to offer the assistance that is most needed by the libraries that need to rebuild their structures, their collections, and their programs. That need is for MONEY!



A \$500 appropriation from NCLA's cash reserves has now grown substantially through the raffle that was conducted at the Association's December Annual Meeting and the individual contributions that have been arriving daily with membership renewal forms. We expect that NCLA will be able to forward a donation of more than \$2000 to this nationwide campaign to rebuild the libraries of New Orleans.



Thank you for your support of this effort!

Photos from the New Orleans Public Library Website





LIBRARY LEGISLATION DAY 2006
Make a Difference on March 14th

The Governor's new budget has been released, and once again, there are no increases for library aid. Additional funds are needed to aid the Nassau Library System, and the statewide electronic database program NOVEL. We have the opportunity to register our opinions with our legislators and to encourage them not to leave libraries in the 20th century and to support full and realistic funding for libraries in 2006. Let your representatives know who you are, whom you represent, and what your legislative and fiscal concerns are.

In traveling to Albany, you'll send a memorable day with your colleagues. You will begin your trip in 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 and backup information regarding the legislative issues important to Long Island libraries.



Cheese and crackers, sandwiches, and beverages will be served on the trip back. You'll be surrounded with lively conversation, camaraderie, and a sense of achievement. This year, in order to defray some of the expense of the trip, there will be a five-dollar (\$5.00) cost per person.

The NCLA bus will depart from the NLS parking lot on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 7:00 a.m. For any questions, call Charles Sleaf, 746-8488.

To register send the form below to Charles c/o the Mineola Memorial Library along with your \$5.00 check payable to NCLA.

I want to make a difference in Albany and meet with my representatives on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. I'll be at the NLS parking lot no later than 7:00 a.m., ready to go! (Please be sure to park in the front of the parking lot nearer to Jerusalem Avenue to allow NLS employees adequate space.)

Name _____ Library _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

To find your Assembly or Senate District, simply use the appropriate URLs.

A.D. ___ <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem> S.D. ___ <http://www.senate.state.ny.us> (Click on Senators)

Deadline for registration is March 7, 2006.

People in the News

On Friday, January 20, 2006, the staff of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library held a retirement party for 98-year-old Christine Lane, a highly-regarded employee since 1963. During her 43 years at the library, she earned the titles of Senior Library Clerk and Principal Library Clerk. In 1981, at the age of 74, Mrs. Lane retired from her full time position, and immediately assumed a part time position at the library. Her wide range of knowledge and years of experience made her a valuable asset to the library.

It is with great sadness that NCLA reports that Dave Pinkwas, a former director of the Bethpage Public Library, passed away in early January 2006. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Laura Pinkwas, at 3133 Perry Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572.

The Children's Room of the Freeport Memorial Library has a new part time librarian. Chris Conklin recently received his MLS from L.I.U. C.W. Post's library school. He is a welcome addition to the staff!

Carol Ahrens, Director of the Franklin Square Public Library for the past three years, became the Director of the Hicksville Public Library at the beginning of February 2006. The Assistant Director of Franklin Square, Peggy Smith, is now the Acting Director.

Children's Librarian Penny Weber of the East Meadow Public Library passed away in late January 2006 after a long struggle with breast cancer. Penny was a dedicated children's librarian for many years and she will be greatly missed.

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library of Valley Stream welcomes Faith Sundquist to its staff as Librarian Trainee in Adult Services. She is pursuing her MLS at the Palmer School, and she replaces Librarian Trainee Anna Shifton who left the library when she and her husband moved to New Jersey.

Save the Date

Second Annual Fran Romer Memorial Conference



Friday, April 7, 2006

Book Talk Workshop
Keynote Speaker:
Mary K. Chelton

Northport-East Northport Public Library
151 Laurel Avenue
Northport, NY

For more information,
contact
Lorraine Squires
(631) 585-9393

Introduction to Using MARC Format with Archives and Manuscript Materials

The Long Island Library Resources Council Documentary Heritage Program will be presenting a workshop, "Introduction to Using MARC Format with Archives and Manuscript Materials" on Thursday, March 16, 2006, from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at the Farmingdale Public Library.

The guest speaker will be Karen Cannell of the New York State Archives. This workshop will introduce participants to the basic MARC (Machine Readable Cataloging) concepts and structure, with an overview of MARC in relation to archival automation.

The registration fee, which includes a continental breakfast, is \$5.00 for LILRC members or \$10.00 for non-members. You may purchase lunch for an additional \$5.00 fee.

You may earn .5 hrs. of Continuing Education Credit for an additional fee of \$5.00.

Contact Virginia D. Antonucci, Regional Archivist, for further information or to register, at LILRC, Melville Library Building, Suite E5310, Stony Brook, NY 11794-3399, (631) 632-6656, fax (631) 632-6662. Please make checks payable to the Long Island Library Resources Council.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

The Sea Cliff Village Library is celebrating 100 years of continuous service to the Village of Sea Cliff on Sunday, April 2, 2006, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The trustees and staff are planning a welcoming ceremony, musical performances, gallery exhibits, and refreshments.

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library of Valley Stream held an Open House on Saturday, January 21, 2006, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., to celebrate the completion of its interior renovation. Craft tables for children, ongoing magic shows by Terry Parrett, storytimes, an "Almost New" booksale, and local authors were part of the celebration.



Valley Stream Children's Librarian Trainee Suzanne Dlugolonski reads to children at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library's Open House.

21st Annual "B.E.S.T. Award"

The Young Adult Librarians of Nassau and Suffolk Counties need your help to identify and honor those teenagers who have made significant contributions in library services.

Nominate a teen between 13 and 19 years of age for the B.E.S.T. (Bringing Excellence in Service by Teens) Award. He/she must be a Nassau/ Suffolk County resident and must be a volunteer, employee, or other affiliate of any library-related organization.

Winners will receive a commemorative plaque and be given a \$150 stipend.

Applications will be accepted beginning Monday, March 6, 2006 and must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 10, 2006. Applications should be sent to:

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A committee of the Young Adult Services Divisions of the Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations will choose the winners. All entries will remain the property of those Divisions.

Awards will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at the Huntington Townhouse.

Each nominee will receive a certificate of appreciation and a letter of commendation from the B.E.S.T. Award Committee.