

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 31st Annual Long Island Library Conference was held on Wednesday May 3, 2006 at the Huntington Townhouse and it was a great success!

Rona Dressler of the Patchogue-Medford Public Library was this year's Conference Chairperson. The Conference Committee was made up of representatives from both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. This year's Nassau County Committee members were: Tom Bazzicalupo (Treasurer), Maryann Ferro (Arrangements), Trina Reed (Exhibits), Joanne Gramaglia (Programs), Fran Contonzo (Publicity), Phyllis Bradley (Registration), and Maureen Chiofalo (Job Table).

I would like to thank Rona and all of her committee members for their dedicated commitment and hard work to make this year's conference a wonderful success. This year's Committee, as in years past, was able to provide informative speakers and programs, award presentations and a wide variety of exhibitors.

Thanks to those who volunteered at the NCLA table and division tables including Elaine Cummings-Young, Carolyn Voegler, Ken Bellafiore, Debbie Fox, Marcia Olsen, Michelle Fuchs, Peter Cirona, Tracey Simon, Pam Lieber, Jessica Ley, Suzanne Molczan, Nadine Connors, Rosanne Humes, Karen Shaw-Widman, Susan Healy, Gerry Leibowitz, Betty Petreshock, Rick Fox, MaryLu Phelan, Dalal Fatoush, Connie Stanga, Jeanette Nicoletti, Kathy Lanzaro, Mary Broderick, Renee McGrath, Judy Berkhoff, Aviva Kane, Margaret Cole, Fran Jackson, Peter Cirona, Michelle Roberts, Mamie Eng, Janet Scheuring, Joanne Van Meter, Anita LaSpina, Linda Eagan, and Kate Monsour. My apologies for anyone I left out.

Congratulations to all the winners of the NCLA raffle and division raffles!



This year's keynote speaker was the highly regarded and award winning Young Adult author Chris Crutcher. His novels are known for their realism and he is considered by experts in the field of YA literature to be among the very best. He is also an educator and family therapist. His keynote address was poignant and enjoyable.

Congratulations are deserved for the B.E.S.T. Award (Bringing Excellence in Service by Teens) Nassau County winner Sharifa Shorter of the Uniondale Public Library.

Congratulations, as well, to Kenneth S. Weil, Library Director of the South Huntington Public Library, for being the winner of the 2006 LDA Award winner. Mr. Weil began his career as a reference librarian at the Oyster Bay Public Library and became the library's director in 1980. He went on to direct the Jericho Public Library from 1982 to 1988; the Great Neck Library from 1988 to 1998; and the South Huntington Public Library from 1998 to the present.

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Mr. Weil has been involved in numerous library construction projects over the years, the most recent being the creation of the South Huntington Public Library, a building incorporating state of the art technologies. He is also actively engaged in the development of political alliances for public libraries on the local and state levels. On a personal note, being a student of Prof. Weil's at Queens College GSLIS "Public Library Management" class was a prime inspiration for my eventually becoming a public library director and I know has been for several other directors as well.

The LDA Award Committee Chairperson this year was Ken Bellafiore of Nassau Community College; thank you, Ken.

Remember, if you have not renewed your NCLA membership, do it today – and tell a friend to join as well, they will thank you.

Frank McKenna
NCLA President

NCLA Technical Services Committee News

On April 5, 2006, the Technical Services Committee sponsored a bus trip to Baker & Taylor's Bridgewater, New Jersey, distribution center. There were over 30 participants on the trip, which included a tour of the warehouse facility and lunch. The group was taken around the facility and shown the multitude of steps involved in fulfilling our orders. A big thank you to Frank McDonald and Baker & Taylor for underwriting this field trip, and for the wonderful goodie bag we received.



The Committee held a Technical Services Forum for June 12, 2006, from 9 am - 12 noon at the East Meadow Public Library where we shared ideas with our colleagues.

We would like to keep this important committee active...if you have any ideas for workshops or programs, please contact one of us. You can visit our website at <http://www.nassaulibrary.org/ncla/techservices.html>.

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NCLA Technical Services bus trip to Baker & Taylor in Bridgewater, NJ.

Reference & Adult Services Division News

This year of RASD programs started with an excellent attendance at the "Stress Management in the Workplace" seminar. The program was held in March at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library.

Our table at the May 3rd Long Island Library Conference garnered a large number of inquiries as to what RASD is and does as well as admirers of the beautiful roses and second honeymoon basket that we raffled off. Faye Lieberman from Franklin Square won the roses and Fran Jackson from East Meadow won the basket. Our presentation "Down the Wedding Isle" by Joshua Ruff had over 100 attendees and was well received. He left us wanting more - a definite plus!



The program "Library Law for Librarians" was held May 23rd at NLS. Jerry Nichols was our speaker, and we had over 50 attendees. A few of the subjects touched on were the "odoriferous" patron; the "homeless" and how to help patrons feel more comfortable around them; policy formulation and many other interesting topics.



RASD President congratulates Karen Shaw-Widman, winner of the RASD Logo Contest.

An exciting occurrence was our logo contest in February/March. Karen Shaw-Widman was our winner and you'll soon see our new RASD logo everywhere.

After a restful summer (we hope), David Jank, Dowling College professor, will speak to us in September about periodicals and serial collections. September will also bring the Readers Advisory series presented at Old Westbury by Cathleen Towey on Monday mornings. Watch for more details soon.



Also, be sure to save October 11, 2006, for our annual breakfast. Place a speaker will be announced.

November will find our own Stu Schaeffer from Farmingdale Public Library presenting a business seminar.

Our fall lineup is exciting and we hope to see many of you at the programs. Have a great summer!!

Marcia L. Olsen
President

REMINDER

ADDRESS FOR NCLA WEB PAGE

The address for the
NCLA web page is:

<http://ncla.info>



PR/Programming: It's a Wonderful World

On Tuesday, April 11, 2006, twenty-five members of the PR/Programming Division were thinking globally and planning locally when they participated in "It's a Wonderful World," a panel discussion of ethnic programming. The purpose of the discussion was to introduce new and different talent and resources to library program coordinators in response to Long Island's shifting and changing population.

The guest speakers included Indu Jaiswal (Indian-American Cultural Group of Long Island), Swati Vaishnav (Nartan Rang School of Dance), Ruth Goodman and Stacey Jawitz (Israeli Dance Institute), Clare Curtin (Irish Cultural Society of Garden City), and Barbara Szydlowski (Polish-American Museum).

Highlights of the discussion included film clips of various dance styles from the states of India and an audience participation segment in which we learned a Yemenite dance and celebration "trill."



Ruth Goodman demonstrating the celebration trill.



Clare Curtin from the Irish Cultural Society of Garden City and Barbara Szydlowski from the Polish-American Museum speak about ethnic programming available to libraries.

At the Long Island Library Conference on May 3, a crowd of librarians, support staff, and trustees gathered in the Upper Chapel of the Huntington Town House to witness a daring feat -- public speaking! The NCLA PR/Programming Division was co-sponsor of the late afternoon program, "Conquer Your Fear of Public Speaking."

The guest speaker, author and orator Linda Tagliaferro, offered up tips on how to calm your nerves and better prepare for taking one's place behind a podium. She listed what foods to avoid (anything with caffeine) to prevent additional jitters and how to organize one's speech (memorize your opening and closing and talk about no more than three vital points).

The Division wishes to thank Laura Goudket, Chair of NCLA's Continuing Education Committee, for arranging Ms. Tagliaferro's appearance.

In addition, the PR/Programming table received a lot of foot traffic, with people intrigued by the multi-colored neon shopping bags. Each bag represented a raffle prize, which included tickets to local theater performances and highly sought-after edible goodies. The winners were:

Cheryl Fishman
West Hempstead Public Library

Jeanette Newman
Floral Park Public Library

Carol Kamerer
Babylon Public Library

Pascale LaForest
Nassau Library System

Jane Zuckerman
Floral Park Public Library

Joanne Spadaro
The College at Old Westbury Library

Pat Hutter
Westbury Memorial Library

Elyse Schreiber
Peninsula Public Library

Mary Abruscato
Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Comm. Library

Congratulations to you all!
Enjoy the shows and the munchies!

We'd also like to thank the following for their generous donations of prizes: Trader Joe's of Hewlett, Tilles Center for the Performing Arts/Big Apple Circus, Gateway Playhouse, The Stage Theatre at Merrick, Arena Players Repertory Theatre, Broad Hollow Theatre, Hofstra USA Productions, and Panera Bread.

Special thanks to Jessica Ley, Suzanne Molczan, Nadine Connors, Pam Lieber, MaryLu Phelan, and Rosanne Humes for staffing the PR/Programming table. We could not have done it without you!



The next PR/Programming meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, 9:30 a.m. to noon. The subject will be "PR/Programming's Greatest Hits: Q & A." If you have a "how-to" question you'd like answered on any public relations or programming topic, from where to find expensive programs to media relations to

grant writing, please submit it in advance to either Patti Paris, c/o Bellmore Library or Tracey Simon, c/o Lynbrook Library. They will try to find an answer for you. So whether you're a "newbie" or a veteran programmer, there will be something for everyone, including a "Swap and Shop" discussion.

Please RSVP by June 16 to either Tracey or Patti.

Tracey Simon
PR/Programming
Co-Chair

NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As the end of May approaches, NCLA has much to do if we are to maintain our record membership level. While last year at this time we had a roster that included the names of 944 individuals and organizations, this year only 850 have joined or renewed their memberships as this is being written.

Membership reminder notices were recently sent to those individuals and organizations that had not submitted dues payments in time for the Long Island Library Conference. I am hopeful that the friendly reminders will provide the impetus to boost our membership to the 2005 level and beyond.

We continue to receive membership applications from new members of our library community and from those who have finally appreciated the value of an NCLA membership.

Children's Services Division News

By the time you read this, we will have gone on our third annual spring trip. On Friday, June 2, 2006, the Children's Services Division visited the Hagedorn Little Village School's Jack Joel Center for Special Children, a new, special library on developmental disabilities. After a light breakfast, the school's executive director, Caryl Bank spoke to us about the school and our role in early intervention.

We also toured the library which is designed to assist in the understanding and addresses the issues of the developmentally disabled from infancy through adulthood. It was a very interesting morning.

As the school year winds down, so does our annual outreach to various Head Start centers in the county. Since the fall, volunteer children's librarians have been doing monthly "model" story times at our three centers, Hempstead, Rockville Centre & Roosevelt. At each visit, they have also been bringing gift books for the center's library. Before school ends, each child will receive a gift paperback and a letter to their parents explaining our program and encouraging them to take advantage of the resources at their local public library.

Karen Maletz
Hicksville
CSD Publicity

Clerical Services Division News

It has been a very busy year for the Clerical Division. On April 20, 2006, we held our first of several roundtable discussions at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library. It was attended by 46 people from libraries all across Nassau. Darleen Rogers of the Peninsula Library and Chris Marra from the Uniondale Library led a very lively and informative discussion. We were also fortunate enough to have Alan Katz from ALIS join us. He was extremely helpful in answering questions regarding the upgraded system. The participants had good ideas to share and those we spoke to were looking forward to future workshops.



Chris Marra answering questions at roundtable discussion.



Darleen Rogers at the roundtable on April 20, 2006.



NCLA Clerical President Debbie Fox thanks Professor Coppelino for his presentation.

On May 3, 2006, Professor Joseph Coppelino of Nassau Community College was the Clerical Division's guest speaker at the Long Island Library Conference. In addition to his work as a professor, he has worked with executives and professionals from over 100 major corporations in 20 states on a variety of communication skills.

His program focused on effective listening behaviors that were easy to apply and would make a difference in everyone's communication skills. The session was well received as evidenced by the large attendance and audience reaction. Although we had the earliest timeslot (8:00 am), over 170 people attended this presentation. The Clerical Division thanks Professor Coppelino for his informative, witty and gracious presentation.

Also, we would like to thank all those who stopped by our table to inquire about membership, programs or to take a raffle. We had our famous chip-clip giveaways and three raffles. Congratulations to all the raffle winners. Linda Eagan from the Lynbrook Library won our Long Island Family Fun Basket. Dorothy Curto from SCLS won a Bagel Basket and \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Bagel Doctor of Oakdale, and Mamie Eng from the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library won the Pink Gerber Flower Arrangement from DePalma's Florist.

Our Publicity Chair, Kathy Lanzaro, put together a beautiful table for the Clerical Division. I thank Kathy and the Committee – Dalal Fatoush, Mary Broderick, Connie Stanga, Jeanette Nicoletti and all who worked the day of the conference.



(L to R): Jeanette Nicoletti, Vice-President of the Clerical Division, Debbie Fox, President, and Linda Eagan (Lynbrook), winner of Long Island Family Fun Basket at the Long Island Library Conference.

On June 6, 2006, the Clerical Division co-sponsoring our second "East Meets West" Heads of Circulation Meeting with the Suffolk County Support Staff Division. It was held at the Farmingdale Public Library from 9:00 a.m.–12 p.m. This meeting was not limited to Heads of Circulation; assistants and clerks were also welcome to attend. There was a short presentation on the Internal Customer – how we interact with colleagues and staff.



Plans are underway for our annual fall bus trip, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006. Please watch for further details.

We always welcome new members and urge you to recruit a friend. If there is any program or event that you would like to suggest or share please contact me at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, 374-1967 x63 or e-mail dfoxhw@nassaulibrary.org.

Debbie Fox
Clerical Division
President

Reminder



NCLA
Long Island Ducks
Picnic & Game

Friday, July 7, 2006
5:30-9:30 p.m.

DIRECTORY

The 2006 edition of the Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers was completed in time for this year's Long Island Library Conference. Copies of this valuable publication were sent to all 2005 NCLA members who paid dues of \$15.00, and to those individuals and organizations who had filed pre-publication orders for the Directory.

More than 1000 copies of this document have now been distributed, and I am sure they are already getting much use.

Many institutions, both within and outside the "NCLA family" appreciate the value of the Directory and purchase additional copies for their public to use. These additional copies can be ordered at the special price of \$74.95 (plus shipping & handling).

To offer suggestions for changes or to purchase copies of the Directory, contact Art Friedman, Editor-in-Chief, at 516-572-7883.



31st Annual Long Island Library Conference Embracing Change



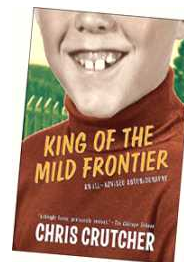
NCLA President Frank McKenna and NCLA Treasurer Elaine Cummings-Young at the NCLA Table.



Maureen Chiofalo distributes job information at the Library Career Table.



⇐ (L to R): SCLA YASD President Beth Whalen, NCLA YASD President Kate Monsour, Keynote Speaker Chris Crutcher, and NCLA President Frank McKenna.



NCLA Clerical Services Division Table.



NCLA Media Services Division Table.



(L to R): Joanne Van Meter (Garden City), Linda Eagan (Lynbrook), and book illustrator Chris Raschka at the NCLA Children's Services Division Table.



(L to R): Chris Tooker (Plainview) and Renee Gewirtz (North Bellmore) at the Reference & Adult Services Division Table.

NCLA YASD President Kate Monsour (Port Washington) ⇨ at the Young Adult Services Division Table.



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(L to R): Fran Jackson (East Meadow) and YA author Lara M. Zeises at the YASD Table.



Two very happy people!

Long Island Library Conference Chair Rona Dressler and Treasurer Tom Bazzicalupo relax as the conference winds down.



Joshua Ruff, F. Henry Berlin History Curator, The Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages, presents "Down the Isle: Wedding Traditions across Long Island."



Tracy Lobdell, Library Specialist, from J.S. McHugh/Brodart.



Janway Company displays library give-aways, prizes, etc.



Keynote Speaker Chris Crutcher talks about his colorful childhood.

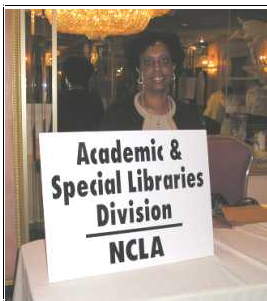


(L to R): NCLA Past-President Ken Bellafiore (Nassau Community College) and Guy Paul Edwards (East Islip)



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Jeff Metz,
Representative
from Recorded
Books

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Professor Don
Wilson, LIU, Palmer
School of Library &
Information
Science



ASLD President
Rosemary Burgos-Mira (C.W. Post)



Representatives from Thorndike Press of
Thomson-Gale.



Linda Tagliaferro, President,
Freeport-Hempstead
Toastmasters Club



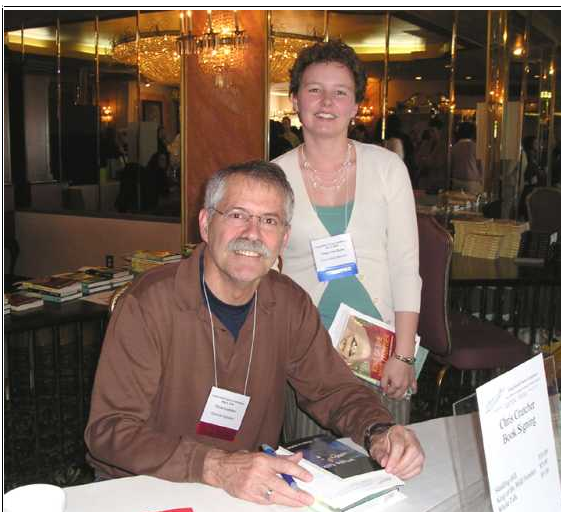
⇒ NCLA President Frank McKenna at the Reference & Adult Services Division Table with (L to R) RASD Secretary Michelle Fuchs (Syosset) and Chris Tooker (Plainview).



Brian Nielsen, Representative for Books On Tape/Listening Library Random House



Todd Friedman, Winner of the ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award presented by the New York Library Association



Chris Crutcher autographs books with assistance from Tracy-Lyn Van Dyne (Connetquot Public Library).



NCLA Treasurer Elaine Cummings-Young sells raffles at the NCLA Table.

Long Island Library Conference Wrap-Up

The 31st Annual Long Island Library Conference has come and gone. We lived up to our theme, "Embracing Change," with the variety of programs from books to computers, and weddings past to podcasts. We are truly on the forefront of technology yet have our roots in the past.

Our keynote speaker, Chris Crutcher, gave us an interesting overview of how some of his characters were created and evolved. His sense of humor and warmth came through throughout the entire presentation. He stayed throughout the day to autograph his books and talk to anyone who meandered by.

The Association tables were busy with all of their raffle giveaways and informing prospective members of what they do and what they can gain by joining. Chocolate, or should I say candy, was sought by all to give them the extra boost to keep going.

I would like to thank the entire committee for their hard work in bringing this Conference together. The years I came as a Conference attendee, everything seemed to flow. Once I started working on the committee, I quickly realized how much work goes into making the Conference the event it is. The Committee consists of Nassau and Suffolk representatives which gives the counties an opportunity to work with counterparts they probably would not have known.

A thank you also goes to Tom Tarantowicz and the Brentwood Library for helping us with our printing needs. This relieved a bit of financial constraints from us and allowed us to get the bags and pens.

Registration went smoothly thanks to our registration committee. Badges and bags filled with the information attendees needed for the day were all ready to go as the first attendees showed up at 6:45 a.m.

Our Arrangements Committee worked very hard all day making sure all the AV equipment was up and running, the Internet was up in the rooms they were needed and that lunch ran as smoothly as it possibly could given the number of attendees. Thanks also to our concierges and room monitors who helped guide everyone to their programs and ensured that the programs ran smoothly in the rooms.

The Exhibits Committee worked very hard helping the vendors with their assigned tables, informing them of changes in the raffle procedures, the locations of lunch, and working with them and the wireless connection. They spent all day Tuesday in the Exhibit Hall as the vendors were coming in and all day Wednesday coping with any possible problems that might have arisen.

If you didn't have a chance to attend this year, please try to come next year to the Conference. Postcards will be going out in the Fall or just check the website for the date. Thank you to all who attended.

Rona Dressler
2006 Chair
Long Island Library
Conference

News from the Civil Service Committee

NCLA Civil Service Committee is still looking for feedback from director and assistant director candidates who took the revised exams at the end of 2005. 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!

Young Adult Services Division

It was a great day to be a Young Adult Librarian on Wednesday May 3, 2006, as we gathered together for the 31st Annual Long Island Library Conference!

The keynote speaker for this year's conference was Young Adult author Chris Crutcher, who spoke about the importance of literature and librarians in changing the lives of children and teens in crisis. He spoke candidly about his work as child and family therapist and how this demanding work has had an impact on his writing over the years. His dedication to young people, fierce opposition to censorship, and knack for storytelling were obvious to all who were lucky enough to be in the audience.

Before the keynote speaker address, the Young Adult Services Division presented the 2006 B.E.S.T. Award to Sharifa Shorter from the Uniondale Public Library. The B.E.S.T. Award (Bringing Excellence in Service by Teens) honors a teen who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her library. Sharifa is the Vice President of the Uniondale Library's Junior Friends group and was instrumental in increasing the size of this service organization by sixty percent. She created a Homework Help Center at the library to help children in the community with their schoolwork.



(L to R): Uniondale YA Librarian Syntychia Kendrick, B.E.S.T. Award Winner Sharifa Shorter, YASD Vice-President & Merrick YA Librarian Michelle Roberts.

She also organized a group of Junior Friends volunteers to present tours of the newly renovated Uniondale Public Library at its grand reopening ceremony. In addition, Sharifa serves as a student consultant for a National Endowment for the Humanities grant that the Youth Services Department of the library applied for last year. As the winner, Sharifa received a plaque and a check for \$150.00. We are very proud of her and congratulate her for this fine achievement!

Over 200 people attended the YASD sponsored talk entitled "Sex and the Young Adult Novel", presented by Young Adult author and Creative Writing teacher Lara Zeises. In light of recent news articles about the racy content of young adult novels, Lara's examination of the topic was both timely and relevant. Her enthusiasm and passion for young adult literature was evident throughout her presentation.

In addition, Lara spent time at the YASD table meeting with librarians and signing copies of her three novels (Bringing Up the Bones, Contents Under Pressure, and Anyone But You).

The YASD table attracted a great deal of attention with its colorful display boards (depicting past YASD programs and events), raffle basket of "pirate booty" (in honor of the summer reading theme "Books a Treasure"), delicious assortment of candy, and friendly faces eager to spread the word about Young Adult Services. Many thanks to Renee McGrath, Judy Burkhoff, Aviva Kane, Margaret Cole, Fran Jackson, Peter Cirona, Michelle Roberts, Mamie Eng, and all of our members who volunteered their time to help with the table and book sale. They truly made the day a great success!

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People in the News

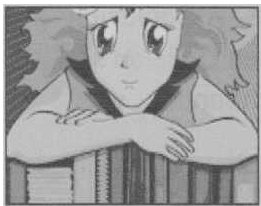
The YASD Spring Luncheon was held on Thursday May 18th at Peppercorn's Restaurant in Hicksville from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. Robin Brenner, a young adult librarian and creator of the web site "No Flying, No Tights" gave a talk entitled, "Managing Manga", which addressed the current graphic novel craze as well as the rise in popularity of Japanese comics or manga.



Robin Brenner speaks on Japanese comics or manga.

Please join the Young Adult Services Division and be a part of the fun! If you are interested in joining, please contact me at the Port Washington Public Library, or email me at monsour@pwpl.org.

Kate Monsour
2006 YASD President



Following over 37 years of service in libraries throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties, Fran Stricoff is relocating to Florida. Fran's career on Long Island included a wide variety of positions in school, public, and academic libraries. Most recently, Fran served as Director of the Five Towns College Library in Dix Hills, NY.

Cathy Mealing, after fifteen years as Assistant Director, has been appointed to replace Elizabeth McCloat as Director of The Bryant Library. She began her library career as a page at the Glen Cove Library at the age of 18 and then went on to become a Circulation Desk Clerk, Senior Clerk, and Principal Clerk in Technical Services. After 25 years at Glen Cove, she moved to The Bryant Library as Coordinator of Technical Services.

Donald Victor Leo Kelly, a library professor at Adelphi University who over a 53-year tenure was credited with playing a major role in building up the university's collection, died June 1 in a cousin's home in Columbia, Md., after a brief bout with cancer. He was 77. Kelly held a number of posts at Adelphi: catalog librarian, head of technical processes, assistant library director and collection development librarian. He was promoted to full professor in 1973. He retired in 2000, but was a senior adjunct faculty member until shortly before his death.

After twenty-two years at the East Meadow Public Library, John Franzen is retiring as Director at the end of June 2006. NLS member library directors will be holding a retirement luncheon for him on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Maine Maid Inn, Jericho, NY.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA is very important in helping us fulfill our mission to provide quality professional and staff development programs, offer useful publications, and continue to be a strong advocate for library issues. Our 2006 institutional support now includes 46 supporters and additional renewals are expected. The following institutions are the most recent additions to our membership roll:

Public Libraries
Farmingdale Public Library
Roosevelt Public Library
Syosset Public Library

We thank the directors and trustees of these libraries for their support. Shouldn't your organization be added to this list of NCLA supporters?

Arthur Friedman
Nassau Community
College

Presentation of the
2006 LDA Award
for
Excellence in Library Achievement
at the
31st Annual Long Island Library Conference

On behalf of LDA Publishers and the Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations, I want to acknowledge and thank the members of this year's bi-county award committee for their diligence and the quality of their selection. The committee was co-chaired by Paula Bornstein of the Lindenhurst Memorial Library and Kenneth Bellafiore of Nassau Community College, and included Tom Bazzicalupo, Vivian Kowaleski, Christine Kulakis, Maureen Nicolazzi, Grace O'Connor and Lorraine Simmonds.

One of the most important tasks that a community can perform is to identify and recognize those individuals who can serve as role models for that community. Individuals have many opportunities to provide service in the library community and its Associations. These opportunities include participation as officers and committee chair, mentorship of neophytes, service as a member of committees and task forces, and leadership of local libraries. This morning, once again, I have the honor to introduce an individual whose résumé of service to librarianship spans a wide variety of duties and achievements.

In the few minutes that I have been given, I have time to highlight just some of the characteristics and accomplishments of the 2006 honoree's distinguished service in the advancement of library services and the ideals of Librarianship. For the second consecutive year, the LDA Committee has chosen to remind us of the work that an individual with vision can achieve in re-making the landscape of Long Island's libraries. The nominators asked the committee to consider how this library leader worked to ensure that trustees, library staff, and the community recognized "the critical importance of a public library to the community," with all the ingredients to create and maintain a staff dedicated to serving that public." In essence, "...that a library is more than the building it is housed in." We consider it a major accomplishment when a library director is responsible for the development or renovation of one library building.



(L to R): Arthur Friedman presents 2006 LDA Award to Kenneth Weil.

In a quiet, unassuming way, this year's honoree has been a cutting-edge leader for the development of four important Long Island libraries! These libraries have been recognized for the work that has turned them into not only community centers, but their technological hubs as well. The New York Times highlighted the latest example of this achievement in a featured article that clearly reported how community members think of the library as the first place to turn to use technology. While not everything is on the Internet, this Library's Community Information Database goes a long way towards being the guide that everyone checks first.

As has been noted, libraries are not just books, bricks and bytes. They are places that should provide a working environment for professional and support staff to fulfill their own potential while they perform their primary mission of serving patron needs. In recognition of maintaining an organization that promotes a family-friendly environment for its employees, the South Huntington Public Library was awarded a Long Island Family Friendly Employer award by the Family and Children's Association. This award was based on the Library's commitment to supporting continuing education for all members of the staff as well as employment conditions that improve the work/life balance for those employees. A commitment that was authored and championed by this unassuming individual.

Leadership takes many forms in our library community. On both sides of Route 110, this year's honoree has built partnerships with important political entities, demonstrated the Library's value to the business community through service in Rotary; helped found institutions such as the Public Library Director's Association; led his county library association, and served in important planning capacities on various system boards.

His service as a mentor has been on informal as well as formal bases and has included service as an adjunct professor on the faculty of the Queens College School of Library & Information Studies. He is a frequent speaker on the topic of incorporating new technologies into library patron services.

Today's honoree has been an effective librarian, educator and mentor for more than 30 years. Since our time this morning is short, I would like to conclude my remarks by sharing some of the statements of support that were in the letters that nominated this individual:

- "The South Huntington Public Library (whose reconstruction he envisioned) stands as a physical testament to his expertise in the realm of public library design and construction management."
- "He is the consummate Library Director always asking the question 'How can we better serve the public?'"
- "He encouraged staff to try new ideas, saying that 'If it doesn't work out, what have we lost?'"

Friends, colleagues, honored guests, I am proud to present the distinguished recipient of the 2006 LDA Award for Excellence in Library Achievement, a longtime friend and colleague,

Ken Weil

Arthur L. Friedman, Ed,D, MLS
Presenter

2nd Annual Intellectual Freedom Committee Essay Contest

On Wednesday, April 26, 2006, a reception to honor the winners of the 2nd Annual Intellectual Freedom Committee Essay Contest was held at Barnes & Noble in the Carle Place Shopping Center. Thirty-five people attended including the essay winners, family members, librarians, and library directors.

There were two winners in three age categories: elementary/middle school, high school, and adult. The award recipients read their essays and received a gift card from Barnes & Noble. Light refreshments were served.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee is considering other aspects to include in next year's contest, including artistic creations (posters, paintings, drawings, etc.) in addition to essays.

2006 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The deadlines for 2006 NCLA Newsletters are:

- Summer 2006 Issue Fri., July 7, 2006
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(L to R): Bob Luderman (Merrick), Ellen Berman (Rockville Centre), Jeffery Feinsilver (NYIT) and NCLA President Frank McKenna (Island Trees) at the 2nd Annual Intellectual Freedom Committee Essay Contest Reception.



Winners of the 2nd Annual Intellectual Freedom Committee Essay Contest.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Technical Services But Were Afraid to Ask

The Technical Services Committee presented a forum on technical services on Monday, June 12, 2006, at the East Meadow Public Library. This was an opportunity for tech services staff to discuss ordering, processing, etc.

Panelists at the program were Ruth Black (Rockville Centre), Rocco Cassano (East Meadow), Marie Doran (Uniondale), and Michele Zwierski (NLS Database Management).

Library Briefs

The staff of the Island Park Library was honored by the Chamber of Commerce for its outstanding customer service and dedication to the community at a dinner reception on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

On May 12, 2006, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library held a grand opening for its new art gallery. Its first exhibit was the 8th Annual Photography Competition sponsored by the POB Friends of the Library. The exhibit contained 160 pieces of photography and mixed media pieces created by our local high school students. The Friends presented awards and gift certificates to winners in four different categories. Friends, students, parents and community members came out to marvel at the talent displayed and enjoy a lovely reception afterwards.

The Syosset Public Library is happy to report that progress on its expansion and renovation project is moving along on schedule with substantial construction to be completed by mid-November. The Syosset Express Library will continue to operate in the northeast section of the building.



Island Park Library staff honored by Chamber of Commerce. Standing (L to R): Matthew Paccione, Ed Dwyer, Donna McKenna, Terry Mackoul, Wanda Allegra, Maria Klein, Tina Gonzalez, Martin Friedenthal, and Steve Glazer. Seated (L to R): Director Ronnie Swett, Ann Marie Palumbo, Theresa Gonzalez, Sherilyn Tabin, Jean Berotti.



Librarian Regina Feeney arranged and coordinated the Freeport Memorial Library's very successful Read-a-Thon in celebration of National Library Week. The Read-a-Thon took place on April 5, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as part of the Long Island Reads - Amagansett. At 10-minute intervals, patrons, students, teachers, residents, clergymen, staff and the Mayor took turns reading from the novel, Amagansett or from something of their own choice.

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library (Valley Stream) presented the final program in its series, "Encore ... Music and Stories from Around the World," on Thursday, June 1, 2006. Accomplished storyteller Elizabeth Rowe told stories from Africa, Japan, etc. to approximately fifty children and adults. This program was partially funded by a Nassau Grant for the Arts administered by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport.





Staff members and trustees of the East Meadow Public Library visit the office of State Senator Kemp Hannon (6 SD) on Library Legislation Day to discuss library needs.

The Freeport Memorial Library is a third-time recipient of a "We the People Bookshelf" grant. The theme this time around is on "Becoming American." The award is fifteen books and promotional materials. In return for receiving the Bookshelf, the library is organizing programs for grades K through 12 that introduce the books and the "Becoming American" theme. The grant was obtained through the efforts of Children's Librarian Maryellen Cantanno.

The Bryant Library (Roslyn) was recently awarded two grants totaling \$104,000 to offset costs to repair the Valentine House. State Senator Michael Balboni was instrumental in obtaining \$50,000 in Bullet Aid funding from New York State, and the Gerry Trust, under the direction of Huyler C. Held, contributed a grant of \$54,000 to cover repair costs.

Help Wanted

Librarian Trainee (F/T): To work in state-of-the-art Children's Department. Duties include children's programming and reference. Candidates must be pursuing MLS degree and be a resident of Nassau County. Hours include one evening per week and one Saturday per month. Salary: \$30,226 per year, plus benefits. For immediate consideration, send your resume and cover letter to Wendy Kappelmier, Baldwin Public Library, 2385 Grand Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. For further information, call 223-6228.

Page (P/T): Pending budgetary approval, there is a part-time page opening at the Nassau Community College Library. Shift: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:00pm - 9:45pm; Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:45pm. Wage: \$ 11.62/hour; Shift Differential: Add. \$2.95/hr. for the evening shifts. Qualifications: Candidate must be a

Nassau County resident and a high school graduate. Applications may be obtained in person at the Circulation desk, by phone (516) 572-7403 or by email erbenr@ncc.edu.

Duties: Circulation functions: Charge items in and out, overdues, maintain patron registration files, light shelving, etc. Richard D. Erben, Nassau Community College Library, Circulation Services.

Spanish Language Collections/ Cultural Arts Librarian

(F/T): Needed at the Queens Library to select, purchase and maintain Spanish language materials for 23 Say Si Community Library collections and systemwide for additional Community Libraries with international materials funds. Required Experience: ALA accredited MLS degree. Fluency in English as well as written and spoken Spanish and knowledge of Spanish and Latin American literature. Sensitivity to special needs of immigrants, and aptitude for working with multicultural artists and performers. Ability to work both independently and as part of a team. Excellent written & verbal communication skills and organizational skills required. Must be proficient in MS Office Suite and searching the Internet. The schedule for this position will include Saturdays and evenings as required. Contact: Human Resources Department, Queens Library, 89-11 Merrick Blvd. Jamaica, New York 11432, Fax: (718) 658-2919, Email: employment@queenslibrary.org; WebSite: www.queenslibrary.org.



Students 17 or younger on November 3, 2006 are invited to participate in National Youth Storytelling Showcase (NYSS), formerly the Youth Storytelling Olympics.

The goal of NYSS is to "encourage every classroom in America to discover (or rediscover) the beauty and value of storytelling." Although the goal focuses on classrooms, there is nothing in the guidelines that precludes kids and teens working on storytelling outside a school setting - like in a public library - from participating in NYSS.

Students must submit a 5-10 minute story on video (no DVDs) to Mary Fellows, Manager, Youth & Family Services, at the address below by November 3, 2006. The videos will be reviewed and the top five will be sent on to Pigeon Forge where the showcase will be held. A national panel will review all state submissions and select 12 finalists.

Finalists will receive an invitation to present their story during the National Youth Storytelling Showcase, part of the Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival, February 1-3, 2007 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Each participant in the actual showcase will receive a trophy and a cash award of \$100. More awards are also offered. Lodging and some meals are provided for all participants. Specific details about age groups, permissions and forms required are also on the website.

For complete information, you will want to see the NYSS website at www.nationalyouthstorytellingshowcase.org.

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Empire State Award

The Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2006 Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature for Young People is Donald Crews. Mr. Crews will be honored at a luncheon on Friday, November 3, 2006, during the Association's annual conference in Saratoga Springs. The award is given to an author and/or illustrator currently residing in New York State to honor a significant body of work in the field of literature for young people.

Mr. Crews has been writing and illustrating books for children for nearly 40 books. He has received two Caldecott Honor Metals - for *Freight Train* in 1979 and for *Truck* in 1981. His bold graphic illustrations depict concepts in an eye-catching and highly appealing manner.

