

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and that it does not go as quickly as summers past have done. So far we have had the Long Island Ducks game and picnic (Ducks won: 4-0) on Friday, July 7, 2006, and a fun time was had by all (well except by the opposing team The Road Warriors).



The August 19, 2006 Long Island Ducks game (7:05pm start) against the Road Warriors again (Grucci Fireworks Extravaganza afterwards) should be a good time as well. Tickets are still available; please contact Kathy Rodriguez or Liz Gifkins at the Freeport Memorial Library at (516) 379-3274. I would like to thank Kathy and Liz and Ken Bellafiore for their hard work in coordinating the ticket sales and promotion.

The NCLA Summer Blood Drive was held at the Island Trees Public Library on August 3, 2006. If you could not donate then, I urge you to donate at another venue. Blood is in critical supply during the summer months. Much thanks to Chris Marra for her hard work with this blood drive and others held in the past.

Also, I would like to thank Debbie Fox for her many years of dedicated service to NCLA and the Clerical Services Division as she moves on to other endeavors.



Debbie Fox, 2006 Clerical Services Division President.

The Nominating Committee under the leadership of Immediate Past-President Tom Bazzicalupo is hard at work on putting together a slate of candidates for incoming directors and officers. The importance of having members willing to step forward and serve as officers, directors, committee and division chairs cannot be over-emphasized. If NCLA hopes to remain a relevant and vital organization we need dedicated people willing and able to serve. So, please seriously consider how you can contribute now or in the near future. After all, each one of us is NCLA!

The next NCLA Executive Board meeting will be held in the Andrew Geddes Meeting Room at NLS on Friday, September 8, 2006, at 9:30am. Looking forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events. Also, "Save the Date" – Wednesday, December 6, 2006 is our Annual Installation of Officers Dinner. More details on this event to follow.

Frank McKenna
NCLA President

Clerical Services Division News

The NCLA Clerical Services Division has just passed the 2005 mid-point and would like to thank all of the Clerical Division Board members for all their hard work and dedication to NCLA.

On June 6, 2006, the Clerical Division of NCLA and the Support Staff Division of SCLA co-sponsored the 2nd Annual "East Meets West" Workshop. This year's program dealt with the Internal Customer – how to interact with colleagues and staff. The presenters were Fran Byrne of the East Northport Library, Chris Marra of the Uniondale Public Library, and Sue Siegel of the West Babylon Library. Over 70 people attended, and we raffled off a \$50.00 gift certificate from Bagel Doctor in Oakdale.

Our annual fall bus trip will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 when we will travel to the New York Culinary Institute in Central Islip for a tour and luncheon then head out to the Duck Walk Vineyards in Water Mill. I hope to see many of you on this trip. Check your mail for flyers to be sent at the end of the summer.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to one of our board members Kathy Lanzaro and

her family for the loss of her daughter.

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/nclacler.html>.

I wish all NCLA members a happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing some new faces in the fall.

Jeanette Nicoletti
Clerical Division President
and Vice-President

PR/Programming Open House

More than 30 members of the NCLA PR/Programming Division attended an open house on June 20, 2006, at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library and had their minds opened to new ideas and their eyes opened to new problems plaguing library program coordinators and their solutions. Among the topics discussed were sources for inexpensive programming, whether programs that are offered free to libraries are worth it, and how to attract younger adults to programs. Everyone came away with something, especially new contacts among our colleagues.

After the meeting, those who had time were able to tour the library's new state-of-the-art auditorium. A special thank you to Beth

Saltalamacchio for arranging the use of her library, and a "shout-out" to Gretchen Browne, the library's new director and one of the "founding mothers" of the PR/Programming Division.

The Division's next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at the Merrick Public Library, 9:30 to noon. The topic will be legal issues related to the use of public meeting spaces, and the scheduled guest speaker will be attorney Diane Krebs of Gordon & Rees.



Diane Krebs, Partner, Gordon & Rees, LLP.

Save the Date! The Division's annual breakfast will take place on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at the Baldwin Public Library. The guest speaker will be retired broadcast journalist Shelly Strickler of WOR Radio who will address what it was like to be one of the first females in radio news in the 1970s as well as the news industry today.



Tracey Simon
Co-President

The Year So Far

As summer progresses, the Young Adult Services Division has reached the halfway point of a productive and rewarding year. Our annual December Brunch and Installation of Officers was held at the newly renovated Baldwin Public Library on December 1, 2005. Karen Strauss, of the Ketchum Public Relations Agency, 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.

This year's Long Island Library Conference, which was held on Wednesday May 3, 2006, was a great success for the Young Adult Services Division. The YASD speaker was Young Adult author Lara Zeises, who discussed "Sex and the Young Adult Novel."



Lara Zeises at Long Island Library Conference.

Lara is the author of several wonderful young adult novels, including *Bringing Up the Bones*, *Contents Under Pressure*, and *Anyone But You*. An engaging and knowledgeable speaker, her thoughts on the growing popularity of racier fiction published for teens were enthusiastically received by the 200 librarians who attended the session.

In addition to the Conference, May also featured the Division's annual Spring Luncheon. The guest speaker at this year's luncheon was Young Adult Librarian Robin Brenner, creator of the popular website "No Flying No Tights," which helps librarians and teens navigate the ever expanding world of graphic novels and manga (Japanese comics). Her talk and accompanying handouts provided some much needed help to our association members who are interested in starting or expanding their collections of these popular materials.



A final highlight from the luncheon was the division's recognition of Patricia Friedland, the Young Adult Services Librarian at the Westbury Memorial Public Library and the Chair of the NCLA YASD Membership Committee. Pat is retiring after a long and successful career as an outstanding librarian, mentor, and advocate

for young people in her library community. The division appreciates all of her years of service and hard work and wishes her all the best!



(L to R): Pat Friedland and Kate Monsour.

This summer, we will begin making plans for the Annual December Brunch and Installation of Officers.

I am very proud to be the President of YASD this year. We are lucky to have a dedicated, experienced Executive Board and a record breaking number of members. If you are interested in being a part of YASD, please contact me at the Port Washington Public Library.

Kate Monsour
YASD President

REMINDER

ADDRESS FOR NCLA WEB PAGE

The address for the
NCLA web page is:

<http://ncla.info>

RASD Update

The NCLA Reference & Adult Services Division has a busy fall coming up with interesting programs guaranteed to whet your appetite for educational endeavors.

Speaking of appetite – be sure to save October 11, 2006, for our annual RASD breakfast! We will have a full breakfast including French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, hash browns, fruit, Danish, muffins, and tea and coffee. It will be held at The George Washington Manor in Roslyn from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Valet parking is included.



The mystery writer and music critic, Jim Fusilli, will be our guest speaker. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

Please think about joining our Executive Board in 2007. We have director, recording secretary, and vice president positions waiting to be filled. Contact me, or any of our board members, if you are interested or need more information. The more the merrier!

Enjoy your summer, and we at RASD look forward to seeing you at our September 27th meeting at the Nassau Library System on periodicals and serials. (Flyer to be sent out in August.)



Karen Shaw-Widman
2/22/06

New RASD Logo designed by Karen Shaw-Widman.

Marcia L. Olsen
RASD President

2006 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The deadlines for 2006 NCLA Newsletters are:

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:

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

PR/Programming Discussion Group

Those interested in sharing ideas and gathering information on programs and presenters in between PR/Programming Division meetings can do so by subscribing to the PR/Programming online discussion group. To do so, following these directions:

1. Send a blank message to NCLAPR-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
2. You will be sent a confirmation message from Yahoo! Groups. Reply to this message.
3. You will then be sent a message from Yahoo! Groups confirming your subscription.
4. Post a message to the entire group by addressing your e-mail to: NCLAPR@yahoogroups.com
5. To unsubscribe, send an e-mail to: NCLAPR-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Tracey Simon
Co-President

Reminder



NCLA
Long Island Ducks Game
Saturday, August 19, 2006
7:05-9:30 p.m.

Public Library Administrators Certificate Program Fall 2006

SCLS is partnering with the Palmer Institute of Public Library Organization and Management to offer the Public Library Administrator's Certificate Program to regional library managers and other interested library staff at a reasonable cost.

This certificate program is a five course, fifteen-credit graduate level comprehensive management training program for public library administrators that will lead to an Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration recognized by the New York State Education Department.

The challenges facing today's public library administrators require a solid foundation of training and experience. The Public Library Administrator's Certificate Program is designed to develop and enhance the management skills and credentials of professional librarians working within the public library sector, and to train the leaders of tomorrow.

Each course will be offered in 13-14 two-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings at a regional public library located as conveniently as possible to the majority of participants.

The courses will be offered in this order:

1. Principles of Public Library Organization and Management (LIS 700)
2. Legal Issues and the Regulatory/Governance Environment of the Public Library (LIS 701)
3. Human Resources Administration in the Public Library (LIS 702)
4. Financial Management of Public Libraries (LIS 703)
5. Public Library Facilities, Automated Systems and Telecommunications (LIS 704)

Instructor:

Jerry Nichols (Director of Palmer Institute for Public Library Organization & Management) is the primary instructor for the program. Numerous guest lecturers and subject experts will assist in the provision of the program.

Cost:

The cost for each course will be determined by the number of participants. At this time it is estimated to cost between \$800 - \$1,000 for each three credit course.

FAQ's:

- What credits will I receive?
These are accredited graduate courses. You will receive three credits upon the completion of each course from Long Island University. You will receive a New York State Education Department Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration from LIU upon completion of the full program.

- Do I need an MLS?

Yes. The courses are designed for working professionals who either hold or aspire to executive management positions in public libraries. At

least two years professional experience is recommended.

- Will the certificate program give me civil service credit?

The certificate program covers all content areas required by the NYS Civil Service Public Library Director examination series, and fulfills the administrative training component of the test for candidates without a second masters degree in business or public administration.

- How long has the program been offered?

The program has been offered in the Long Island region for the past 10 years. Many of our region's top library administrators have graduated from the program.

- How long will it take to complete the five courses?

One course will be offered each semester, not including summer. Typically the five courses take 2 1/2 years to complete.

- Do I need to take all five of the courses?

Completion of all five courses is necessary to receive the Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration. Preference is given to applicants that will be taking the whole program though students are not required to commit to all five courses.

- Who do I contact for additional information?

Diane Eidelman
Suffolk Cooperative Library System
P.O. Box 9000
Bellport, New York 11713
(631) 286-1600 x1335
diane@suffolk.lib.ny.us

People in the News

Janis A. Schoen was appointed Director of the Locust Valley Library on June 19, 2006. She previously served as director at the Elmont Public Library.

Drawing from her experience as graphic artist at the East Meadow Public Library, Jessica Franzen is starting her own freelance graphic art business. Contact her at (516) 209-9747 or email her at sporto212@yahoo.com.

Patricia Friedland, the Young Adult Services Librarian at the Westbury Memorial Public Library and the Chair of the NCLA YASD Membership Committee, is retiring after a long and successful career as an outstanding librarian, mentor, and advocate for young people in her library community.



Pat Friedland dresses as a pirate to promote the YA Summer Reading Club at local middle schools. This year's theme is "Books: A Treasure."

Debbie Fox has resigned from the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library and has stepped down from her position as NCLA Clerical Division President. Vice-President Jeanette Nicolletti from the Garden City Public Library has assumed the position as President.



The next general membership meeting of the New York Library Association's Ethnic Services Roundtable (ESRT) will take place on Friday, September 8, 2006, at 10 am at the Port Washington Public Library. The morning will include a business meeting and guest speaker Peggy O'Hanlon, Coordinator of Port's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program.

We will also take a tour of the library and have lunch at a local restaurant. This is a great way to meet other library staff from across New York who are interested in serving different ethnic groups. If you are planning to attend, please contact ESRT Vice-President Elizabeth Olesh at (516) 292-8920 x.237 or eolesh@nassaulibrary.org.

Elizabeth Olesh
NYLA ESRT Vice-President

Save the Date!



Reserve
October 30, 2006
for a
LILRC program on
"Serials Management"

Details to be announced.

2007 Slate for the Clerical Division

The NCLA Clerical Services Division Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following slate of officers for the positions indicated to serve for the year 2007.

President
Jeanette M. Nicolletti
(Garden City Public Library)

Vice-President/Pres.-Elect
Lupe Velasquez
(Freeport Memorial Library)

Secretary
Christine K. Marra
(Uniondale Public Library)

Treasurer
Rosanne M. Crudo
(Syosset Public Library)

If you are interested in being a petition candidate for any of these positions, contact the chair of the Clerical Division Nominating Committee before the slate is finalized in September.

Ilene Reif
Plainview Public Library



LILRC is pleased to present an American Library Association / Lita Regional Institute, "Establishing an Institutional Repository," on August 28, 2006, at the Jericho Public Library from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm.

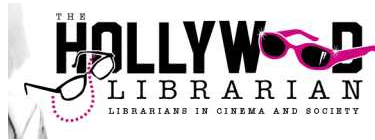
This program of the Library & Information Technology Association (LITA) is intended for librarians, administrators, and computer professionals at institutions with an IR project under consideration or in early stages of development. The material will be oriented to an audience from academic and research institutions because current IR use is most prevalent at those organizations. Hospitals, corporations, and schools can also benefit from the principles and procedures presented here.

The program is presented by Susan Gibbons, Assistant Dean of Public Services and Collection Development at the River Campus Libraries, University of Rochester. She has been involved in the University of Rochester's IR project since 2000, and is the co-principal investigator of an IMLS grant to better understand how an IR can fit into the current work practice of faculty from different disciplines.

Early bird registration fee (by July 20 is \$40 for members; \$100 for non-members. After

July 20, the fee is \$65 for members; \$130 for non-members. Continental breakfast and lunch are included.

For questions, contact Judith Neufeld, jneufeld@lilrc.org, 631-632-6654, LILRC/LITA Institute, Melville Library Building, Suite E5310, Stony Brook, NY 11794-3399.



As librarians, we have few heroes to look to on the silver screen. Instead of being depicted as advocates for free speech, expeditors of information, and the guardians of our history and culture, we're most often shown as ill-tempered, sensible shoe-wearing gatekeepers whose greatest pleasure comes from silencing people with a resounding "shhhhh." It would be great, wouldn't it, if the world could see librarians for what we really are and the true importance of our work? Luckily, you now have the opportunity to help make that dream a reality.

Over the past three years, librarian and information consultant, Ann Seidl, has been working on The Hollywood Librarian, a thoughtful, entertaining, and enlightening documentary that focuses on the lives and work of librarians in the context of the highly influential medium of American feature films. Ann has been gathering dozens of interviews with real library professionals

and library supporters and movie clips of cinematic librarians, from Katharine Hepburn in Desk Set to Goldie Hawn in Foul Play. Interwoven within the scenes of reality vs. perception are the issues that matter both to librarians and the public: censorship, intellectual freedom, pay equity, funding issues, and the value of reading. The work is nearly done, but we need your help.



Ann Seidl
Writer and Director

To finish the film, we need \$150,000 to purchase the rights to film clips and music, and edit the more than 50 hours of footage into the final product. How can you help? You can easily make a donation by sending a check to: The Hollywood Librarian, c/o Bi-Folkal Productions, Inc., 809 Williamson St., Madison, WI 53703, or by going to The Hollywood Librarian website, www.hollywoodlibrarian.com, click on Sponsor the Film, and click on Support the Documentary. Any amount is appreciated and if you need more convincing just check out some of the preliminary footage on The Hollywood Librarian website.

A film like this, if you'll pardon the pun, is long overdue. Support your fellow librarians, the profession and of course, the librarians that will come after us.

Submitted by
Tracey Simon

*Academic & Special
Libraries Division
News*

The Academic and Special Libraries Division held their 35th Annual Continuing Education Conference, "Changing Role of Librarians," on May 23, 2006, at Nassau Community College.

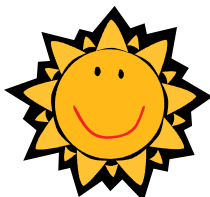
Barbara Whitney Petruzzelli from Mount St. Mary College discussed the role of marketing, Heting Chu from the Palmer School discussed digital libraries, and David Orenstein from Warren Community College discussed how librarians should be entrepreneurial during these times of change.



David Orenstein, Librarian and Consultant
(Photo from www.davidorenstein.info)

It was a successful and informative conference.

Rosemary Burgos-Mira
C.W. Post



LILRC Technology Workshops

The Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) is instituting a series of technology workshops. The first workshop covered "Workstation, Server, and Network Security" (Technology Series #1), on July 25, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Farmingdale Public Library.

The next workshops cover: Open Source Software (Technology Series #2), on August 29, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Farmingdale Public Library, and "Building, Configuring, and Running an Open Source Web Services Enabled Server" (Technology Series #3), on September 19, 2006, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Farmingdale Public Library.

The workshops will be presented by Gerard Arthus, Ph.D., Library Systems Administrator, LILRC, and Adjunct Professor, L. I. U., C. W. Post, Computer Science Department.

NOTE: A member library may subscribe to the three Technology Series workshops for \$60. It is not required that the same staff member attend all three sessions.

For further information, see LILRC's Continuing Education Calendar at <http://www.liirc.org/calendars/>

NCLA Annual Blood Drive



NCLA is teaming up with the Island Trees Public Library for its Third Annual Blood Drive.

Where: Island Trees
Public Library

There will be a blood mobile van in the parking lot.



When: August 3, 2006
11:00am-4:15pm

Please call the Island Trees Public Library Reference Desk to schedule an appointment: (516) 731-2211.

Employment Opportunities



College Instructional Media Coordinator: Suffolk County Community College invites applications for the position of College Instructional Media Coordinator. The successful candidate should have a strong interest in providing excellent media and distance education services to a diverse population. Suffolk County Community College is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling 22,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. The College Instructional Media Coordinator will work at the Selden campus and is responsible for providing technical support for the college's distance learning classes and provides media support for special events. Minimum qualifications include a master's degree in multimedia production, educational technology, or library science. Knowledge of computer and media hardware and supervisory experience are essential. The position is expected to begin Fall of 2006 and is a 12 month tenure track position. Initial appointment is generally made at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor. The salary range is \$45,204- \$62,757. The exact salary will be determined by prior experience and placement

on the salary scale negotiated by the Faculty Association of Suffolk County Community College. Applications are being accepted online at: <http://www3.sunysuffolk.edu/Administration/HumanResources/employment.asp?id=146>.

Librarian II – Head of Children's Services: The North Babylon Public Library seeks a Librarian II - Head of Children's Services. Children's reference, programming, story time, etc. Selection/weeding. This is a supervisory position, assistance will be supplied. Salary: \$51,000, Extensive benefits. North Babylon is located 5 minutes past the Nassau-Suffolk border just south of the Southern State Parkway. Suffolk County Civil Service does not have a residency requirement. Interested applicants are encouraged to call the Library Director and respond to the civil service canvas letter. Marc Horowitz, Library Director, North Babylon Public Library, 815 Deer Park Avenue, North Babylon, New York 11703-3812, horowm@suffolk.lib.ny.us, P H 631-669-4020, F X 6 3 1 -669-3432.

Specialist III: New York Public Library, Barbara Goldsmith Preservation Division/Collection Care Unit. Under the direction of the Head of Collections Care, serves as collections care conservator, supervising conservation treatment, repair, and housing programs within the Collections Care Unit. Required Experience: Master's degree from an accredited graduate training program in con-

servation or a related field. ALA-accredited masters degree in library and information studies preferred. Successfully demonstrated thorough working knowledge of conservation theory and practice, with satisfactory completion of courses in organic, paper, and conservation chemistry. Professional experience in the conservation of paper-based materials, as demonstrated by a portfolio. Successfully demonstrated experience in a wide range of conservation treatment procedures. Education Requirements: Master's degree from an accredited graduate training program in conservation or a related field. ALA-accredited masters degree in library and information studies preferred. Contact: Only candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted. HR Dept Code: LM-S3PCC The New York Public Library 188 Madison Ave., Fifth Floor New York, NY 10016 USA Phone: 212-592-7300, Fax: 212-592-7327, Email: lsresumes@nypl.org, WebSite: www.nypl.org.

4th Symposium on
Digitization

August 3, 2006

South Huntington Public Library
Huntington Station, N.Y.

"Unlocking Digital Resources"

Details and registration form
are on the LILRC website at:
www.lilrc.org.

Virginia Antonucci-Gibbons,

Regional Archivist
LILRC
**NCLA MEMBERSHIP
UPDATE**

NCLA's 2006 membership drive has slowed to a crawl with a total of 957 individuals and organizations represented on our roster, at least 30 below our total at this time last year. We are still on pace to have another 1000+ membership year.

Some NCLA members are getting a "head-start" on our 2007 Membership Campaign. A number of individuals have already sent in their dues, thereby showing their support for the work that the Association does. We welcome all members to consider an early renewal to avoid the holiday rush. In fact, if you are one of those who has not yet rejoined for 2006, perhaps this would be a good time to consider remitting your 2006 and 2007 dues simultaneously.

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

Save the Date!



**NCLA Annual Dinner and
Installation of Officers**

**Wednesday,
December 6, 2006**



Manor East
201 Jerusalem Avenue
Massapequa

Children's Services Division News



Children's Services Division members at the Hagedorn Little Village School.

On Friday, June 2, 2006, fifteen children's librarians met at the Hagedorn Little Village School's Jack Joel Center for Special Children, Hicksville Road, Seaford. While the group enjoyed a light breakfast, staff member Roberta Cooperman spoke to us about the school and librarians' role in early intervention.

Then she led a tour of the classrooms and the library which is designed to assist in understanding the issues of the developmentally disabled from infancy through adulthood. The librarians were all very moved by the size and dedication of the staff and the facilities and the many ways in which they are helping these children.



Roberta Cooperman of the Hagedorn Little Village School talks about its library.

In September, CSD is planning to tour the Center for Science Teaching and Learning at the Tanglewood Preserve. This is a science center that is expanding. It is located on the site of a former estate in Rockville Centre. Definite date and more details will be forthcoming.



Karen Maletz
Hicksville

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA also continues to grow. Our total for 2006 is now 62 and additional renewals are expected. The following institutions are the most recent additions to our membership roll:

Academic Libraries

George W. Mercer School of Theology

NY College of Health Professions
Palmer School of Library & Information Science Library

Public Libraries

Bayville Free Library
Brentwood Public Library
East Meadow Public Library
Glen Cove Public Library
Hillside Public Library
Lakeview Public Library
Levittown Public Library
Mineola Public Library
Port Washington Public Library
Rockville Centre Public Library
Seaford Public Library

Special Libraries

Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP

Library Associations

Suffolk County Library Association

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
Membership Chair



The Many Faces of Children's Literature



Friday, October 27, 2006
Sheraton Long Island Hotel
110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

"The Many Faces of Children's Literature" is the theme of the twelfth children's literature conference sponsored by the Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County, Inc. and the Youth Services Department of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System.

It is an opportunity for librarians, teachers, and other interested individuals to stay current in the field of children's literature and to focus on children's books through outstanding speakers and book discussion. The theme celebrates the ways in which literature for young people reflects the diversity of our social culture and provides a bridge to global understanding and acceptance.

Guest speakers will be Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Hearne and Naomi Shihab Nye. Dr. Hearne is a professor and Director of the Centre for Children's Books, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she teaches children's literature and storytelling.

Naomi Shihab Nye is the author and/or editor of over twenty books including poetry, fiction, picture books, and essays. Her poetry collection, *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East*, was a National Book Award Finalist, and her young adult novel *Habibi* received wide recognition including the Jane Addams Children's Book Award.

A selection of books by Betsy Hearne and Naomi Shihab Nye will be available for purchase and autographing throughout the day.

The registration fee is \$70.00, which includes continental breakfast and luncheon. Registration is limited. To register, send registration form and check (payable to CLASC, Inc.) by Wednesday, October 11, 2006, to Jennifer Marin, c/o South Country Library, 22 Station Road, Bellport, NY 11713-2444. A copy of the registration form is available at the CLASC, Inc. website at <http://www.clascinc.org>.

CLASC, Inc.
The Children's Librarians
Association of Suffolk County



Long Island Ducks Game & Picnic Friday, July 7, 2006



(L to R): NCLA President Frank McKenna and East Meadow Librarian Rocco Cassano at the Ducks Game.



(L to R): LILRC Director Herb Biblo and his wife Mary enjoy cold drinks at the Ducks Game.



Liz Gifkins (far left) and family and friends at the Long Island Ducks Game and Picnic.



(L to R): David and Kathy Rodriguez enjoy the Long Island Ducks Game.



Marcia Olsen (far right) and family enjoy the game.



Ken Bellafiore and family enjoy the picnic.



Staff members from the Freeport Memorial Library at the Long Island Ducks Game and Picnic.

News from the Media Services Division



2006 Media Services Division President Rick Fox (center) leads discussion on television DVD collections.

The NCLA Media Services Division held a workshop, "Serious About Series: The Expanding Television DVD Collection," on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at the Nassau Library System.

Media librarians from over twenty Nassau libraries discussed the pros and cons of television DVD sets, the best ways to circulate them, packaging, and circulation policies.

The popularity of television series versus cultural DVD materials was also discussed, plus media collection policies at many libraries.

It was an informative meeting for all media librarians as each library has different policies, loan periods, etc.

Rick Fox
Media Division
President



Attention ... NCLA Members

Do you have questions regarding long-term care, New York State partnership policies, and recent changes in Medicare and Medicaid coverage?

Do you know if you are paying too much for your life, disability, or other insurances? Are you aware that some companies have lowered their rates? Are your current policies the best choice for you? Are you getting the best return for your annuities?

Barry and Ella Gordon, NCLA's dental plan representatives, will give you the answers to these and other questions. They are impartial and will provide you with a matrix of the best companies and the best rates.

For free information and a free needs analysis at absolutely no cost or obligation, please call Barry or Ella Gordon at (516) 822-7361. In addition, they hold long-term care and other seminars at local libraries. If you would like to attend, you can call them to reserve a seat at one of the seminars.

Nassau County Legislative Breakfast

Co-sponsored by LILRC and the
Nassau County Library
Association

Friday, September 29, 2006
8:30 a.m.

East Meadow Public Library

Senior Advocacy For Employees (S.A.F.E.)

Family caregiving is the bedrock upon which this country's healthcare system depends. The services provided by family caregivers represent 80% of all home care services and are conservatively valued at \$257 billion a year, more than twice the amount spent on paid home care and nursing home services combined.

Family caregivers provide a vast array of emotional, financial, nursing, social, homemaking, and other services on a daily or intermittent basis.

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 overwhelming and you feel frustrated or out of control.

Cynthia Powers at the Bristol Assisted Living Center reminds us that we must take care of ourselves when caregiving and she offers these tips:

- 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.
- 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.

Bristol Assisted Living offers a member-benefit to NCLA members. For information contact Art Friedman at 516-572-7883. They also invite NCLA members to visit their newest center, The Bristol at Massapequa, and attend its Grand Opening on Thursday, September 14, 2006 from 6-9 pm. The center is located at 400 County Line Road.

Library Briefs

The Bethpage Public Library held its annual blood drive on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. It was part of Long Island Community Services Community Blood Drive program, "People Helping People."

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library (Valley Stream) honored the winners of its annual Children's Summer Reading Club Bookmark Contest on Monday, June 26, 2006. Valley Stream Mayor Edward Cahill was on hand to congratulate the children. Over 450 children participated in the contest.

