

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Library Lobby Day was a success with over 800 library advocates throughout the state participating. At the time of the rally, the Senate had proposed a \$5 million increase in Library Aid as well as making last year's \$19.7 million increase permanent, while the Assembly proposed a \$3 million increase. Our discussions with legislators focused on the increases and in making last year's increases permanent. We also met Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (Westchester) who is the new chair of the Libraries and Education Technology Committee.

NCLA sponsored two buses to Albany with one pickup in the North Woodmere area and the other at NLS. Special thanks to Charles Sleaf (Mineola) for coordinating the bus trip.

Thanks also to Susan deSciora (Hewlett Woodmere) for suggesting the second bus and filling it with Friends of the Library. Maybe next year the second bus location will be in a different region of Nassau so that Friends from other areas can attend.

The Nassau contingent was visible because of the new blue banner with "Support Long Island Libraries Serving 2.8+ Million Users" in large black letters. Thanks to Karen Shaw-Widman (East Meadow) for ordering the banner and to Dalal Fatoush for bringing it on the bus. Thank you to all the NCLA members, friends, and trustees who participated.

At the last NCLA Executive Board meeting, Rocco Cassano (East Meadow) announced that there is an archive of NCLA newsletters on the website at <http://ncla.info>. The Executive Board also approved moving the annual dinner from December to January after all the holiday and end-of-year obligations are done. Chris Marra is coordinating the dinner, set for January 9, 2008 at the Pompeii Restaurant in West Hempstead.

The Long Island Library Conference, May 3, is right around the corner. Please be sure to send in your registration. Don't miss the NCLA table where you can purchase your tickets to the August 25<sup>th</sup> Long Island Ducks game.



(L to R): NCLA Immediate Past-President Frank McKenna, 2007 NCLA Vice-President Carolyn Voegler, 2007 NCLA President Debbie Podolski, and 2007 NCLA Treasurer Lisa Paulo display the Long Island libraries banner on Library Legislation Day in Albany.

Debbie Podolski  
NCLA President

# YASD News

In spite of the slushy weather, approximately forty Young Adult Librarians from Suffolk and Nassau Counties gathered at the Syosset Public Library on Thursday, February 15, 2007, for the YASD Joint NCLA/SCLA meeting. Linda Braun discussed new and emerging technologies, how teens are using them, and how they will effect and help us as librarians.

For those who missed it, here are some highlights:

- Email is sooo last year!
- Hot Chocolate is still in (thank goodness).
- Google Docs & Spread-sheets ... so great.



On Thursday, April 26, 2007, there will be a follow-up hands-on workshop using, Google Docs, Page Maker, and some of the other technologies discussed at the Teens and Technology meeting. Anyone who is an "expert" with these applications is encouraged to share their knowledge. Please contact Kelly Rechsteiner for more information: 378-7474 e x t . 2 7 , [nmplteens@gmail.com](mailto:nmplteens@gmail.com).

The Spring Luncheon is shaping up to be an exciting event. Details to follow!

Kelly Rechsteiner  
YASD President

## NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The first quarter of NCLA's membership year comes to an end on March 31<sup>st</sup> and our membership roster contains the names of more than 720 individuals and organizations (NOTE: I am writing this on March 19<sup>th</sup> –12 days before the end of the quarter!) It is with much optimism that I offer an estimate that 2007 will be a great year for membership!

Please note that our Constitution requires that members renew their membership by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, a major mailing to those individuals who have not yet re-joined will be sent out in early April.



A friendly reminder is also being placed on the mailing labels of "lapsed" members. An "X" in the upper right corner indicates that we have not received a membership renewal when this Newsletter (or any other mailing) was being prepared for shipping.

It is also interesting to see that new arrivals in our libraries are being encouraged to join the Association by NCLA supporters and that "veterans" need only a little reminder to recognize the value of membership in the Association.

With the Long Island Library Conference rapidly approaching, I know that this will be an inducement for individuals to renew their membership.

Avoid the rush –renew your membership today!

Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair

## NCLA Continuing Education Committee Meeting

The NCLA Continuing Education Committee will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, from 9:30 until 12 noon at the Massapequa Public Library, 523 Central Avenue, Massapequa. Come with your ideas and suggestions!

If you are thinking of serving or have participated on the Committee in the past, please plan on attending this important meeting. Contact Chair Peter Cirona on 516-798-4607, ext. 305 with your questions or comments for the Committee.

Peter Cirona  
Committee Chair



## 2007 Library Legislation Day



⇐ (L to R): NLS Director Jackie Thresher, Great Neck Library Acting Director Laura Weir, Senator Craig M. Johnson, NCLA President and Farmingdale Public Library Director Debbie Podolski.



(Front Row – L to R): NLS Director Jackie Thresher, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (Chair, Libraries and Education Technology Committee), Rockville Centre Public Library Director Maureen Chiofalo, Locust Valley Public Library Director Janis Schoen. (Back Row – L to R): SCLS Director Kevin Vebersey, Westchester Library System Director, Siobhan A. Reardon, Uniondale Public Library Director Trina Reed.



**OPEN DOORS**  
*Fund New York's Libraries*



Members of the NCLA Clerical Division show their support for libraries.

More on Library Legislation Day ⇨



NLS Director Jackie Thresher, Merrick Library Director Ellen Firer, Assemblyman Thomas McKeivitt, NCLA President and Farmingdale Public Library Director Debbie Podolski, East Meadow Public Library Director Carol Probeyahn.



NYLA Executive Director Michael J. Borges (far left) welcomes Long Island contingent to Albany for Library Legislation Day.

Senator Dean G. Skelos welcomes Long Island librarians and staff to the Senate Chamber.





(L to R): Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library Director Susan diSciora, Executive Director of the Five Towns Senior Center Georgina Wolfson, Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg, Hewlett-Woodmere Trustee Frank Zaret.



Art Friedman at Library Legislation Day.



Long Island librarians, trustees, and staff meet with Senator Dean G. Skelos.





(L to R): NLS Director Jackie Thresher, Uniondale Public Library Director Trina Reed, Senator Kemp Hannon, NCLA President and Farmingdale Public Library Director Debbie Podolski.



(L to R): Merrick Library Director Ellen Firer, NLS Director Jackie Thresher, Assemblyman David McDonough, NLS Trustee Darleyne E. Mayers, Uniondale Public Library Director Trina Reed.



(L to R): NLS Trustee Darleyne E. Mayers, NLS Director Jackie Thresher, Merrick Library Director Ellen Firer, Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, NCLA President and Farmingdale Public Library Director Debbie Podolski, Locust Valley Public Library Director Janis Schoen, NLS Trustee Kathleen Seyfried, Rockville Centre Public Library Director Maureen Chiofalo.



Senator Dean G. Skelos greets Long Island librarians, staff, trustees, and friends on Library Legislation Day.

## LIBRARY LOBBY DAY

A large contingent of Long Islanders made the trip to Albany this year for Library Day on March 13th. NCLA was represented by at least 70 individuals with a strong group of Library Friends and other library supporters joining our advocacy team and traveling to Albany in one of the 2 NCLA-sponsored buses.

In addition, a number of members (especially library directors) traveled to Albany on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to attend meetings in Albany, a fundraiser and to be on hand to greet and speak to our legislators when they came to the Legislative Breakfast hosted by NYLA that began the day's activities. In addition, a number of NCLA members were on the SCLA buses and they joined our group when we reached the Capitol. Kudos to Charles Sleaf, Susan deSciara and Deborah Cunningham for their leadership in organizing the bus trips.

Participation in this year's Day was excellent. A "rally" in the well of the Legislative Office Building was attended by at least 500 individuals. Speakers included NYLA's President Rachel Baum and Legislative Committee Chair Kathy Miller, as well as Senator Farley, Assemblywomen Sandy Galef and Pat Eddington (past Chairs, Library Committee), new Library Committee Chair, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, NY City Councilman Vincente Gentile, State Librarian Janet Welch and incoming Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education (former director, Albany Public Library) Jeff Cannell.

This event helped inspire our "citizen lobbyists" to make our case to our representatives. NYLA reports that at least 800 people, representing all areas of NY State, came to Albany on the 13<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate their concern for library funding in the State budget. Even a major accident on the NYS Thruway, which closed the road for 9 hours, couldn't keep our groups from the Capitol!

Reports indicate that the Legislature has agreed to provide libraries with at least \$5 million in additional funding this year – over and above the \$19.7 million which Governor Spitzer included to continue last year's appropriations. (The additional funding includes \$2.7 million to fully fund systems, etc. based on the 2000 census, \$3 million in new system aid, and a \$14 million library construction package. We are not sure of how the additional funds will be allocated at this time.)

Work on delivering a timely budget in NY State may be concluded by the time this Newsletter arrives on your desk, however, once again, I remind members that speaking to legislators about library issues should be an ongoing activity for all NCLA members and supporters.

Art Friedman

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Thanks to the following libraries that sent representatives on the NCLA buses:

- Baldwin
- Bethpage
- East Meadow

- East Williston
- Elmont
- Farmingdale
- Floral Park
- Franklin Square
- Freeport
- Garden City
- Hewlett Woodmere
- Island Trees
- Locust Valley
- Lynbrook
- Merrick
- Mineola
- Plainview
- Rockville Centre
- Seaford
- Uniondale
- Wantagh
- Williston Park

Charles Sleaf  
Legislation Chair

## Academic & Special Libraries Division News

### SAVE THE DATE!

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual ASLD Continuing Education Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. This year's conference, New Technology for a New Generation, will focus on Wiki's, Blogs, RSS Feeds and Podcasting.

Join us for enlightening presentations and workshops from our speakers, Marsha Spiegelman, Nassau Community College; Richard Glass, Nassau Community College; and Chris Kretz, Dowling College. Registration information available on the NCLA website under calendar or visit us at the Long Island Library Conference.

Lori Cimino  
ASLD President

## Reference & Adult Services Division News

### A Healthy Dose of Reference

Questions about our general care or a specific condition may not come up or occur to us during a visit with a medical professional. Because of this, libraries have become a major source of personal health information. On Valentine's Day, over 25 stalwart members of RASD wishing to provide the best possible information to their patrons braved the elements to hear Mary Westermann-Cicio, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, Palmer School of Library and Information Science; Gerri Flanzraich, Director, Wisser Library, NYIT; and Claire Joseph, Medical Library Director, South Nassau Communities Hospital, discuss PubMed and factual and fraudulent consumer health sites on the Internet.



(L to R): Dr. Mary Westermann-Cicio and Dr. Gerri Flanzraich discuss consumer health sites on the Internet.

Ms. Joseph gave a list of guidelines regarding what to look for when determining whether a health site is legitimate, citing domains such as .gov, .edu, and .org as among the most reputable.

However, she said that we should not always be put off by .com, e.g., Mayoclinic.com. She explained that it was because the Mayo Clinic sold books on its site, thus the commercial designation.



(L to R): Claire Joseph and RASD President Tracey Simon.

Dr. Flanzraich provided an overview of PubMed and how to mine its deep wealth of information. For the finale, Dr. Westermann-Cicio highlighted lesser known, but extremely useful websites that covered everything from cancer to family health.

RASD wishes to thank all the participants for coming and Marcia Olsen, RASD Past-President, for initiating the program.

### The Reference Interview

The next RASD program was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at NLS. The topic was The Reference Interview or What They REALLY Want to Know (and We Were Afraid to Ask)! Representatives from the Co-Central Libraries presented a morning of useful information,

entertaining demonstrations, and audience participation.

The guest speakers were Helene Hertzlinger, Head Reference Librarian, Levittown Public Library; Erica Lang, Head Reference Librarian, Hempstead Public Library; Susan Newson, Head Reference Librarian, East Meadow Public Library; and Karen Porcella, Head of Readers' Advisory & Reference Services, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library.

### Upcoming RASD Events

Situation 1 -- You notice a man staring intently at a group of teenage girls in your library for a prolonged period of time. Do you A) ignore him for fear of making a scene; B) ask him to leave; or C) call the police?

Situation 2 -- A patron reports that someone is looking at pornography on the Internet and asks you to do something about it. Your library has a Internet privacy policy, but when you go over, you see the person is viewing child pornography. Do you A) uphold your library's policy; B) ask the person to stop or leave; or C) call the police?

Working in a public place will sometimes put staff in difficult and potentially dangerous situations. To answer questions regarding personal safety and creating deterrents to danger in the library, RASD has invited Detective Fred Fusswinkel of the Lynbrook Police Department to address these

concerns. The talk will take place at NLS, 9:30 to Noon, on Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

At the Long Island Library Conference

How many seasons of "The Sopranos" on DVD are in your library? Do you have a section for graphic novels within your book collection or rap in your music collection? Should you have them at all? At this May's Long Island Library Conference, the Reference and Adult Services Divisions of the Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations are co-sponsoring "Pop Goes the Library: Connecting with Your Community Using Popular Culture."



Library Journal "Mover and Shaker" Sophie Brookover, Camden (NJ) Public Library, and her associate Liz Burns, Ocean County (NJ) Library, will discuss the how's and why's of using the latest trends and fads to bring people into your library. (Ms. Brookover and Ms. Burns are currently at work on a book about the subject.) The program is slated for the 2:30 PM slot.

More information about both programs can be found on the NCLA website, [www.ncla.info](http://www.ncla.info).

Tracey Simon  
President, RASD

## Update from the Media Services Division

The Media Services Division held the program "Building and Promoting a World Cinema Collection" at NLS on Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

Librarians, Younshin Kim and Ying Shieh, of the "New Americans Program" at the Queens Borough Public Library discussed collection development, copyright for American distribution, and regional DVD formats.



Media librarians, Chris Karlssen and Susan Healy, from The Shelter Rock Public Library, discussed selection tools and review sources and ways to promote a World Cinema collection by highlighting their library's "International Film Festival" program.

Jonathan Guildroy, Media Librarian at the Port Washington Public Library, gave a hands-on presentation with a display of film clips and a discussion of the genre.

Erin Horne, vendor representative from Midwest Tape, discussed the company's product line for World Cinema and its services and provided free raffles as give-a-ways. Kino, a media distributor, provided free products as well.

A June program is in the works for "Digitization in Libraries" to be held at NLS. More details to follow.

Please consider using this listserv as a "clearing-house" for mixing and matching media items that we have difficulty replacing. If someone is in need of some media or wants to give away gently used media, this is the site to log on to. It is a good way of sharing our collections with one another while recycling at the same time!

News Flash: The MSD is looking for some volunteers to assist in developing a bibliography for core music collections by genre.



Please contact Committee Chair, Michael Simon, Media Librarian at the Long Beach Public Library, at 432-7201, if you are interested in contributing to this worthwhile endeavor. We can all benefit from this collective effort by creating and making available these core music lists for our libraries to help us establish or build upon our existing collections. You may also contact him on our listserv at [NCLA\\_Media@yahoogroups.com](mailto:NCLA_Media@yahoogroups.com).

Susan Healy  
MSD President

## PR/Programming Division News

On Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the PR/Programming Division will welcome Shira Dicker of Creative Communication Consultants. Her public relations firm represents many authors, and she is offering a workshop, "How to Run an Author Event at your Library." Ms. Dicker will be accompanied by two newly published authors and she will discuss setting up book events from small book discussion groups to large community-wide events. Please come to the program at NLS at 9:30 a.m. for a light breakfast. Non-members of NCLA will now have to pay \$5.00 to attend our programs.

We are looking forward to an exciting program at this year's Long Island Library Conference. We hope many of you will arrive at the conference early as Dr. Richard Atkins, founder and president of Improving Communications, will speak at 8:00 a.m. on "Media Terrorism: Lies that Generate Fear." Dr. Atkins claims that the media has put a stranglehold on people's minds with ideas like "Black Friday," "Tickle Me Elmo," "bird flu," and media stars that make us stop thinking about what is really happening in the world today. Crazy consumerism is spurred on by the media. The talk will focus on the ways that the media play and prey on human emotion and spread fear. It's going to be a fascinating event. We hope you will choose our program to attend.

On June 12, 2007, new and experienced programmers will learn some new tricks on, "How to Run a Bus Trip." This program will be held at the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn. We are looking forward to a private tour of the museum and the grounds.



Nassau County Museum of Art

Join the PR/Programming Division, if you haven't already done so and join NCLA so you won't miss any of our continuing education seminars.

Patti Paris  
President

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### INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA also continues to grow. Our total for 2007 is now 37 and additional renewals are expected. The following additional institutions have joined NCLA since my last report:

Public Libraries  
Elmont Public Library

Associations  
Great Neck Library Staff Association

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

Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair



## Children's Services Division News

The Children's Services Division will "kick off" the day at the Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 3, 2007, with a 2:40 p.m. panel discussion featuring five of our favorite prolific children's authors. Laurence Pringle, Johanna Hurwitz, Jane Zalben, Eve Feldman, and Bernard Waber will be our guests. They are all part of a writers' group that meets periodically to help each other in the process of creating their new works. We are looking forward to hearing them speak. A selection of their most popular books will be available for purchase and autographing.

Come to our table at the Conference, renew your NCLA-CSD membership (if you haven't already done so), and take a chance to win our raffle baskets.

Save the Date: Thursday, August 30th! – The Children's Services Division wants to help Henry Schein Inc. with their annual Back-to-School event by providing librarians to help match children with age-appropriate books. Bilingual librarians are needed! More information to come!

Karen Maletz  
CSD Publicity

## *Clerical Division News*

The NCLA Clerical Division held its Annual Open House at the Syosset Public Library on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. This year's theme was a "Murder Mystery" with a performance by Partners in Crime, and the name of the murder was "Phantom of Fenway." Members of the Uniondale Public Library correctly guessed who the "murderer" was.



The food was catered once again by Bagel Doctor of Oakdale (631-218-3535), with a sumptuous hot buffet and desserts made by the Clerical Board members. There were over 90 attendees, and there were raffles and door prizes. Thanks to Syosset Public Library and Rosanne Crudo for letting us use their library. Tours of the library were given by Syosset employees.

Also, many thanks to the Clerical Board members for all their help, especially Dalal Fatoush who made all the centerpieces; Connie Stanga for making up all the name tags and mailing out all the flyers; and our former President Debbie Fox who supplied the red corsages for the board members.



Partners in Crime



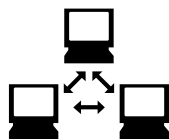
Members of the NCLA Clerical Division Board.

Plans are underway for the 2007 Long Island Library Conference to be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club on Thursday, May 3, 2007. The Division is sponsoring a program entitled, "What's Important" with guest speaker David Opatow, Director of the Freeport Memorial Library. Be sure to stop by our table for our famous "chip clips" and say hello and enter our raffle.

It is with sad regret that I inform everyone of the passing of our board member Audrey Strano in February. She was an active member of the Clerical Division for many years.

Also, condolences go out to Mary Broderick for the passing of her mom. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Alicia Sanchez who recently had surgery and to Kathy Lanzaro's daughter who also underwent another surgery.

This is the time to join the NCLA Clerical Division! You can download an application by going on the web at the NCLA website at <http://ncla.info>.



Jeanette Nicoletti  
Clerical Division  
President



## Employment Opportunities

### Special Projects Librarian:

Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) seeks candidates with flexibility, creativity and a strong customer service commitment. The librarian in this position will be responsible for the administration of the Hospital Library Services Program and planning and publicity for the Council's continuing education programs and workshops. The ability to design and maintain a website would be desirable. A working knowledge of MS Access and other databases would also be desirable. Ability to work collegially within a small organization that is flexible and extremely responsive to the staff of member libraries. Required Qualifications: ALA accredited MLS or its equivalent. Salary: Starting at \$45,000, commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications must be post-marked by April 16, 2007. Apply to: Herbert Biblo, Director, Long Island Library Resources Council, Melville Library Bldg., Suite E5310, Stony Brook NY 11794-3399, Fax: 631-632-6662, E-mail: [hbiblo@lilrc.org](mailto:hbiblo@lilrc.org).

**Clerk (P/T):** The Uniondale Public Library has a position open for a Part-time Clerk. Hours: Up to 17 hours a week, which includes one evening, one-two Saturdays per month, Sundays and Holidays if needed. Duties include, but not limited to: Circulation Desk procedures; preparing library cards, customer service, checking library materials in and out of computer system. Also, assisting Technical Services with processing and entering items. Working on projects as needed. Contact: Chris Marra, Circulation Department Head at (516) 489-2220.

### **2007 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**



The deadlines for 2007 NCLA Newsletters are:

June 2007 Issue	Fri., May 11, 2007
Summer 2007 Issue	Fri., July 6, 2007
October 2007 Issue	Fri., Sept. 14, 2007
December 2007 Issue	Fri., Nov. 16, 2007
Year-in-Review Issue	Fri., Jan. 4, 2008

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# 2007 Long Island Library Conference Libraries Light The Way

The 2007 Long Island Library Conference will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, in Woodbury, NY. The Long Island Library Conference is an annual, full day conference which includes educational programming, noted speakers and over one hundred exhibits of commercial vendor products and services. It is organized and sponsored the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) and the Nassau County Library Association (NCLA).

This year's keynote speaker is author Susan Isaacs. She is the author of such novels such as Red, White and Blue (1998), Lily White (1996), After All These Years (1993), Magic Hour (1991), Shining Through (1998), Almost Para-dise (1984), Close Relations (1980), and Compromising Positions (1978). She just published a new novel, Past Perfect, in February 2007.



Registration and exhibits open at 7:15 a.m. and a Continental Breakfast will be served in the Exhibits Area.

Some of the programs being offered by NCLA divisions and committees include:

**Media Terrorism**  
Speaker: Dr. Richard J. Atkins, Founder and President of Improving Communications  
Description: The media has put a stranglehold on peoples' activity and it's time to fight back. "Tickle Me Elmo" and "Black Friday" should remind everyone that crazed consumerism is spurred on by the media. This seminar defines different kinds of media terrorism, the ways in which it plays and preys on human emotion and the way it spreads fear! Sponsor: NCLA PR/Programming Division.



**"What's Important?"**  
Speaker: David Opatow, Director of Freeport Memorial Library  
Description: This presentation will be geared towards the practical aspects of being a productive library staff member - regardless of title. Sponsor: NCLA Clerical Division.

**Pop Goes the Library: Connecting with Your Community Using Popular Culture**

Speakers: Sophie Brookover, Camden County Library and Elizabeth Burns, Ocean County Library

Description: Graphic novels, iPods, DVDs of television shows - What are they doing in a library and do they belong there? Find out how popular culture can be useful to bring people into your library and why it's essential as a collection development tool. Sponsors: NCLA and SCLA RASD.

**The Writer's Group: A Panel**  
Speakers: Eve B. Feldman, Johanna Hurwitz, Laurence Pringle, Bernard Waber and Jane Breskin Zalben.

Description: Five talented, established authors share their experiences breaking into the field of children's books and being active members of a writer's group. Sponsor: Children's Services Division of NCLA.

Nassau and NYC registration, with remittance, should be sent to Phyllis Bradley, Uniondale Public Library, by Wednesday, April 25, 2007. For further information, contact Phyllis at (516) 489-2220.



## REMINDER

The address for the NCLA web page is:

<http://ncla.info>



**NEW** – Archive of past NCLA Newsletters is now available in PDF format on web page.

## Save the Date!

Please add this save the date for the Long Island Ducks Game in August:

Saturday,  
August 25, 2007  
7:05 p.m.

The Long Island Ducks vs.  
The Camden River Sharks

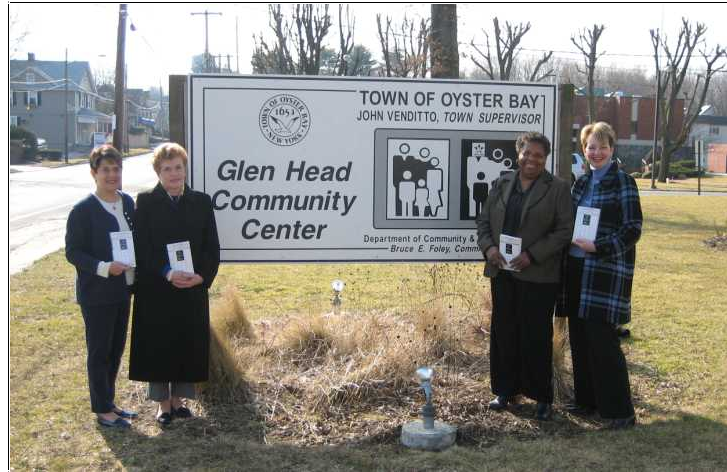
\$12.50 per ticket.



Fireworks to follow.



## Library Briefs



Four public libraries co-sponsored The Gold Coast Reads, an area-wide celebration of L.I. Reads. The Directors are (left to right) Arlene Nevens, Sea Cliff Village; Antonia Petrash, Glen Cove Public; Cathleen Mealing, The Bryant Library (Roslyn); and Genellen McGrath, Gold Coast Public.

In celebration of National Library Week and Long Island Reads, the Gold Coast, Sea Cliff, Bryant (Roslyn), and Glen Cove Public Libraries co-sponsored a community-wide event entitled, "The Gold Coast Reads: Celebrating Community Through Reading" on April 11, 2007, at the Town of Oyster Bay Community Center on Glen Head Road, Glen Head. Members of the many book clubs in the areas served by the four libraries, representatives from local government, and local school officials all received VIP invitations. The evening provided a great opportunity for everyone to discuss this year's Long Island Reads selection, *The Color of Water*, by James McBride, and to greet friends, meet local officials, and enjoy delicious light refreshments – in other words, to "celebrate community through reading."

The Freeport Memorial Library was chosen as a "Library of Distinction" in the new book, *Heart Of The Community, The Libraries We Love*, the first book to sing the praises and show the beauty of America's public libraries. Berkshire Publishing Group spent four months searching for libraries that are the cherished centers of their communities. The key selection criteria were: the library is of historical significance, associated with an important event, and/or with an important person, and/or is distinguished by its architectural design, and is of special significance to its community. On Memorial Day in 1924, the Freeport Memorial Library was dedicated as the first war memorial library in New York State. Today it is the second largest public library in Nassau County.

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library of Valley Stream was awarded a grant from the New York Council of the Arts' Decentralization Program administered by the Long Island Arts Council in Freeport to sponsor a series of family musical programs, "Celebrating America's Musical Diversity." The first program, "Traditional Hawaiian Hula and Steel Guitar Music" performed by the Aloha Iolani Hawaiian Dance Troupe was held on Thursday, March 8, 2007.



The Port Washington Public Library was awarded a \$2500 grant for the "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature" project sponsored by the American Library Association.

The Local History Archives at the Jericho Public Library is pleased to be the recipient of a \$2,300 grant for conservation and preservation from the National Endowment for the Humanities for 2006. The grant, written by Betsey Murphy, JPL's Local History Librarian and Laurence Cantor, Grants Coordinator, has been used to purchase storage material for photos, glass negatives, rare books and the

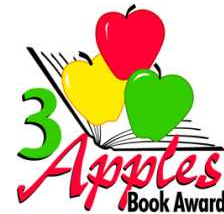
serial and pamphlet collection. Also included were lighting filters and a temperature/humidity control for the Local History Room.

Several libraries were recipients of grants from the New York Council of the Arts' Decentralization Program administered by the Long Island Arts Council in Freeport in 2007. They were: "How Stories Come Alive" – Freeport Memorial Library, "Celebrating America's Musical Diversity" – Henry Waldinger Memorial Library, "New Talents/New Ideas" – Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, "Island Park Library Puppets On Parade" – Island Park Public Library, "Festival de la Musica Latina" – Locust Valley Library, "Spotlight on Strings" – Long Beach Public Library, "Lives Examined" – Lynbrook Public Library, "Native Americans: Cultural Heritage" – Mineola Memorial Library, and "China Patterns" – Shelter Rock Public Library.

## *People in the News*

The Hicksville Public Library has promoted Elizabeth Goldfrank from Head of Reference to Assistant Director. Mrs. Goldfrank began as a Children's Librarian and moved on to Adult Reference. She has been with the library for the past thirteen years. Director Carol Ahrens, the Board of Trustees, and staff congratulate her and wish her the best as Assistant Director.

Joan Kelleher has retired as Director of the Malverne Public Library. Best wishes, Joan!



**2007 Winner  
Charlotte's Web**



New York Council of the Arts' Decentralization Program grant recipients were honored at an Awards Ceremony at the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport on March 15, 2007. (L to R): Kathleen Ray (Locust Valley), Mamie Eng (Valley Stream), Nadine Connors (Hewlett-Woodmere), Susan Healy (Shelter Rock), and Ronnie Swett (Island Park).

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 Valley Stream, NY 11582

## 2007 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Library \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE OF DUES – Calendar Year 2007		
Salary:	0 - \$15,000	\$ 15.00
	\$15,001 - 30,000	25.00
	30,001 – 45,000	35.00
	45,001 – 60,000	40.00
	60,001 -	45.00

DIVISIONS (Select choices: 1, 2, ...)

Academic & Special Libraries	_____
Children's Services	_____
Clerical Services	_____
Media Services	_____
PR Services/Programming	_____
Reference & Adult Services	_____
Young Adult Services	_____

Institutions & Vendors **	40.00
Students, Retirees, Trustees, Friends	10.00
Additional Divisions	3.00
<b>Total Dues Enclosed</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
Donation – NCLA Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Donation – NCLA Education Grant Fund	\$ _____

Note: \*\* Institutional members receive one copy of every membership publication plus 5 vouchers to permit a library employee or trustee to attend a workshop at member rates.

Please make checks payable to: Nassau County Library Association

Send this form and payment to: Arthur Friedman, Ed.D., NCLA Membership Chair  
 % Nassau Community College, One Education Drive  
 Garden City, New York 11530-6793  
 [or via the Nassau Library System]

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 Dental Plan: