

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're off to an exciting start to the New Year. Divisions and committees are working diligently to arrange programs and workshops that will inform, entertain, and keep your skills sharp.

Special thanks go to the Annual Dinner Committee co-chairs, Ken Bellafiore and Chris Marra, for arranging a wonderful installation dinner for NCLA's newly elected officers. Congratulations to Frank McKenna for a terrific year as president. Frank invited me to attend the 40th anniversary of the Island Trees Public Library charter day celebration. In attendance were community members who were instrumental in establishing the Island Trees Public Library. These dedicated community leaders tirelessly sought signatures for petitions and aggressively found space for their new library. For all of us who don't have the opportunity to talk to our library's founding fathers (and mothers), it was inspiring to hear these people speak of their desire and want for a library in their community. All of us working in libraries today are fulfilling the dreams of these visionaries.

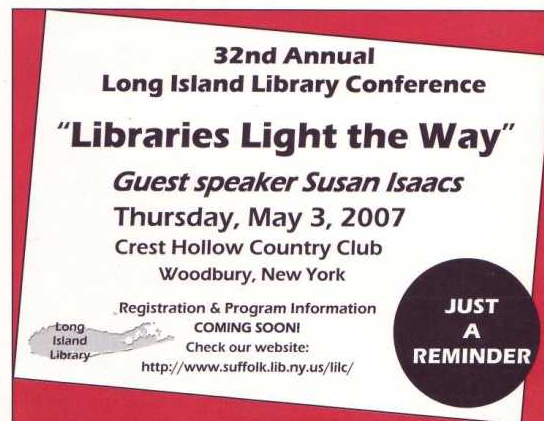
As President of the Nassau County Library Association, I want to thank you for your active support of the association. It is your dues that provide continuing education workshops, forums to discuss best practices in library service, and to work actively to introduce and support legislation beneficial to library employees and library users. NCLA's membership drive is underway. Membership chairperson, Dr. Art Friedman, reported at the last Executive Board meeting, that we have already surpassed the 1,000 member mark. Thank you for joining and/or renewing your membership.

Looking at the list of incoming division presidents, committee chairs, directors,

and officers, representing over twenty-seven libraries, it is obvious that many in the local library community contribute to the success of our organization.

I would especially like to thank Jackie Thresher, Director of the Nassau Library System, and all the Nassau County library directors who encourage their staff to participate in NCLA activities, or who generously host an NCLA program at their library or facility. By doing so, NCLA has been able to provide staff development opportunities, enrichment programs, and information sessions that enhance our profession.

Debbie Podolski
 President



Young Adult Services Division News

I am looking forward to serving as the Young Adult Services Division President for 2007. My predecessors have left a lot for me to live up to, and I am hoping to make this year just as successful.

The winner of the 2007 Printz Award (a Mock Printz contender) is graphic novel American Born Chinese. by Gene Luen Yang. I might be biased, but I think if the Printz Committee had heard the book defenders at the Nassau and Suffolk Library System's Mock Printz Workshop, the outcome might have been different. The favorite and winner of the Mock Printz, The Book Thief by Markus Zusak, is a 2007 Printz Honor winner.

Just in time to get us prepped for Teen Tech Week! Linda Braun, educational technology consultant with LEO: Librarians and Educators Online, spoke at our February 15, 2007 joint NCLA/SCLA meeting "Teens Technology and Literacy." Thank you to the Syosset Public Library for letting us use their meeting room. YALSA's Teen Tech Week will be celebrated for the first time March 4-10, 2007.

Know a teenager who has made a significant contribution to library services? Now is the time to brag! Applications for the 22nd Annual B.E.S.T. (Bringing Excellence in Service by Teens) Award can be submitted beginning Monday, March 5, 2007 and must be received no later than Monday, April 9, 2007.

For more information please contact Cathy Loechner, Teen Services Librarian / YASD Vice President at (516) 248-4897. This award is sponsored by the Young Adult Services Divisions of Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations.

Thanks to the YASD board for their assistance and commitment, the Syosset Library for the use of their meeting room and Renee McGrath for her continued support.

In addition, I would like to thank all the members of YASD for their commitment to teen services in libraries ... keep it up!

Kelly Rechsteiner
YASD President

Academic & Special Libraries Division News

The ASLD Executive Board has been working on revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Division. We are pleased to report that the revisions are complete and are being sent to ASLD members for a vote. ASLD members please look for them in your mailboxes and vote! These changes effect our division and in turn each of us.

Lori Cimino
ASLD President



Clerical Division News

On December 15, 2006, the Clerical Division held its annual luncheon/installation of officers at the Pompei Restaurant. The officers are as follows:

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The Clerical Division Annual Open House was held at the Syosset Public Library on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. This year's open house featured a Library Murder Mystery with a delicious dinner, desserts and raffles.

Reminder: The Annual Bus Trip to Albany for Library Legislation Day will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for workshops for 2007, please contact me.

Jeanette Nicoletti
Clerical Division
President

NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Valentine's Day has just past and your membership chair hopes that NCLA's loyal membership has the Association in its hearts and minds and that those individuals who have not already done so are now getting their checkbooks out to send in their 2007 dues. It appears that our 2007 campaign is off to a good start and we may even be able to reach our previous high water mark in memberships.

It would certainly help our drive if we can encourage those individuals whose memberships have "lapsed" to rejoin. I encourage our members to reach out to staff members who are new to our libraries, and to others who are "sitting on the sidelines" to help them become active NCLA members. In 2006, we reached a membership of 1003, how about at least 50 additional NEW members in 2007?

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

NOTE: You can also reduce NCLA's postage costs by using your Library as the site at which you receive NCLA mailings. You may even receive your NCLA mailings sooner!

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

DOCTOR, DOCTOR, GIVE ME THE NEWS

RASD Program on
Consumer Health Resources

Every day, we're bombarded with new findings in the field of consumer health. Some of it is exciting, some of it is contradictory and confusing, and even more of it is just downright bad and potentially harmful. Because public libraries have become one of the main sources for health information, we have an obligation to try to find the best information we can for the consumer. But how do you find it, and when we do, how do we know who's behind it?



On Wednesday, February 14, 2007, RASD presented a panel discussion on the best – and worst – sources of medical information, particularly on the Internet. The featured presenters included

Mary Westermann-Cicio (Palmer School, LIU/C.W. Post), Gerri Franzreich (Wisser Library, NYIT), and Claire Joseph (South Nassau Communities Hospital).

Save the Date: Reviving the Reference Interview on Wednesday, March 28, 2007. See the NCLA Calendar at www.ncla.info for more information.

Tracey Simon
President, RASD

2007 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



The deadlines for 2007 NCLA Newsletters are:

April 2007 Issue	Fri., March 9, 2007
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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Update from the Media Services Division

The NCLA Media Services Division is pleased to announce its 2007 Executive Board:

President:
Susan Healy
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Vice-President:
Jonathan Guildroy
Port Washington Public Library

Secretary:
Marianne Leavell
Floral Park Public Library

Treasurer:
Didi DeCastro
Westbury Memorial Public Library

Director 1:
Gerald Leibowitz
Nassau Community College

Director 2:
Michael Simon
Long Beach Public Library

The Media Services Division conducted its "Annual Roundtable Discussion: Bring Your Issues and Media" at NLS on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Media-related topics covered were the handling of interloans and reserves, circulation policies, purchasing, packaging, repairs and security measures. Patron and internal issues were also addressed.

Susan Healy
MSD President

Library Legislation News

On Tuesday, March 13, 2007, members of the library community from throughout New York State will be assembling in Albany to discuss library fiscal issues with our State Senators and Assemblypersons.

The inauguration of Elliot Spitzer as Governor of New York has already seen an improvement in the status of libraries in the State budget. The gains that we achieved in 2006 have been recognized in the Governor's budget proposal. This includes an appropriation of \$14 million in construction aid, \$2.7 million to recognize the use of the 2000 census in appropriations under Chapter 917, and the additional \$3 million in system aid to help overcome the loss in buying power of almost 10 years of fiscal neglect.

However, we shouldn't be satisfied with this small increase. The needs of our libraries and library systems are much greater and NYLA, our statewide organization has clearly identified at least another \$27 million in appropriations that we need to achieve THIS YEAR. These include:

- ✓ \$7.5 million in direct aid to public libraries,
- ✓ \$15.4 million in additional aid for systems,

- ✓ \$1.9 million in coordinated collection development aid to institutions of higher learning, and
- ✓ \$5 million for NOVEL.

In addition, if helping our children get a strong K-12 education is important to us, then increasing Library Materials Aid to our schools from \$6.25 to \$15 per pupil must be a priority as well!



The Nassau County Library Association is preparing to send two buses to Albany this year. Actually, we have committed the Association to send as many buses as our members need to make the trip. Watch your mail for a flyer highlighting the trip.

If your library would like a legislative briefing prior to the Albany trip, or in preparation for a visit to your representative(s) in their local office(s), please contact Art Friedman (516-572-7883).

Arthur Friedman
Nassau Community
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2007 NCLA Directory of Officers and Committee Chairs

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Correction

Jeanette Nicoletti's mother was incorrectly identified as Betty in the December 2006 Newsletter. Her correct name is Sally. We apologize for the error.

Mamie Eng
Editor

PR/Programming Division



Scott Brinton of Richner Publications explains how items are selected by newspaper editors for publication.

The PR/Programming Division is off to an exciting 2007, and we invite Directors and other library personnel to feel welcome to attend our program meetings as well as both new and experienced library PR/Programmers. Our Division takes pride in offering continuing education to our members and each of us is available to anyone seeking direction or ideas.

Our first meeting was held on January 9, 2007 with Elizabeth Olesh and Jessica Ley of the Long Island Reads Committee discussing ways we can promote the program (The Color of Water, by James McBride) in our libraries with programs, book discussions, theater programs, bus trips and concerts. The meeting was then open to discussions on how we could celebrate and promote National Library Week at our libraries throughout Long Island.

The next meeting was held on Tuesday morning, February 13, 2007, and we were very happy to welcome Scott Brinton of Richner Publications and Editor of The Bellmore Herald and The Merrick Herald. His topic was "How to Pitch a Story" so that your local editor will use it!

We have an active Board this year and which includes:

Dolores Nicholas, Farmingdale
Vice President/President Elect

Suzanne Molczan, Hillside
Secretary
Stacey Smith-Brown, Uniondale
Treasurer

Jessica Ley, Port Washington
One-year Director

Michelle Young, Oceanside
Two-year Director

Patti Paris
President



The 3 Apples Book Award

A New York State
Children's Choice Award

With great excitement, the Youth Services (YSS) and School Library Media (SLMS) Sections of the New York Library Association (NYLA) announce:

The 2007 3 Apples Book Award, a New York State Children's Choice Award, goes to CHARLOTTE'S WEB by E. B. White and illustrated by Garth Williams (Harper Collins).

Thank you to the librarians who promoted this award and to the students who voted and participated in the awards process through their school and public libraries.

Please note that nominations for the next Children's Choice Award and the NEW Teen Choice Award begin on March 1, 2007. The 3 Apples Book Award was developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children and teens of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books. The choice of books to nominate is as wide as the children's and teen's reading interests and tastes, making these truly both Children's and Teen's Choice awards.

Each year, children in grades three through six, ages 8 to 12, and teens 13 years and older who are in grades seven through twelve, will have the opportunity to nominate their favorite book at either their school or public library. Every child will have the opportunity to nominate once. The top nominees will then be announced and children and teens will be encouraged to read the books selected. Opportunities to read the nominated books will be provided through the New York State Summer Reading Program at their local public library and through their local school library.

Children and teens will then vote for a favorite from those books nominated and a winner will be announced the following February. Every school and public library that participates in the program will celebrate the award with their children and teens. More information can be found at www.3applesbookaward.org.

The 3 Apples Book Award is a joint program of the Youth Services (YSS) and School Library Media (SLMS) Sections of the New York Library Association (NYLA).

Dawn Pressimone
SLMS Co-Chair

Zahra M. Baird
YSS Co-Chair

The 3 Apples Book
Award Committee

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA is strong. In 2006, 63 libraries and other institutions supported NCLA by joining the Association. As we begin our membership year, 26 agencies have already joined NCLA and additional renewals are expected. The following institutions have already joined NCLA in 2007:

Academic Libraries
Five Towns College
New York College of Osteopathic
Medicine

Public Libraries
Babylon Public Library
Baldwin Public Library
Bellmore Memorial Library
East Meadow Public Library
East Rockaway Public Library
Floral Park Public Library
Gold Coast Public Library
Great Neck Library
Hempstead Public Library
Henry Waldinger Memorial Library
(Valley Stream)
Jericho Public Library
Lynbrook Public Library
Mineola Public Library
Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library
Peninsula Public Library
Sachem Public Library
Sea Cliff Village Library
Uniondale Public Library
West Hempstead Public Library

School Libraries
North Shore High School Library
Oceanside High School Library

Library Systems
Nassau Library System
Nassau (BOCES) School Library System

Library Schools
Palmer School of Library & Information
Science

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

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

Bring on the Books.
Bring on the Joy!



The 32nd Annual
YSS Spring Conference
Friday, April 20 and Saturday,
April 21, 2007

Yes! 300 youth services librarians will invade White Plains, New York for two days of fun and learning. If your battery needs a recharge or you need an energy boost, make plans now to join us for two days of inspiring, entertaining and informative workshops and exciting special events!

Here are just a few of the highlights:

Our guest speakers will include authors Daniel and Jill Pinkwater, Libba Bray and newspaper columnist, Jerry Zezima. Be warned! Each brings a touching and comic perspective to writing for kids, teens and adults. You should be prepared to laugh ... a lot!

We also have several special events planned. Friday night there will be a dinner and tour of "The Trove" at the White Plains Public Library.

You won't want to miss your chance at exploring their children's room that has recently undergone a 2.2 million dollar renovation! We're also working on plans for a Saturday morning fun run/walk!

Whether you work in the children's or teen area, there will be exciting sessions to attend. Maybe you'd like to learn how to plan a murder mystery event for kids or teens. What about the new 3 Apples Award? Two Connecticut librarians will be on hand to share their clever program: Nutmeg @ Night, a game show that motivates kids to read the books that are nominated for their state book award. School media specialist and author Alison Follos will talk about reading aloud to teens. We've even got an image consultant who'll suggest ways to spiff up your wardrobe.

For more information or special accommodations, contact: Leslie Millrod, Conference Chair, at (631) 288-3335, ext. 12 or via e-mail at: lmillrod@suffolk.lib.nyus.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Part I)

The effects of Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses extend beyond the individual to the primary caregiver and other family members, affecting family relationships and changing entire dynamics. By better understanding the disease and

learning techniques to cope with an individual's decline, family members will be more empowered in their caregiving roles and gain the tools that can soften the impact of this disease on the entire family.

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's disease is a monumental role, one that is too challenging for families to face alone. Caregivers can ease their journey if they obtain help from other family members, and then branch out beyond that — to friends, neighbors, national and community organizations, and healthcare professionals.

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's disease is a disorder that increasingly attacks the brain's nerve cells over time, resulting in loss of memory, thinking and language skills; and inability to take care of oneself, such as bathing and dressing. Other typical symptoms include changes in behavior and personality. The disease can last from two to twenty years, with an average of eight years from diagnosis. Every case is different, in terms of loss of function, behavior changes and the rate at which the disease advances.

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

Arthur Friedman
Membership Chair

Children's Services Division News

The Children's Services Division is pleased to announce that it will be having a panel of esteemed children's authors as its guests at the Long Island Library Conference at the Crest Hollow Country on Thursday, May 3, 2007. All-time favorites that will be participating include Bernard Waber, Eve Feldman, Johanna Hurwitz, Jane Zalben, David Adler, and Laurence Pringle. We are looking forward to a very lively discussion.



Also, possibly in May, we are planning a field trip to Scholastic in Manhattan. Details will be forthcoming.

Just a reminder: Send in your NCLA 2007 dues and renew your membership in our division. If you are interested in becoming a member of our board, we are still looking for a chairperson for legislation/grants/public school cooperation. Contact Janet Scheuering at Rockville Centre to volunteer.

Karen Maletz
CSD Publicity

Call for Nominations 2007 LDA Library Award

The LDA Committee is looking for nominations for the 2007 LDA Library Award. The award is sponsored by the Nassau County Library Association and Suffolk County Library Association to recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to libraries on Long Island. By honoring the winner, we honor all the people who contribute to the profession.

A panel of judges from NCLA and SCLA will select the winner based on one or more of the following criteria:

- An outstanding achievement in developing and publishing library materials.
- A long and distinguished service in the advancement of librarianship.
- An original contribution for promoting the library.
- Progressive legislative activity.
- Promotion of intellectual freedom.
- Creative, innovative utilization of technologies.

Librarians, trustees, support staff, friends of the library, vendors, and publishers are eligible for the award.

To nominate a worthy candidate, complete a nomination form and prepare a nominating statement of approximately 500 words. Include three letters of support.

Six copies of all documentation should be sent to: LDA Award Committee Chairperson Paula Bornstein, Lindenhurst Memorial Library, One Lee Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757.

Entries must be typed and submitted by Friday, March 16, 2007.

The LDA Award will be presented at the 2007 Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

The winner will receive an inscribed plaque, compliments of LDA Publishers, and will be recognized and listed in the Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers, including Marketplace published by NCLA and in the SCLA Handbook & Membership Directory published by SCLA.

Paula Bornstein
Co-Chair

Ken Bellafiore
Co-Chair



Library Briefs



(L to R): Lisa Schindler, Bethpage Reference Librarian, and Laura Borley, her quilting instructor, designed and quilted a commemorative wall hanging in honor of the 80th anniversary of the Bethpage Public Library. The design incorporated a best seller for each year of the library's existence, a sample library card, and various quotations on the "goodness" of libraries.

The Hillside Public Library is pleased to announce the opening of its doors to the public on Saturday, March 3, 2007, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The new address of the library is 155 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

On February 8, 2007, the Freeport Memorial Library hosted a cultural celebration in honor of Black History Month. The program was cosponsored by the Freeport Post Office, the African Atlantic Genealogical Society and the Library. The event included guest speakers: The Honorable William F. Glacken, Mayor of Freeport; Dr. Eric L. Eversley, Superintendent of Freeport Schools; Dermot Tuohy, Freeport Postmaster; Joysetta Pearse, President, Genealogy Federation of L. I.; and Library Director Dave Opatow. Musical entertainment provided by student performers from Mrs. Penedo's

2nd Grade class, as well as from students of Choral Director Stephen Pagano.

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library (Valley Stream) held a children's bookmark contest as part of its "Becoming American" We the People Bookshelf Grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment of the Arts. Over 165 students entered the contest, and three winners were honored at an Awards Ceremony on January 29, 2007.



Winning Bookmark by Patrick McGreevy, Grade 4, James A. Dever School, Valley Stream

Schedule of NCLA Executive Board Meetings

2007 NCLA Executive Board Meetings are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month (except where noted) at the Nassau Library System Andrew Geddes Meeting Room:

March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
No July/August
September 21
October 12
November 9
No December

Debbie Podolski
2007 NCLA President

REMINDER

ADDRESS FOR
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The address for the
NCLA web page is:

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Employment Opportunities

Children's Librarian P/T:
Oceanside has an opening for a part-time Children's librarian or trainee for Tuesday evenings from 5-9 and one Saturday a month. There may be additional hours as fill-in, as well. Contact Barbara Buckley, Oceanside Library, 766-2360 X 318.

Children's Librarian P/T:
The Merrick Library is seeking an enthusiastic, motivated part-time children's librarian or trainee to work in its newly designed children's room, 2 nights a week and weekend rotations. Flexibility a plus. Reply to: Bonnie Markel, Head of Children's Services, 2279 Merrick Ave., Merrick, NY 11566, (516) 377-6112, x115.

tscommonline

The NCLA Technical Services Committee of NCLA has launched a new Yahoo group, *tscommonline*. This group is a listserv for the exchange of information by Technical Services library staff in Nassau County (excluding discussion of ALIS/Innovative matters). For an invitation to join *tscommonline*, contact Marie Doran at Uniondale Library (mdoran@uniondalelibrary.org) or apply online at the Yahoo website Groups link.

NCLA Logo Contest

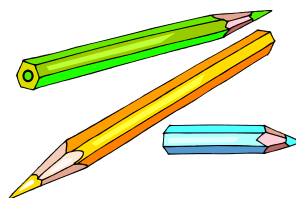
NCLA is announcing a contest for a new NCLA logo!

We are looking for a fresh and innovative insignia that will replace the current one:



The logos will be judged by a specially-appointed NCLA panel. All submissions must be received no later than April 1, 2007. Submissions should be sent to Karen Shaw-Widman at the East Meadow Public Library either digitally to media@eastmeadow.info or through interlibrary mail or via U.S. mail to: Karen Shaw-Widman, East Meadow Public Library, 1886 Front Street, East Meadow, NY 11554.

Submissions must be created and submitted by paid-up card-carrying members of NCLA for 2007. So be sure your NCLA membership is current. Then get out your pencils and iMacs and create!



Karen Shaw-Widman
Media Librarian
East Meadow



23rd Annual Children's Literature Conference

Hofstra's University College for Continuing Education and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators are co-sponsoring the 23rd Annual Children's Literature Conference on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at Hofstra University.

The keynote speaker will be Brian Pinkney, illustrator of 35 picture books, including folktales, biographies, and original stories. The concluding speaker will be Anita LaSpina, head of children's services at the Rockville Centre Public Library.

Other participants include Jane O'Connor, editor-at-large with Penguin Books for Children; Carolyn Mackler, young adult author; Melanie Hope Greenberg, picture book illustrator; Tanya Bolden, author; Nancy Springer, author; and Jessica Regel, agent with Jean V. Naggar Literary Agency.

The fee is \$89 for non-members, \$84 for members, and includes morning coffee and luncheon. The registration deadline is April 25, 2007. For further information, call (516) 463-5 9 9 3, e-mail ucelibarts@hofstra.edu, or visit www.hofstra.edu/ucce/childlitconf.

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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
Total Dues Enclosed	\$ _____
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: