

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some rest and relaxation.

On September 7, 2007, the East Meadow Public Library was host to LILRC's Legislative Breakfast. Special thanks to Carol Probeyahn, director of the East Meadow Public Library, for her hospitality. Over 80 people were in attendance with state and county legislators and/or their aides present. Thanks also to Art Friedman for facilitating the meeting.

Jackie Thresher, Director of the Nassau Library System, gave a compelling speech about the plan to consolidate Nassau County's special districts including public libraries. Ms. Thresher emphasized that libraries are created by the state and adhere to state education laws. Libraries are creatures of the state, therefore appealing to the state legislators present was highly appropriate and took advantage of a great opportunity for them to listen to the issues and hear our concerns.

Many of the elected officials present spoke before the audience in support of libraries and against consolida-

tion. Most notably, Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg (D) was outspoken in his support of public libraries. He was followed by Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt (R) and Assemblyman David McDonough (R). Assemblyman Charles Lavine (D) said that it would take some time before consolidation would happen. Nassau County Legislator David Denenberg (D) felt that Ms. Thresher made a good case against consolidation.

Assemblyman Joseph Saladino (R) spoke strongly of his support for public libraries. He can now be called our "singing assemblyman" because he was so moved by the energy in the room that he wrote a parody about libraries to the tune "Age of Aquarius" and sang it! Truly a show stopper which provided some laughs for all.



Should the issue of consolidation continue to dominate Newsday, it is important that we become more informed. Information is power. First, know what you pay in property taxes, especially your library tax. If the argument is that library consolidation will save on taxes, you need to know what you are

paying for your library. How does your library tax compare to county taxes, school taxes, and town taxes? Go to <http://www.mynassauproperty.com>, click on Property Search, Accept the user's agreement, then enter your street address.

Second, keep abreast of the articles in Newsday, look for information on the Nassau County's website (<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov>), and at the website for the New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness (<http://www.nyslocalgov.org/>).

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## President's Message (Continued)

Third, begin to think about the ways in which your library is responsive to your community through special programs, collections, or services. Local control of public libraries results in addressing the special needs of the residents in your community that may not be met at a countywide level.

Last but not least, let your elected officials know how you feel about the consolidation of public libraries. The elected officials who spoke out against consolidation of libraries at the Legislative Breakfast said they would say state their position publicly.

Check out the NCLA website for a calendar of the exciting programs our divisions and committees are scheduling.

Debbie Podolski  
NCLA President



RSS Feed

The RSS feed on the NCLA Calendar has been enabled. It is an orange 'RSS' button at the top. The feature is currently in beta.

Rocco Cassano  
NCLA Webmaster

## 2008 Slate of NCLA Officers

The NCLA Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following slate of officers for 2008:

President:	Carolyn Voegler (Floral Park)
Vice-President/ President-Elect:	Chris Marra (Uniondale)
Treasurer:	Lisa Paulo (Franklin Square)
Secretary:	Lee Fertitta (Port Washington)
Directors: (Vote for 4 candidates):	Rocco Cassano (East Meadow)  Frank McKenna (Island Trees)  Mary Westermann-Cicio (L.I.U. - C.W. Post Palmer School)  Ida Zaharapolulos (Seaford)

Individual ballots will be sent to NCLA members. All ballots must be returned by Thursday, November 15, 2007.

Frank McKenna  
NCLA Immediate  
Past-President  
Nominating Comm. Chair



## Academic & Special Libraries Division News



On Wednesday, May 16, 2007, the NCLA Academic and Special Libraries Division hosted its 36th annual conference, "New Technology for a New Generation" at C.W. Post. Marsha Spiegelman and Richard Glass of Nassau Community College demystified "Wikis, Blogs and RSS Feeds" for us, while Chris Kretz of Dowling College introduced us to the world of Pod-casting and how to utilize them in the library. Workshops followed the presentations. It was a great day. Thank you to all who attended.

In November, the ASLD Board will be nominating candidates for the 2008 Vice-President position. Please contact the Division President, Lori Cimino at [Lori.Cimino@ncc.edu](mailto:Lori.Cimino@ncc.edu) if you would like to nominate someone or are interested in running.

William Caniano  
Vice-President, ASLD  
& Conference Chair

## Reference & Adult Services Division News

Graphic Books -- Not for Kids Only!



Hill and Wang just published a new biography of Ronald Reagan by Andrew Helfer dealing with the controversies surrounding Reagan as well as his bout with Alzheimer's ... but what's this? It's in the form of a graphic novel! Do you or should you buy it for your adult collection? And if you do, where do you put it? Biography? Art?

To help answer these questions, the Reference and Adult Services Division of the Nassau County Library Association presented a panel from the Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art (MoCCA) for a discussion of graphic books for adults, a growing part of the \$640 million dollar graphic novel industry, at its annual breakfast on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at the Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park.

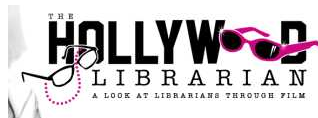
The panel discussed the history of the graphic novel, who the top writers and illustrators are, which are the most popular titles (e.g. Fun Home, Cancer Vixen, etc.) and how to categorize them for cataloging and circulation (Are they art? Are they literature? Memoirs?)

The moderator of the panel was Wil Moss, writer for Publisher's Weekly and Publisher's Weekly Comics Week. The panelists were: Anne Ishii, Marketing and Publicity, Vertical Publishing (Manga for Adults); Mark Siegel, Editorial Director, First Second Books (Laika, Notes for a War Story, The Lost Colony); and Matthew Murray, President and Executive Director, Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art.

### The Hollywood Librarian

The documentary *The Hollywood Librarian* was shown twice during "Banned Books Week," on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at the Lynbrook Public Library, and on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at the Freeport Recreation Center.

The official website for the documentary is [www.hollywoodlibrarian.com](http://www.hollywoodlibrarian.com).



### Weeding Workshop

Does the prospect of weeding haunt your work day and give you the "willies?" Face your fears with your colleagues and friends at this weeding workshop, presented in cooperation with the Central Library Advisory Committee. The workshop will be given by Donna Ballard, Adult Services Librarian, East Meadow Public Library; Marcia Blackman, Head of Adult Services, East Meadow

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

The program is free to NCLA members; \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP by fax only to Susan Newson, 516/794-1272, by Wednesday, October 24, 2007. CEUs will be awarded.

RASD Is Looking for a Few Good Women and Men for the RASD Executive Board

If you enjoy attending RASD programs throughout the year and have some ideas of your own, you can help make them a reality by being a member of the RASD Executive Board.

There are a number of positions open for 2008. If you would like more information, please contact Tracey Simon, RASD President, at Lynbrook Library, 516/599-8630.

Tracey Simon  
RASD President



# Media Services Division News

The Media Services Division tour of the BBC Audiobooks American Recording Studio was rescheduled from its original September 18, 2007, to Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

The program, "The History of Science Fiction Cinema", will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, in the theater of the newly-renovated Syosset Public Library. Media Librarian, Jonathan Guildroy, of the Port Washington Public Library will present film clips from masterpieces of the genre, considered "must-haves" for any science fiction cinema collection. A discussion on building your library's science fiction film collection and a review of the best books on sci-fi cinema will follow.



The MSD Annual Brunch will take place on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at the Port Washington Public Library. The featured program will be conducted by Media Services Dept. staff member, Tony Traguado, who is an independent music lecturer and archivist and co-founder of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame.



Tony will present a PowerPoint overview of the L.I. Music Hall of Fame, founded just two years ago, which is "dedicated to the idea that our musical heritage is an important resource to be celebrated and preserved for future generations". The program will feature the L.I. Music Hall of Fame Awards, its inductees, programs, traveling educational exhibits and "finding permanent home for the story of the Island's musical heritage where the music community will find the support, resources and leadership necessary to aid them in that exploration".

The chronicling of Long Island musicians from the early twentieth century through today will be highlighted. All are encouraged to join us in our end-of-year party and celebration of Long Island music!

Susan Healy  
MSD President

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## 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 webpage.

## NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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As we enter the last quarter of our membership year, the membership roster stands at 978 names – only 22 from our near goal of 1000 and clearly within sight of establishing a new record membership level. If only ... if everyone who was a member in 2006 made sure that their 2007 membership dues were "paid in full," then our total would exceed 1050 members.

Our Recruitment team must be doing a wonderful job explaining the value of joining NCLA as an essential step in making librarianship a career rather than just a job. Dr. Mary Westermann-Cicio (Acting Dean, C.W. Post) and Tracey Simon (Lynbrook Public Library) seem to have the magic touch as our student memberships have registered at least 40 future leaders. We encourage Division Presidents and Committee Chair to make sure that these future librarians are assisted in their introduction to the field and that they are cultivated as future NCLA leaders.

Once again, we need to recognize the support that we continue to receive from those members of NCLA who have retired from active service. Approximately 100 individuals are in this membership category.

Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair

## Children's Services Division News

### Children Librarians Help Out during this Summer



Many thanks to Children Librarians Kathleen Gaskin, Geraldine Farmer Morrison, Jenny Pohl, Joann Conran, and Teresa McCarthy for volunteering at the annual Henry Schein Back to School Project. Through the project, sponsored by the Henry Schein Pharmaceutical Company, more than five hundred Long Island children in need received a brand new back pack filled with school supplies, new clothes for school and a brand new age appropriate book.



The librarian volunteers helped each child, ranging from infants to high schoolers, select the book of his/her choice.

The goal of the program is to not only meet a material need by supplying school supplies but to also help each child start the school year feeling good about themselves.

### CSD Fall Programs

Friday, October 26, 2007 @ Farmingdale Lanes - 6:00 pm: CSD and YASD will co-host a 'Librarian Bowling Happy Hour,' beginning at 6:00pm and lasting until at least 10pm (come, even if you're scheduled to work until 9 p.m.). An opportunity to network, bowl, and to have fun! Bring yourself, bring a friend. This is for stress release and for fun! RSVP by Friday, October 19 to Janet Scheuering at The Bryant Library, Roslyn, or Kelly Rechsteiner at the North Merrick Public Library.

Friday, November 2, 2007 @ Coral House, Baldwin - 8:30 a.m - 3:30 pm: Lit-Fest! Celebrate literature with librarians, school media specialists, teachers, and book-lovers. Featuring Jacqueline Woodson, Laura Vaccaro Seeger, and a graphic novel workshop by Mark Seigel. RSVP by Friday, October 26. View brochure and print out the registration form: <http://www.nassaulibrary.org/childrens/pdf/files/litfest07.pdf>.



Monday, November 19, 2007 @ Rockville Centre Public Library - 9:30 am - 12 noon: CSD and YASD will co-host an 'I'm New, What Do I Do?' table-talks. Participants will have the chance to spend time at each table. Topics include YA/Tween Programming, PR, and Story Time. A light breakfast will be served and C.E.U.s will be awarded. RSVP by Monday, November 12 to Janet Scheuering at The Bryant Library, Roslyn, or Kelly Rechsteiner at the North Merrick Public Library.

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 @ Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park - 9:30 am - 12 noon: Annual Breakfast and Installation of Officers, featuring children's author Pat Cummings. Join us for a morning of good food, a changing of the guard for the CSD Board, and lots of laughs with Ms. Cummings.



Detailed flyers with registration forms will come around and notices will be posted on various listservs and the CSD website, so when in doubt, check <http://www.nassaulibrary.org/ncla/children.html> for flyers and contact information.

Hope to see you soon!

Janet Scheuering  
CSD President

# Clerical Division News

## CSD President's Message

Hope that everyone had a good summer!

Dalal Fatoush, Connie Stanga, and Kathy Lanzaro attended the NCLA Legislative Breakfast on September 7, 2007, at the East Meadow Public Library. The turnout was good, and the legislators in attendance were very supportive of libraries.



Our annual bus trip was held on Thursday, September 20, 2007, to Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate, in Sleepy Hollow. A buffet lunch was offered at the Sunset Cove Restaurant in Tarrytown.

If anyone is interested in joining the Clerical Division, please contact me at (516) 742-8405 or e-mail me at [JEANETTEN@GardenCityPL.org](mailto:JEANETTEN@GardenCityPL.org).

Jeanette Nicoletti  
President

## CSD Roundtable

The NCLA Clerical Division will be holding a Roundtable at the Uniondale Public Library on Thursday, November 8, 2007, from 9:30 am-12 pm. Refreshments will be served from 9 am-9:30 am.



Come join us with your questions, ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

This Roundtable is free to NCLA members. There will be a \$5.00 charge to Non-members. Please feel free to contact me at the Uniondale Public Library with any questions or suggestions.

Chris Marra  
Uniondale

## CSD 2008 Slate



The Clerical Division Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate for 2008:

- President: Lupe Velasquez  
(Currently Vice-President/  
President-Elect)
- Vice-President: Rosanne Crudo
- Secretary: Connie Stanga
- Treasurer: Angela Khilnani

Alicia Sanchez  
Nassau Comm. College

## Update from Suffolk County Civil Service

The Suffolk County Department of Civil Service has created a new classification for Librarian I (Children's Services.) The announcement for the upcoming (initial) exam for this position is as follows:

It is expected that all future positions in the children's departments of Suffolk's "civil service" libraries will be filled off of this list - and not the general Librarian I list. Therefore it is strongly recommended that everyone who is qualified and may have any future interest in working in any of the children's departments of Suffolk's "civil service" libraries take this exam. This includes people who are already appointed as a Librarian I in a children's department.

Those already appointed from a Librarian I list will maintain their current position but may not be able to transfer or be hired off of an open competitive list for a new children's department positions unless they are on the new Librarian I (Children's Services) list.

Kevin Verbeseay  
SCLS Director

# Young Adult Services Division News

Fall is upon us, and hopefully, all the hard working YA librarians survived this year's summer reading program unscathed. Enjoy the lag time ... pretty soon we will be buggin' out over the 2008 Program.

The YASD Annual Brunch and Installation of Officers will be held on December 6, 2007, at the Bryant (Roslyn) Library. YASD is excited to announce that Paul Volponi, author of *Black and White* and *Rooftop* will be speaking at this year's event. Paul is a writer, journalist, and teacher living in New York City.

His novel, *Black and White* (Viking 2005), was an ALA Top 10 Quickpick for Reluctant Readers in 2006 and received much critical acclaim, including starred reviews from Publishers Weekly, Booklist, and The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Literature. *Rooftop* (Viking 2006), his third novel received rave reviews and was a Junior Library Guild selection. His books are very popular, especially among boys. Hopefully we will extract some of his wisdom regarding this hard to reach group.

YASD is also excited to be working with the Children's Division for two special programs. On Friday, October 26th @ The Farmingdale Lanes YASD and CSD will co-host a 'Librarian Bowling Happy Hour,'

at 6:00pm. An opportunity to network, bowl, and to have fun! Bring yourself, bring a friend. Shoes, bowling, and a light meal are included. Cash bar. This is for stress release and fun, not for C.E.U.s. RSVP by Friday, October 19th to Kelly Rechsteiner: 378-7474 ext. 27 or Janet Scheuering at The Bryant Library in Roslyn.



For all the newbies (and not so newbies just looking to freshen up) we will be holding an "I'm New What Do I Do" program on Monday, November 19, 2007. Participants will have the chance to spend time at each table. Topics include YA/Tween Programming, PR, and Story Time. A light breakfast will be served and C.E.U.s will be awarded. RSVP by Monday, November 12th.

Kelly Rechsteiner  
YASD President

## YASD Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee of the NCLA Young Adult Services Division is pleased to submit the following slate of candidates for 2008:

Vice-President/ President-Elect:	Ed Goldberg Syosset
Treasurer:	Barbara Mickowski Oceanside

As per the YASD Constitution, Cahty Loechner, current Vice-President, will

assume the presidency, and Peter Cirona will fulfill the second year of his two-year term as secretary.

Terry Ain  
Nominating Chair

## NYLA OPPORTUNITIES



**NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
*The Voice of the Library Community*

The NYLA Annual Conference will be held in Buffalo this year from October 17-20, 2007. A full schedule of educational, social and entertaining events was offered. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues from around NY State.

The schedule of events in Buffalo included the ever popular LILRC Reception, a great place to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and colleagues and discuss new ideas. This year, the Palmer School of Library & Information Science was a co-sponsor of the event. Many Palmer School alumni from all over NY State used this opportunity to renew old friendships.

For a NYLA membership application or just an opportunity to learn what NYLA is all about, please go to the NYLA website at [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) or feel welcome to call me at (516) 572-7883.

Arthur Friedman  
NYLA Liaison

## 2008 NASSAU COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	2007	2008 REQUEST	2008 ANTICIPATED INCOME	EXPENDITURES	2007	2008 REQUEST	2008 ANTICIPATED INCOME
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>				COMMITTEES (Continued)			
a) Audit	\$800.00	\$900.00		g) Institutional Services	\$50.00	\$50.00	
b) Bank Charges	\$75.00	\$75.00		h) Intellectual Freedom	\$50.00	\$50.00	
1. Bank Interest			\$820.00	i) LDA Award	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$100.00
c) Conference & Travel	\$500.00	\$500.00		j) Legislation	\$100.00	\$100.00	
1. Documentary Heritage	\$500.00	\$500.00		1. Video Fund	\$322.00	\$322.00	
2. LILRC Annual Conference	\$500.00	\$500.00		k) Scholarship & Recruitment	\$350.00	\$350.00	
d) Contingency	\$425.00	\$425.00		l) Membership	\$650.00	\$900.00	\$22,000.00
e) Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00		m) Nominating	\$195.00	\$195.00	
f) Postage	\$585.00	\$585.00		n) Outreach	\$150.00	\$150.00	
g) Supplies & Hospitalitys	\$500.00	\$500.00		o) Personnel Issues & Prof. Con	\$50.00	\$50.00	
h) Equipment	\$300.00	\$300.00		p) Promotions	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$72.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$4,685.00</b>	<b>\$4,785.00</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>	q) Technical Services	\$250.00	\$250.00	
				r) Computers & Technology	\$100.00	\$100.00	
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>				<b>TOTAL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$3,317.00</b>	<b>\$3,617.00</b>	<b>\$22,172.00</b>
a) Directory of Libraries	\$8,750.00	\$9,200.00	\$10,700.00	<b>GRANTS</b>			
b) Newsletter	\$8,950.00	\$8,880.00		a) RIF	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
c) Statistics				b) St. Mary's School	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	
1. P.L. Salary Statistics	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$100.00	<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>\$2,350.00</b>	<b>\$2,350.00</b>	
2. College Libraries							
d) Web Page				<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>			
1. Domain Name	\$50.00	\$50.00		a) Civil Services	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	
2. EventKeeper Calendar	\$325.00	\$350.00		b) Continuing Education	\$800.00	\$560.00	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b>\$20,575.00</b>	<b>\$20,980.00</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>	c) Health Services	\$710.00	\$650.00	\$100.00
				d) Intellectual Freedom	\$725.00	\$650.00	\$275.00
<b>DIVISIONS</b>				<b>TOTAL ED SERVICES</b>	<b>\$3,635.00</b>	<b>\$3,260.00</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>
a) Academic & Special	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,075.00	<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>			
b) Children's Services	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$1,100.00	1. Andy Ippolito	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
c) Clerical Services	\$5,265.00	\$6,065.00	\$4,840.00	2. Education Grant	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
d) Media Services	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	\$900.00	<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	
e) Public Relations/Programming	\$2,324.00	\$2,324.00	\$750.00				
f) Reference & Adult Services	\$4,480.00	\$5,150.00	\$1,350.00	<b>EVENTS</b>			
g) Young Adult Services	\$5,515.00	\$6,120.00	\$2,150.00	a) Blood Drive	\$50.00	\$50.00	
<b>TOTAL DIVISIONS</b>	<b>\$32,084.00</b>	<b>\$34,359.00</b>	<b>\$13,165.00</b>	b) Ducks Game Tickets	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
				c) End of Year Program	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>COMMITTEES</b>				d) Library Leg Day Bus Trip	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00	\$100.00
a) Archives	\$100.00	\$100.00		e) L I Library Conference	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,500.00
b) Civil Services	\$100.00	\$100.00		f) L I Reads		\$1,000.00	
c) Constitution & Bylaws	\$50.00	\$50.00		<b>TOTAL EVENTS</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>\$9,100.00</b>
d) Continuing Education	\$100.00	\$100.00					
e) Finance	\$50.00	\$50.00		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$86,646.00</b>	<b>\$90,351.00</b>	
f) Health Services	\$50.00	\$50.00		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$53,132.00</b>		<b>\$56,832.00</b>

Nassau County Library Association  
Fund Year Estimate 2008

Estimated Year End Balance 12/31/07		\$ 45,323.40
2008 Budget		
Income	\$56,832.00	
Expenditures	(\$90,351.00)	
Reserves	(\$33,519.00)	
Restricted Funds as of 08/01/07:		
Special Funds (Civil Service & Intellectual Freedom)		\$ 3,135.61
NCLA Scholarship		\$ 37,830.33
Continuing Education Grants		\$ 4,017.67
	TOTAL	\$ 44,983.61

I would like to thank Mike Morea, NLS Electronic Resources and Services Librarian, for his assistance and Min Liu of LILRC for exposing us all to Joomla.

Rocco Cassano  
NCLA Webmaster



The LILRC Hospital  
Libraries Services Program  
Annual Meeting  
October 30, 2007  
10:00 a.m.

The New York College of  
Health Professions

Diagnosis in Traditional  
Chinese Medicine  
Presented by:  
Rezan Akpınar, D.D.S., Chair of  
Acupuncture, New York  
College of Health Professions

NN/LM Update  
Presented by:  
Kathel Dunn, Associate  
Director, NN/LM Middle  
Atlantic Region

This year's HLSP  
Annual Meeting is open to ALL!  
Please join us for these  
presentations, lunch and tour of  
a unique library collection. If  
you have any questions, please  
feel free to contact Christina  
Rivera, Special Projects  
Librarian, Long Island Library  
Resources Council, Melville  
Library Bldg., Suite E5310,  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-3399,  
Tel: 631-632-6654, Fax: 631-632-  
6662, E-mail: [crivera@lilrc.org](mailto:crivera@lilrc.org).

## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA continues to grow. Our total for 2007 is now 69 and additional renewals can be expected. Since of last report these institutions have joined or renewed their membership in the Association:

ARS Financial Services, Inc.  
Newsday, Inc. Library  
Lakeview Public Library  
Port Washington Public Library

If your library isn't included on our list of NCLA supporters, your encouragement can make it happen. For information about membership benefits or to check on your institution's status as an NCLA supporter, contact Art Friedman at (516) 572-7883.

Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair

## Help Is Needed

The good folks at the Nassau Library System have loaded the Joomla Content Management System (CMS) onto one of their servers and have given me the green light to start kicking the tires. I'm looking for a few people to assist in developing a new site for the Nassau County Library Association using this open source CMS.

You'll need some Web design/HTML experience in order to participate. If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact me at [rcassano@eastmeadow.info](mailto:rcassano@eastmeadow.info).

For more information on Joomla, visit <http://www.joomla.org/> and <http://www.joomlaonline.com/>.

To see a local implementation of the Joomla CMS, visit the Stony Brook University Health Sciences Library at <http://www.hsclib.sunysb.edu/>.

# Nassau Legislative Breakfast

Friday, September 7, 2007

East Meadow Public Library



NCLA Past-President Arthur Friedman welcomes legislators, librarians, trustees, and staff to Nassau Legislative Breakfast.



Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg (20 AD) expresses his opposition to any consolidation of libraries in Nassau County.



(L to R): Sandy Portnoy, Legislative Aide to Michele Schimel, and Laura Weir, Acting Director of the Great Neck Library.



(L to R): Donna McKenna, Director of the Williston Park Public Library, and Assemblyman Thomas McKeivitt (17 AD).



(L to R): Debbie Podolski, NCLA President and Director of the Farmingdale Public Library; Marilyn Kappenberg, Director of the Plainedge Public Library; Ellen Firer, Director of The Merrick Library; Assemblyman Joseph Saladino (12 AD); Judy Nilsen, Librarian from the Plainedge Public Library.



(L to R): Robyn Klose, Director of the Lynbrook Public Library, and Bruce Bergman, Legislative Aide to Senator Dean Skelos (9 SD).



(L to R): Library Trustee Paul Van Wie, Assistant Director Peggy K. Smith, and Director Lisa Paulo from the Franklin Square Public Library.



(L to R): Nassau County Legislator David Denenberg; Ellen Firer, Director of The Merrick Library; Assemblyman David G. McDonough (19 AD); and Maureen Garvey, Assistant Director of The Merrick Library



(L to R): Assemblyman David G. McDonough (19 AD) and Diane Iolenter, Legislative Aide for Assemblyman Rob Walker (15 AD).



(L to R): Dalal Fatoush, Media Clerk from the East Meadow Public Library, and Assemblyman Thomas McKeivitt (17 AD).

[More Photographs ⇨](#)



Nassau County Legislator David Denenberg expresses his support for independent local libraries.



Library Trustee Audrey Fixell from the East Meadow Public Library welcomes legislators, librarians, trustees, and staff to the Nassau Legislative Breakfast.



Assemblyman Thomas McKevitt (17 AD) reminisces about being a library page at the East Meadow Public Library as a student.



NLS Director Jackie Thresher asks legislators to oppose the consolidation of Nassau County libraries.



Assemblyman Charles D. Lavine (13 AD) asks the audience to withhold making judgments about consolidation until study is completed.



Assemblyman Joseph Saladino (12 AD) "sings" his support for libraries.



Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg (20 AD) and his wife Ellen at the Nassau Legislative Breakfast.



LILRC Director Herb Biblo greets legislators, librarians, staff, and trustees to the breakfast.

# All Are Welcome

The Intellectual Freedom Committee invites all interested NCLA members to join our mailing list, attend our monthly Committee meetings and to contribute ideas and suggestions for our programs.

We are gearing up for our 4th annual Essay Contest (early Spring 2008) and are considering the following theme: "How has the Computer Helped Your Freedom to Read?" If you have any feedback regarding this question or wish to promote an alternate theme, please e-mail a reply. Any suggestions for program topics are also welcome.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at The Merrick Library, located on Merrick Ave. just south of Sunrise Highway. We'll start at 10 AM and adjourn by 11:30 AM. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Hope to hear from many of you soon.



Jeffrey Feinsilver  
Chairperson

## Corrections to the 2006-2007 NCLA Salary Schedules

The compilation of data for the 2006-2007 NCLA Salary Schedules was a monumental task – many titles, many salary figures, averages to be calculated, etc.

Unfortunately, some errors and omissions were included in the publication even though the Committee reviewed various drafts of the tables for accuracy.

Information the title Senior Library Clerk P/T (Hourly) was incorrect. Please substitute the information below for the table on page 17:

ADDITIONAL CORRECTION: The West Hempstead Public Library did participate in the survey. The following information was omitted from the Budget Information table on page 2:

Data Based On	Fiscal Year
	07/06-06/07
Salaries	963,410.00
Benefits	272,718.00
Other Expenses	1,752,275.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2,988,403.00</b>

NOTES: Includes debt service and construction of basement in new building.

### Senior Library Clerk (P/T)

Library	No. in Position	Starting Salary	Ending Salary	Avg. Salary 0-5 Yrs. In Title	Avg. Salary 6-10 Yrs. In Title	Avg. Salary 10+ Yrs. In Title
Bellmore	1	17.73	26.25			27.67
North Merrick	1					19.70
Sea Cliff	1					20.00
Freeport	4	12.50	24.00	20.29		23.57
West Hempstead	1				22.54	
Plainview-Old Bethpage	1	14.50	30.59			30.59
<b>AVERAGE</b>				<b>20.29</b>	<b>22.54</b>	<b>24.31</b>

Mamie Eng  
Editor

## People in the News



(L to R): Reference Librarian Lucy Jaffe and Head of Circulation Sandi Daly retire from the Garden City Public Library after 22 and 20 years of service, respectively.

The Garden City Public Library bid a reluctant goodbye to two longtime employees, Lucy Jaffe and Sandi Daly, who retired on August 17 and September 8, 2007, respectively. Lucy Jaffe had 25 years of experience as a reference librarian, 22 of them at Garden City. She received her MLS from C.W. Post in 1983 and worked part time at Levittown Public Library before coming to Garden City in 1985. She also held a BA degree in - Communication Arts & Sciences and worked in the motion-picture and publishing industries before going to library school. Jaffe was well-known in Garden City for her research skills and for her thorough knowledge of entertainment history. She plans continue to work as a research specialist and consultant.

Sandi Daly joined the Circulation Department at Garden City in 1987, having worked previously at Adelphi University. In 2002, she was promoted to Principal Library Clerk, overseeing a staff of seven full-timers and six part-timers. As the ALIS site co-coordinator, she helped steer the Library through the transition from DRA to Innovative Millennium. Daly was also instrumental in the redesign of the Circulation desk and office areas in 2003. Daly, a mother of three, recently became a grandmother and looks forward to dedicating her sunny disposition and management skills to this new role.



Renee McGrath, Youth Services Manager at the Nassau Library System, has been elected Second Vice-President/Member-ship of the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association.

Tom Witt, Assistant Director of the Garden City Public Library has been selected to serve on a fourteen person Civil Service Task Force formed by NYLA Executive Director, Michael J. Borges. The Task Force will be responsible for developing model civil service exams for librarian positions that could be utilized across the state and hopefully adopted by state and local civil service departments/commissions.

Jaclyn Kunz has been appointed Librarian Trainee in charge of the Children's Room at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library of Valley Stream. She previously worked as an office assistant for ALIS at NLS and part-time as a trainee at the Hempstead Public Library.



Jaclyn Kunz, Children's Room Librarian Trainee, at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library.

The Underdogs of the Orchestra with Michele Zwierski on bass and her husband Jay Rozen on tuba performed at the Long Beach Public Library's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Festival in September 2007. Zwierski is the Database Manager at the Nassau Library System.

The New York State Board of Regents appointed four new members to Regents Advisory Council on Libraries, including Gerald Nichols, Director, Palmer Institute for Public Library Organization and Management, Long Island University; Timothy Johnson, Librarian for Africana Studies, Anthropology & Food Science, New York University Libraries; Jill Hurst-Wahl, Hurst Associates, Ltd., Syracuse; and Sara Kelly Johns, Library Media Specialist, Lake Placid Middle/Senior High School.

Donna McKenna has been appointed the Director of the Williston Park Public Library. She previously worked at the Island Park Public Library.

Dr. Mary Westermann-Cicio, formerly Assistant Dean of the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, has been appointed Acting Dean of the school as of September 2007. She is an active member of NCLA, currently serving as a director and on the Health Services Committee. Prior to joining the faculty at the Palmer School, Dr. Westermann-Cicio was library director of the Nassau Academy of Medicine in Garden City, New York.



## LILRC 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future

The Long Island Library Resources Council held its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future on October 11 and 12, 2007, at Dowling College, Fortunoff Hall, Oakdale, New York. This year's theme was "Engaging Environments: Creating Tomorrow's Library Experience."

The keynote speaker on Thursday evening was John N. Berry III, Editor-at-Large, Library Journal.



The featured speakers on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> were Kelly Czarnecki, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County; Barbara Norland, Montgomery County Public Libraries; Melanie Hennigan, Grimm & Parker Architects; and Howard Risher, Ph.D., HRSolutions.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Session by local library school students was also held on Friday.

The LILRC Conference on Libraries and the Future was well-attended by directors and staff, who found the program to be educational and inspiring.

# NYCLU

The Nassau Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, in cooperation with The Long Island Coalition, has developed an exhibit, "Censorship in Public Libraries and Schools." The exhibit will be available to public libraries in Nassau County on a monthly basis beginning in January 2008. There is no fee for hosting the exhibit or sending it on to the next library on the schedule.

The exhibit presents 32 illustrations of censorship, each one approximately 11" x 14" with accompanying text that is 11" x 14." The history of censorship in public libraries and schools highlights incidents of censorship that have occurred nationally during the last 150 years.

If you are interested in scheduling the exhibit for a month beginning in January 2008, contact Nina Malevitch at the NYCLU Office, (516) 741-8520 or e-mail at [nassau@nyclu.org](mailto:nassau@nyclu.org). In addition, a speaker from the organization may be available to do a program at your library for the members of the community to coincide with the exhibit.

Nina Malevitch  
Exhibits Coordinator  
Nassau Chapter, NYCLU

## Library Briefs



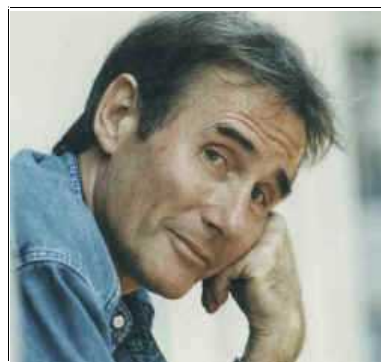
The Gold Coast Public Library celebrated its second birthday on August 1, 2007. Throughout the month of August, patrons were asked if they would like to fill out a 'birthday' card. Children and adults alike were happy to oblige. On each card, the patron wrote what they loved best about the library and a wish for the library to grow on. By the end of August, more than 100 cards were posted on the community bulletin board in the lobby where both patrons and staff could see at a glance what was working well with the library and where improvements could be made. As a direct result of this informal 'cupcake questionnaire,' more lighting was added in the reading alcove; other suggestions for materials and programs are under consideration. Unfortunately, the request for a 'water slide' will be postponed for a future library expansion!

The Long Beach Public Library with the assistance of Lancer Insurance and other sponsors hosted its fifth annual Jazz Festival from Thursday, September 6 through Sunday, September 9, 2007. Over 2,200 people attended the four-day festival, and everyone had a great time. According to Steve Adelson, a Long Beach resident and the festival's producer, "This is not high faluting jazz, it's very user friendly." This year, the Long Beach High School Jazz Band, made its first appearance at the festival on Sunday. According to Adelson, "We are not simply local talent, we present world-class talent and we'd like to make this festival a focal point of the South Shore. Some of the names that were featured in the program were" Chieli Minucci, David Langlois, Ben Lacy, Dean Brown, and Rachel Z, Kerry Kearney and Nydia "Liberty" Mata and Bryan Carott, and Matt Wilson to name just a few.

The Seaford Public Library celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the community on Sunday, October 14, 2007, with refreshments and entertainment.

**Seaford Public Library**  
*50<sup>th</sup>*  
*Anniversary*  
1957-2007

The Oceanside Library received a special plaque, autographed by Jim Dale, for participating in the Jim Dale @ Your Library Contest conducted by Listening Library. The contest celebrated the release of the audio edition of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the final book of the J.K. Rowling series. The grand prize, awarded to the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County in Charlotte, N.C., was a visit from Grammy-winner Jim Dale, narrator of all the Harry Potter books.



Jim Dale, audio book narrator of the Harry Potter books.



Teens and Tots Storytime at Garden City Pool

Teens (R to L) Chelsea Ripp and Jen Leary along with other groups of teens engaged "tots" with stories and activities during the 2007 Teens and Tots Storytime at the Garden City Pool, which was co-sponsored by the Young Adult Department of the Garden City Public Library and The Garden City Department of Recreation.

On October 7, 2007, the Bellmore Memorial Library and Recorded Books presented an afternoon with GEORGE GUIDALL, the superstar of audio book narrators. He shared his talent for bringing the printed word to life for best sellers, mysteries and classic works of literature.

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library awarded the Waldinger Cup to the Wheeler Avenue School in Valley Stream on Monday, September 24, 2007. The Cup is awarded to the elementary school with the highest number of summer reading club participants.

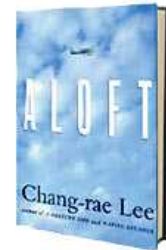


(L to R, Back Row): Wheeler Avenue School Principal Christine Zerillo, Wheeler Avenue School Media Specialist Theresa Bolz, Library Director Mamie Eng, and Valley Stream Mayor Edward Cahill with students from the Wheeler Avenue School.



## 2008 Long Island Reads Book Announced

The Long Island Reads Committee has selected *Aloft*, by Chang-rae Lee, to be the 2008 Long Island Reads book.



*Aloft* was selected as the 2008 Long Island Reads book because although it is a literary book, it is an accessible read by an author who has received the PEN/Hemingway Award, B&N Discover Award, American Book Award for Native Speaker, Anisfield-Wolf Prize and NAIBA Book Award for *A Gesture Life*, as well as the QPB New Voices Award and the Oregon Book award. The narrative takes place on Long Island, and the subject matter has appeal for both men and women.

For more information, contact Nassau co-chair Maureen Garvey at [maureengarvey@merricklibrary.org](mailto:maureengarvey@merricklibrary.org) or Suffolk co-chair Deb Cunningham at [dcunning@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:dcunning@suffolk.lib.ny.us), or visit the Long Island Reads website at [www.longislandreads.org](http://www.longislandreads.org).

# Employment Opportunities

Assistant Director Community Library Services – Queens Library: To lead and develop 20 community libraries (branches) as a part of a team of 3, to develop and implement service goals to deliver quality public library services.

Minimum of five years of significant library management experience. At least two years experience responsible for multiple public libraries highly preferred. Experience in a large library system, consortium or state library preferred. Demonstrated experience in collection development. Ability to set and effectively manage performance, communicate effectively, both written and orally, with exceptional interpersonal skills and creative problem solving ability. An MLS from an ALA-accredited library school, and eligibility for NYS librarian certification. Must have a valid driver's license. At least 50% of time will be spent in the field – this is not a desk job. Minimum salary of \$80,000, with annual performance-based salary increases, and a comprehensive benefits package that includes generous vacation/sick pay, medical, dental, vision, life insurance, defined-benefit pension plan, deferred compensation and more. E-mail your resume and cover letter to: [Execsearch@queenslibrary.org](mailto:Execsearch@queenslibrary.org) and visit our website at [www.queenslibrary.org](http://www.queenslibrary.org).



Children's Librarian (P/T): Seeking an enthusiastic, motivated P/T Children's Librarian. Every Monday night, one Saturday and one Sunday a month. Flexibility is a plus. Reply to: Bonnie Markel, Head of Children's Dept., Merrick Library, 2279 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566, (516) 377-6112, ext. 115.

Civil Service Computer Technicians, and Network and Systems Technicians (F/T): The Sachem Public Library currently has a permanent, full-time position in our Electronic Services Department. Seeking a skilled, energetic and highly-motivated individual to join our dynamic team. The basic work schedule would be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however one weekday evening from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. required and an occasional Saturday. Excellent salary and benefits. If you are currently employed in a Suffolk County Department of Civil Service position in either of the above titles and are interested in transferring to the Sachem Public Library, please contact; Judith Willner, Director, Sachem Public Library, 150 Holbrook Road, Holbrook, NY 11741, 631.588.5024.

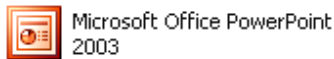
Children's Librarian or Trainee (P/T): Longwood Public Library has an opening for a service-oriented, part time children's librarian or trainee to work 12-16 hours per week and some Saturdays. The position includes, but is not limited to reference work, readers' advisory, story times, and programs. Please contact Dianne Roberts at 631-924-6400, send a resume, or e-mail to [droberts@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:droberts@suffolk.lib.ny.us). if you are interested in this position.

Librarian or Librarian Trainee – Adult Services (P/T): Longwood Public Library seeks serviced oriented and energetic librarian or librarian trainee to serve the Longwood community. The parttime position, in Adult Services, is 12-16 hours per week, one half Saturday per month. Salary dependent on experience. Please contact Juliana Podd at 631-924-6400 if you are interested in applying.

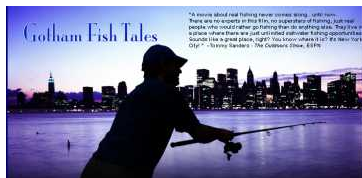


# PR/Programming Division News

On September 11, 2007, the PR/Programming Division presented "Intro to MS PowerPoint," a hands-on computer workshop. Ceil Hearn, President of Sharper Training Solutions, Inc. taught the participants the basics of creating a slideshow. She also demonstrated how to create exciting presentations with PowerPoint, using computer animation and video.



The PR/Programming Division held its Annual Breakfast on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at the Farmingdale Public Library. Filmmaker Robert Maass screened and discussed his award-winning documentary "Gotham Fish Tales" (70 min.) which tells the exuberant stories of New York City anglers who are plumbng the city's unexpectedly healthy waters to hook all manner of fish. Produced and directed by Maass, a photojournalist and former photographer for Newsweek, the film was a curious and often very funny journey through the many fishing spots along the city's 500+ mile coastline.



On Tuesday, November 13, 2007, Neal Shoemaker, President and founder of Harlem Heritage Tours, will be speaking at the PR/Programming Division monthly meeting at the Nassau Library System. The program, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., is free for NCLA members, \$5.00 for non-NCLA members.



Harlem Heritage Tours highlights the rich history of this New York neighborhood and its many contributions to American culture.

Mr. Shoe-maker will discuss the tour of Harlem from the insider's perspective. You will learn about Harlem's past and the cultural and economic renaissance taking place in Upper Manhattan.

The slate of officers for 2008 has been determined by the PR/Programming Nominating Committee as follows:

- President: Dolores Nicholes Farmingdale
- Vice-President/ President-Elect: Angie Schenker Baldwin
- Secretary: Suzanne Molczan Hillside
- Treasurer: Stacey Smith-Brown Uniondale
- 1-Yr. Director: Patti Paris Bellmore
- 2-Yr. Director: Michelle Young Oceanside

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## 2007 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 Media Services \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Reference & Adult Services \_\_\_\_\_  
 Young Adult Services \_\_\_\_\_

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

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