

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NCLA is looking forward to an exciting year. This year, NCLA will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The NCLA Divisions and Committees have been busy planning their events for this year. Whether you are a new or a returning member, NCLA has opportunities for you.



Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> is Library Legislation Day. Now, more than ever, with library and library systems budgets being threatened, our voices need to be heard in Albany. I would like to thank Ken Bellafiore and Elizabeth Olesh for their help with planning this bus trip.

NCLA now has a link to "become a library advocate" on the NCLA Website [www.ncla.info](http://www.ncla.info). You can also find out more about NCLA's upcoming programs on this website and by becoming a member of the NCLA listserv.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the many events sponsored by the Nassau County Library Association throughout the year. New participants and new ideas are always welcome!

*Chris Marra*  
NCLA President

### Proposed NCLA Constitutional Change

In order to encourage more regular attendance at the monthly meetings, a motion was made to amend the Association Constitution at the February 13, 2009 NCLA Executive Board meeting.

The wording to be inserted in Article V (Administration) as Section 3 reads:

*"Any elected officer or appointed Chair who shall miss two [2] consecutive meetings or three [3] meetings within the calendar year without excuse accepted as satisfactory by the Board shall be deemed to have resigned. Elected members of the Board shall be*



*replaced by a member in good standing of the Association, upon nomination by the President and approval of the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term. With the approval of the Executive Board, the President shall replace a committee chair with a member in good standing to fill the unexpired term."*

The voting membership of the Association will be receiving ballots in the mail.

*Maureen Chiofalo*  
NCLA Constitution  
Committee

## REMINDER

The address for the NCLA web page is:  
<http://ncla.info>

**NEW** – Archive of past NCLA Newsletters is now available in PDF format with color photos on the webpage. Click on *Newsletter Archive* on the NCLA homepage.

## Reference & Adult Services Division News

NCLA Reference and Adult Services Division is looking forward to a superb year in 2009.

Our first workshop entitled "Our Favorite Things," will take place in the Meeting Room at NLS at 9:30 A.M. on March 25, 2009. The RASD Board will present our fun and helpful web sites and useful references. We will be looking for your ideas as well as sharing our own. Circle the date on your calendar and watch for our flyer coming soon and also posted now under the RASD information at <http://www.nassaulibrary.org/ncla>.

Anyone interested is always invited to attend RASD Board Meetings. The next few are scheduled for March 5, April 14, and May 12, 2009. Ideas you'd like to share for programs are certainly welcome.

RASD Nassau is working with Suffolk to present a program at the Long Island Library Conference in May. We will have a speaker from the New York Botanical Gardens and from Cornell Cooperative Extension to discuss resources for local gardening and agriculture. Everyone attending the Conference will want to find out how to get that Long Island green thumb.

*Karen Shaw-Widman  
President RASD*

## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support was strong in 2009 already includes 37 institutions which have either joined for the first time or renewed their affiliation with NCLA.

**Academic Libraries**  
Five Towns College  
NY Institute of Technology -  
Wisser Library

**Public Libraries**  
Babylon Public Library  
Baldwin Public Library  
Bayville Free Library  
Bellmore Memorial Library  
East Meadow Public Library  
East Rockaway Public Library  
Garden City Public Library  
Glen Cove Public Library  
Gold Coast Public Library  
Half Hollow Hills Community Library  
Hempstead Public Library  
Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library  
Jericho Public Library  
Lynbrook Public Library  
Manhasset Public Library  
The Merrick Library  
North Bellmore Public Library  
Peninsula Public Library  
Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library  
Port Washington Public Library  
Rockville Centre Public Library  
Roosevelt Public Library  
Sachem Public Library  
Sea Cliff Village Library  
West Hempstead Public Library

**Library Systems**  
Long Island Library Resources Council  
Nassau Library System  
Nassau School Library System  
Suffolk Cooperative Library System

**School Libraries**  
North Shore High School  
St. Dominic High School Library  
Southside High School Library

**Library Schools**  
Palmer School of Library &  
Information Science

**Associations**  
Great Neck Library Staff Association

## NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The new year got off to a late start as renewal notices were not sent out until mid-December, however, more than 5500 individuals and institutions have already sent in their remittances and we are well on our way to another successful membership year.

NCLA has continued its practice of providing each institutional member with five (5) coupons which it can use to send staff members to programs at member rates. This was instituted to encourage new staff members to join NCLA by "sampling" what we have to offer. The coupons must bear the name of the participant (the name of the library is already on the coupon) and this information will be used to encourage new memberships.

NOTE: The coupons expire at the end of the membership (calendar) year, so they cannot be hoarded.

**NYLA's  
Library Lobby Day -  
2009**

**Make plans to attend!**

**Tuesday, March 10,  
2009**



The Long Island Library Resources Council and the 26 libraries that now form the "Long Island Memories" Regional Digitization Program, welcomes the East Meadow Public Library as a new participant.

You may access the Program at: [longislandmemories.org](http://longislandmemories.org) or on the drop-down menu on the LILRC homepage at: [www.lilrc.org](http://www.lilrc.org)

The "Farmingdale Observer" will soon be available as a part of the Regional Digitization Program. This is being made available through a grant from Senator Kemp Hannon and a cost sharing agreement with the Farmingdale Public Library.

LILRC has received another newspaper digitization grant from Senator Hannon for the calendar year 2008-2009. We welcome any library who wishes to participate in a cost sharing newspaper project. Please contact Virginia Antonucci-Gibbons, Regional Archivist and Project Manager of the Regional Digitization Program, to discuss how to apply.

LILRC participates and has added 27,785 images to the New York Heritage Project. This project is a partnership of all the 3R's Councils in New York State to provide one site where a meta crawler

will allow all 3R's collections to be searched. You may search the project at: [newyorkheritage.org](http://newyorkheritage.org).

*Virginia Antonucci-Gibbons  
Regional Archivist*

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## DIRECTORY

Work on the *2009 Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers* is currently in progress. We expect to publish this edition in time for distribution at the Long Island Library Conference on May 7, 2009. It will be distributed to those qualifying NCLA members (paid dues of \$25.00 in 2008) and others who ordered a copy.

NOTE: Copies of the 2008 edition are still available for purchase. Special year-end discounts are available to NCLA members and library school students. Contact the NCLA Membership Chair, Art Friedman, at 572-7883, if you want to purchase a copy.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

NCLA is a member of the Senior Advocacy for Employees program which is sponsored by Bristol Assisted Living. NCLA members can receive a corporate discount of 10% on monthly rental fees for themselves and members of their immediate family. For additional information about this program, please contact your membership Chair, Art Friedman at 516-572-7883.

## Media Services Division News

On February 26, 2009, the NCLA Media Services Division held its Annual Media Roundtable at the Nassau Library System. Over 25 media librarians and support staff met to talk about lending policies, circulation issues, security, etc.

There were lengthy discussions on the Kindle in the library, fair access to materials, and vendors. Future programs to be considered include the Kindle in the library and keeping costs under control.

An informal survey of media lending policies has been compiled by Rachel Taub, MSD Board Member, and you may request a copy to be sent you by contacting her at the Farmingdale Public Library.

Plans are underway for Long Island Library Conference and the rest of the year. Contact Michael Simon, MSD President, at the Long Beach Public Library if you are interested in participating or volunteering for MSD activities.



## RSS Feed

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

Intellectual Freedom Committee  
*Nassau County Library Association*

Fifth Annual Essay and Art Contest  
February 23 - April 6, 2009

Participants may enter the writing and /or artistic component of the contest.

1) Answer the following question by writing or typing your personal views on one or two pages:

What does the Freedom to Read mean to you?

2) Create an original design or picture to be used as the logo for the Intellectual Freedom Committee. Please submit entries on 8 ½" x 11" paper.

Send your essay and /or artwork along with the completed bottom part of this flyer to:

Norman Weil, Intellectual Freedom Committee, NCLA  
Molloy College/James Edward Tobin Library  
1000 Hempstead Ave. /P.O. Box 5002  
Rockville Centre, New York 11571-5002

Age group winners will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card and be invited to a reception at the Carle Place store on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Winners from last year are eligible for the "honorable mention" category.

Participants must submit their essays by April 6, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Weil at (516) 678-6567 or email [nweil@molloy.edu](mailto:nweil@molloy.edu)

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Attach this form with your Essay and /or Art contest entry. Please type or print.

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Library (You must be a current card holder at a Nassau County Library)

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Age (circle only one) 8-12 years old      13-17 years old      18 years old +

## 2009 NCLA Executive Board & Committee Members

### 2009 Executive Board

#### President

Chris Marra  
Uniondale Public Library

#### Vice-President/President-Elect

Tom Bazzicalupo  
North Bellmore Pub. Library

#### Recording Secretary

Natalie Korsavidis  
Farmingdale Public Library

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Marcia Olsen  
Levittown Public Library

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Floral Park Public Library

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Dr. Mary Westermann-Cicio  
LIU – C.W.Post/Palmer School

Ida Zaharopoulos  
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#### Directors

Rosemary Burgos-Mira  
LIU – C.W. Post

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Long Island Library Resources  
Council

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Roosevelt Public Library

### 2009 Division Presidents

#### Academic & Special Libraries

John Varone  
C.W. Post &  
Plainview-Old Bethpage Public  
Library

#### Children's Services

Linda Eagan  
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#### Clerical Services

Roseanne Crudo  
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#### Media Services

Michael Simon  
Long Beach Public Library

#### Public Relations/Programming

Angie Schenker  
Baldwin Public Library

#### Reference & Adult Services

Karen Shaw-Widman  
East Meadow Public Library

#### Young Adult Services

Terry Ain  
Rockville Centre Public Library

### 2009 Committee Chairs

#### Archives

Stuart Schaeffer  
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Tom Witt  
Garden City Public Library

#### Computers & Technology

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Library

#### Constitution & By-Laws

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#### Continuing Education

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#### Directory

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Nassau Community College  
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Jan Heinlein  
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#### Health Services

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#### Intellectual Freedom

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NY Institute of Technology  
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Voice Mail 686-1153

#### LDA Award

Ken Bellafiore  
Nassau Community College  
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#### Legislation

Ken Bellafiore  
Nassau Community College  
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#### Elizabeth Olesh

Nassau Library System

#### Long Island Library Conference

Marianne Ferro  
Hewlett-Woodmere Public  
Library

#### Membership

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#### NCLA Promotions

Tracey Simon  
Lynbrook Public Library

#### Newsletter

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#### Nominations

Carolyn Voegler  
Floral Park Public Library

#### Outreach

Lee Gundel  
Massapequa Public Library

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2009 NCLA Executive Board  
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Personnel Issues/Concerns  
Bobbi Benigno  
Manhasset Public Library

Larry Lederer  
Manhasset Public Library

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Frank McKenna  
Island Trees Public Library

Ida Zaharopoulos  
Seaford Public Library

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Patti Paris  
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Uniondale Public Library

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East Meadow Public Library

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Nassau Library System

Long Island Library Resources  
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Herb Biblo  
LILRC

New York Library Association  
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572-7883

Nassau School Library System  
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2009 NCLA Executive  
Board Meetings

March 13, 2009  
April 17, 2009  
May 8, 2009  
June 12, 2009  
July & August – No meetings  
September 11, 2009  
October 9, 2009  
November 13, 2009  
December 11, 2009  
Installation Dinner – TBA

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place at NLS in Uniondale. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. and are held in the Andrew Geddes Meeting Room.

All NCLA members are welcome to attend.

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**Earn a Ph.D. in  
Information Studies**

Holding a Ph.D. can vastly increase one's career options and earning potential. But for many professionals, the biggest obstacle to earning a doctorate is finding the time for classes.

At the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, working adults can earn a Ph.D. in Information Studies while working full-time. The

College of Information and Computer Science at C.W. Post offers courses for the Ph.D. primarily in the evenings and on weekends to fit into busy lifestyles. Through these convenient courses, students acquire knowledge and conduct research in today's critical areas of information organization, retrieval, management and policy.

Taught by faculty of the College's prestigious Palmer School of Library and Information Science, the doctorate in Information Studies – the only one of its kind in the New York metropolitan area – prepares individuals to assume leadership positions in research, teaching and in practice. Graduates of the program will be equipped to fill a documented need for researchers and faculty members in the broad field of information studies.

The Palmer School will hold an open house for prospective Ph.D. students on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Room 330 of the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library at C.W. Post. Faculty and advisers will be on hand to explain degree requirements and course schedules. The event is free and open to the public.

*Jennifer Osonitsch  
Special Assistant to the  
Dean  
College of Information &  
Computer Science*



## Call for Nominations

Purpose: The LDA Award provides recognition to 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

Who is eligible? Librarians, trustees, support staff, friends of the library, vendors and publishers.

What to do?

1. Fill out a nomination form and send it back with your nomination packet.

2. Prepare a nominating statement of approximately 500 words that describe the accomplishments of your candidate and why he or she is worthy of consideration for the LDA award.

The Award Committee may not know this individual, so be clear and specific,, but not elaborate in your presentation.

3. The three letters of support which accompany this statement in your packet of information should not be submitted by persons affiliated with the nominating agency.

4. The letters should address the six criteria listed above. The scoring will be based on how well the criteria were addressed by each candidate.

5. Submit six (6) copies of all documentation to: LDA Award Committee Chairperson Paula Bornstein, Lindenhurst Memorial Library, 1 Lee Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757.

Entries must be submitted by March 13, 2009. The LDA Award will be presented at the 2009 Long Island Library Conference to be held on May 7, 2009 at the Crest Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY.

## NEWS FROM THE STATES

NCLA members who have retired from active service in our region have not forgotten the Association and the relationships that they had with its members. We can honestly say that NCLA members are located throughout the United States from "sea to shining sea." Frequently those members send us news and greetings and we would like to share their comments with you.



Former NCLA President, *Elsie Lieber* has continued her membership while living in Oregon. While she indicated when she left Nassau County she was heading into retirement, that phase of her life continues to elude her! Enjoying the environment of the retirement community of Whispering Winds, in Bend, Oregon, has included establishing a library. An item in the Whispering Winds Newsletter suggested that:

*Elsie Lieber has stepped down from her position as "Head Librarian" for the Whispering Winds Library. Elsie set up the library when WW opened 5½ years ago and has done a wonderful job of organizing and maintaining a beautiful and useful room!"*

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A new volunteer has taken over the task of running this facility, however, Elsie reports that this individual has been ill and Elsie has not been able to move away from her former role quite yet.

I am sure that we all wish Elsie well in her many retirements - once a library professional; always a library professional!

*Alan Roeckel*, former director of the Garden City Public Library, has continued his membership in NCLA as he settles into his new home in Aurora, Colorado.

Our "snow birds" send greetings from sunny Florida. Former NCLA Presidents *Rhoda Orenstein* and *Mary Donor* are enjoying the warmer climates of the Sunshine State; however, they plan on returning to our region to spend part of the year with us.

Another past-president, *Adah Silberg*, sends us greetings. Adah continues to make her home on Long Island; however, I am sure that she plans frequent trips to the Midwest to visit grandchildren.

We are always pleased to hear from our members and hope that they will continue to spread the message of NCLA in good health wherever their travels may take them.

*Arthur Friedman*  
*Membership Chair*

# SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, April 24, 2009**  
Nassau County Library Association's Division of  
Academic & Special Libraries'  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual Continuing Education Conference

***The Proactive Library...Staying Ahead of the Game:  
Dealing with Problems in the Modern Library***

Program and **registration form** coming soon:  
<http://www.nassaulibrary.org/ncla/>



## Clerical Services Division News

The next Clerical Division event will be its Annual Open House on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Farmingdale Public Library. Join us for a night of good food and great music, featuring "Old Brown Eyes Sings Ole Blue Eyes," with Jerry Cardone.



Photo from <http://www.almillerbigband.com/photogallery.htm>.

There will be a tour of the Farmingdale Public Library at 5:30 p.m., followed by a delicious buffet, and sumptuous desserts.

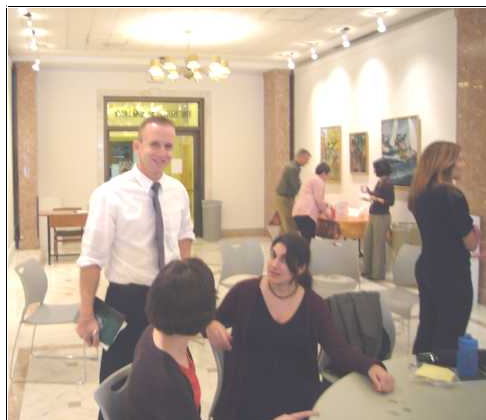
The Clerical Services Division is also planning a bus trip to the New York Public Library in Manhattan - additional information to follow.

We hope to see everyone at our open house. Thank you for your continued support.

*Rosanne Crudo*  
*President*  
*NCLA Clerical Division*



## NCLA ASLD News



Photos from "Publishing for Academic Librarians Roundtable" held in November 2008.

The NCLA Academic and Special Libraries Division held a "Publishing for Academic Librarians Roundtable" in November 2008 at the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library. The Roundtable was informative, interactive, and an overall success.

The ASLD Board met on January 9, 2009, and it is pleased to announce that its Annual Conference will take place on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Hutchins Gallery of the B. Davis

Schwartz Memorial Library, C.W. Post. The Board had an excellent discussion about the topics for the Spring Conference, a possible New York City field trip, another Fall Roundtable, and recruitment of new members.



The ASLD Board is committed to having a great year and helping its members stay connected in the field. If you would like to become more involved with us, please e-mail me: [presidentasld@gmail.com](mailto:presidentasld@gmail.com).

*John N. Varrone  
ASLD President*

## PR/Programming Division News

On Tuesday, January 13, 2009, the PR/Programming Division held a Long Island Reads 2009 and Programming Swap Meeting with speaker, Maureen Garvey, Nassau Co-Chairperson of the Long Island Reads Committee and Assistant Director of The Merrick Library.

Ms. Garvey discussed the selection of *Wait Till Next Year*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin, as this year's choice. She spoke about the process in choosing a number of books, narrowing down the number to 4 or 5, and then making the final decision. Additional information is available at the website: [www.longislandreads.org](http://www.longislandreads.org). She also spoke about the programming summary related to the book that was compiled by Tracey Simon.

The Programming Swap part of this meeting began with a discussion of events unique to 2009. These included the International Year of Astronomy ([www.astronomy2009.org](http://www.astronomy2009.org)), President Abraham Lincoln's and Charles Darwin's Birthday Centennials. Also added was a celebration of Edgar Allan Poe.



One of the other key topics discussed was how to help people who are looking for jobs. These included teaching people to apply for positions using online applications, resume help, and job fairs. Computer class suggestions included how to set-up e-mail, how to purchase online, as well as general computer classes (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint).

Singles networking programs have been very successful at some libraries, and some are ongoing. We also talked about the successful second Volunteer Fair hosted by the Baldwin Public Library in which local non-profit organizations that use volunteers, tell visitors about their volunteer opportunities, and have an opportunity to network with other groups.

Movie rights that enable a library to show theatre-released or DVD movies were also mentioned.

On Tuesday, February 10, 2009, the Division held a Time Management Workshop at NLS. The speaker, Francine Pollaci, co-founder and co-president of Knowledge Professors, LLC, has worked in various international industries for over twenty years, and her experience includes five years of public speaker.

Her dynamic Power Point presentation, along with her handout packet, covered every aspect of managing your time; from eating right and getting enough sleep to setting up goals and commitments both for yourself and your career. She covered organizing all facets of your life, stress reduction techniques, steps to planning an event, and included forms to use in managing your time effectively.

The next meeting for the Division is an Excel Computer Class scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the NLS Computer Training Center. The class will be geared towards library program monthly reporting statistics and budgets. The fee is \$10.00 for NCLA members and \$20 for non-members. Register early, limited space. The instructor will be Barry Howard.

Long Island Reads 2009 "One Island, One Book" pick this year is Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Wait Till Next Year*. Ms. Goodwin will speak at the Brentwood Public Library on Wednesday, May 6, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be requested from the Nassau Library System starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Angie Schenker  
PR/Programming  
President*

## News from the Young Adult Services Division



Maureen Johnson autographs her books for YA librarians.

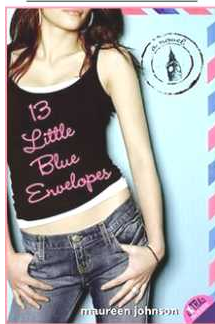
YASD began the year with our annual mock Printz award meeting held on January 8, 2009 at The Merrick Library. YA librarians from Nassau and Suffolk counties predicted which YA books had the literary merit to be designated the year's Printz winners. The books we agreed were favored to win were *The Graveyard Book*, by Neil Gaiman, *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*, by E. Lockhart, and *Graceling*, by Kristin Cashore.

The actual Printz winners were quite a surprise; *Jellicoe Road*, by Melina Marchetta, was the winner. The honor books were *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume II, The Kingdom on the Waves*, by M.T. Anderson; *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*, by E. Lockhart; *Nation*, by Terry Pratchett; and *Tender Morsels*, by Margo Lanagan. So only one of our selections was on target, although *The Graveyard Book* was chosen as this year's Newbery winner. Nonetheless, we all enjoyed the activity of reading and discussing the year's best works of YA fiction.

On February 5, 2009, noted YA author Maureen Johnson spoke to librarians from Nassau and Suffolk counties at our annual joint February meeting, held at the Massapequa Public Library-Bar Harbour Building.

Maureen Johnson's books which include *Suite Scarlett* and *13 Little Blue Envelopes* are popular with teens and adults alike, and fly off the shelves. Her presentation was as lively as her books, all of which sold out at the book signing.

*Terry Ain*  
YASD President



# Library Briefs



The *Williston Park Public Library* staff celebrated the Year of the Ox with a Chinese dinner from their favorite take-out restaurant, Hong Kong Kitchen, on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

Gung Hay Fat Choy to everyone!



The Lawrence Association honored the *Peninsula Public Library* on Tuesday night, February 17, 2009, at a ceremony at the Library. The PPL was presented with a wireless microphone and an award for its service to the community by the newly-formed Foundation of the Peninsula Public Library.

*Peninsula Public Library* was also honored on Saturday, February 21, 2009 as the "Citizen of the Year" by the Inwood Civic Association. There was a dinner dance which was attended by Library Staff, Inwood Civic Association members, prominent community members, as was as Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg and Nassau County Legislator Jeff Toback. Assemblyman. Weisenberg presented a citation from Senator Dean Skelos commending the library on its role in the community.

In November 2008, the Friends of the *West Hempstead Public Library* sponsored a classical concert by the Long Island piano duo, Yelena and Vladimir Polezhayev, accompanied by their two sons, Anton and Simon on violin and bass, respectively. The purpose of this concert was to unveil to the community a brand new Yamaha piano that the Friends had purchased for the library. The library had never owned a new piano before - it only had an old hand-me-down. The community room was filled to capacity with 120 people in attendance. The library thanks the Friends for their continued generosity.



The *Levittown Public Library* held an exhibit of pop-up books from the library's Children's Department during February 2009.



Reference Librarians Laura Flanagan and Susan Nolan are busy with the *Garden City Public Library's* Third Annual Cozy Up With A Good Book Winter Reading Club. Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Nolan, who coordinate the adult winter reading club, give each participant a special gift for registering for the adult reading club which runs from December 7th until April 24th. The participants are asked to fill out review cards for the books they read during the winter. The review cards are entered into a final raffle drawing which is held in the spring at the Cozy Up With A Good Book Brunch.



Children at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library had a great time participating in Goowin's Balloowins interactive story.

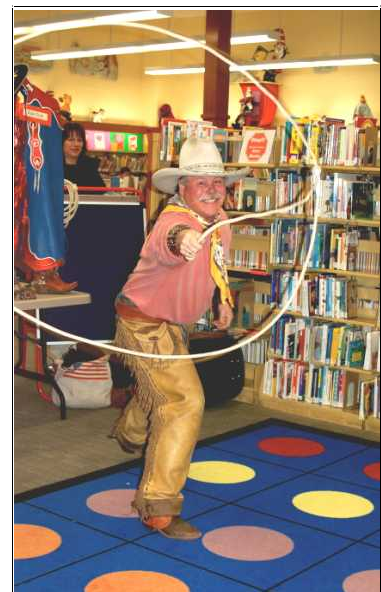


Five Nassau County libraries were named America's Star Libraries by *Library Journal* in February 2009. The honored libraries were: *The Bryant Library, Great Neck Library, Jericho Public Library, Plainview-Old Beth-page Public Library, and Port Washington Public Library.* *Library Journal's* new national rating of public libraries, the LJ Index of Public Library Service, identified 256 "star" libraries. Created by Ray Lyons and Keith Curry Lance, it rated 7,115 public libraries regarding circulation, visits, program attendance, and internet use per capita.

The *Henry Waldinger Memorial Library* in Valley Stream held a number of activities during the February Winter School Break which were very well-attended as many families stayed home because of the bleak economy this year. The highlight of the week was a performance of Goowin's Balloowins on Thursday, February 19, 2009. This program was funded by a NYS Special Legislative Grant to the library from Senator Dean Skelos.

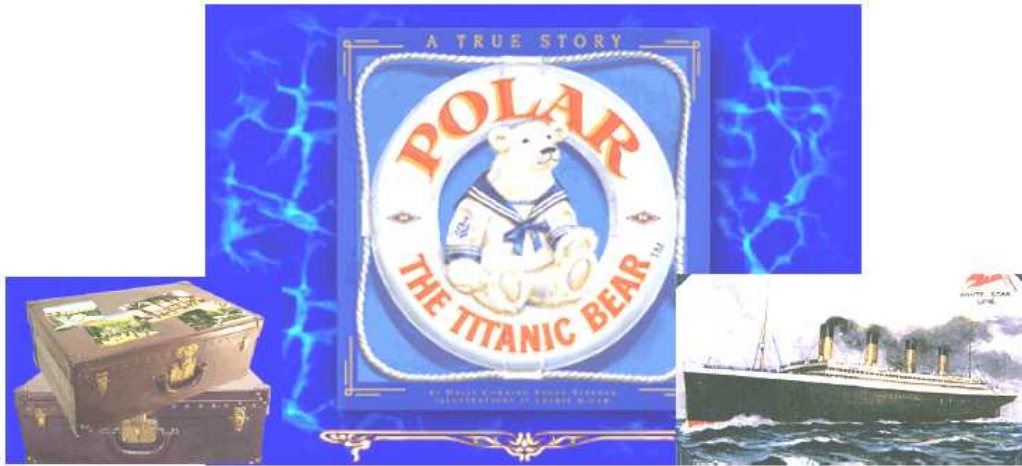
With funding from a NYS Special Legislative Grant from Senator Dean Skelos and public funds from the New York Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program administered by the Long Island Arts Council in Freeport, the *Henry Waldinger Memorial Library*

also held a special performance with Cowboy Ernie Sites, "Singing the Songs of the West," on Thursday, February 26, 2009.

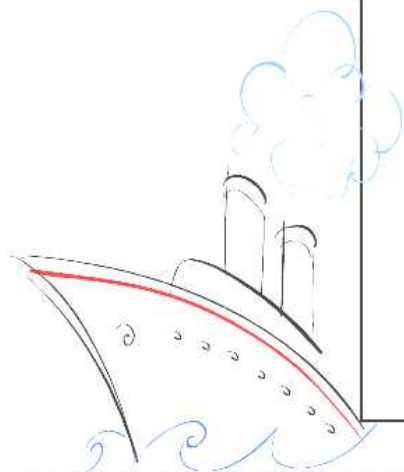


Ernie Sites performs rope tricks for children at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library.

# Children's Services Division wants you to meet Leighton H. Coleman III,



sharing a story written by his ancestor, who, along with her family, escaped the sinking Titanic.



Manhasset Library  
Monday, March 16  
9:30am—12noon  
Breakfast will be served

2.00 for NCLA members  
12.00 for non-members

RSVP by Friday, March 13 to Bonnie Markel,  
Merrick Library, 2279 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY, 11566

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ NCLA Member? \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## People in the News

*Joanne Van Meter*, Head of Children's Services at the Garden City Public Library, retired effective February 7, 2009. Mrs. Van Meter joined the staff at the Garden City Public Library as a librarian in the Children's Room in 1992, after having worked at the Jericho Public Library as a Library Trainee. She was appointed Head of Children's Services in Garden City in 2004.



Joanne Van Meter retires from the Garden City Public Library.

Long-time Library Board Trustee of the Elmont Public Library Joseph C. Marziotto, Sr., passed away on January 11, 2009, due to complications of diabetes. Mr. Marziotto was a dedicated Elmont community activist and had served on the Library Board for 32 years, including at least ten years of them as President.

*Save the Date*

34th Annual  
**Long Island Library Conference**  
*Go Green at Your Library!*

*Guest Speaker: Adriana Trigiani*

Thursday, May 7, 2009  
Crest Hollow Country Club  
Woodbury, New York

In our efforts to GO GREEN, the registration form & program information will only be available on our website @ [www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/lile](http://www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/lile)

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 (or Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
 email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE OF DUES – Calendar Year 2009		
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 **	45.00
Students, Retirees, Trustees, Friends	10.00
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