

Nassau County Library Association
 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
 Nassau Library System
 April 11, 2014

In Attendance: Ed Goldberg, Min Liu, Carolyn Ayers, Lee Gundel, Maryanne Linehan, Jackie Fitts, Lawrence Paretta, Peter Cirona, Bobbi Benigno, Amrita Madray, Laura Panter, Courtney Greenblatt, Elly Arnost, Marcia L. Olsen, Barbara Mickowski, Jan Heinlein, Jean Lettieri, Mamie Eng, Mahnaz Tehrani, Frank McKenna, Ken Bellafiore, Laura Giunta, Chris Marra, Dalal Fatoush, Mary Robinson.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Min Liu at 9:47 AM.

I. Review and Approval of the Previous Minutes and Notes

- a. A correction was made to the Academic and Special Libraries Division Report, so that it reads “Publish or Perish,” rather than “Publish or Publish.”
- b. Laura Giunta announced the following revision to the March Minutes:
 - i. Adding Frank McKenna to the attendance.
 - ii. Adding the Outreach Committee’s report for March.
 - iii. Correcting a mistake with the Roman Numerals.
- c. Frank McKenna moved to accept the March minutes. Marcia Olson seconded. The minutes from March 7 are approved.

II. Treasurer’s Report: Ed Goldberg

- a. The following is the April Treasurer’s Reports:

Nassau County Library Association			
Treasurer's Report			
April 2014			
March 31, 2014			
			<u>Balances</u>
Checking Account			
TD Bank (Bank Balance)			\$1,225.64
Savings			
TD Bank Checking Account			<u>\$52,129.13</u>
			<u>\$53,354.77</u>

Special Funds				
Intellectual Freedom/Civil Service				
TD Bank Money Market			\$10,423.37	
NCLA Scholarship				
TD Bank Money Market			\$31,961.14	
Continuing Education Grants				
TD Bank Money Market			\$7,719.22	
Year to Date Income-thru March 31, 2014			\$24,825.32	
Year to Date Expenditures-thru March 31, 2014			\$13,105.43	
Respectfully submitted				
Ed Goldberg				
NCLA Treasurer				

- b. Ed Goldberg Noted that this total does not include checks from membership dues that Art Friedman has handed in.

III. President's Report: Min Liu

- a. President Min Liu noted that anyone who does refreshments for the NCLA meeting should use a tax exempt form when purchasing materials. These forms will be available on the new website.
- b. President Min Liu noted that Jean Lettieri did a wonderful job with the refreshments for the meeting.
- c. President Min Liu went to Farmingdale Public Library to visit the NCLA archives to start planning for NCLA's 80th Anniversary. She mentioned that anyone is free to go and can just call Stuart Schaeffer at Farmingdale Public Library to schedule a visit.
 - i. There are two filing cabinets in the archives at Farmingdale Public Library for NCLA.
- d. The archives have great material from the 50th year anniversary. The document from the 50th Anniversary, printed in 1984, has a lot of information, so NCLA can use it as a basis and then update the document for the last 30 years of history.
 - i. There were copies of the document available at the NCLA meeting for members to view.
 - ii. Lee Gundel suggests using OCR with the document for the 50th Anniversary so people can edit it.
- e. President Min Liu emailed the board of directors to ask them to be on a task force for the 80th anniversary. She also mentioned that anyone else who is interested in working on the task force should let her know.

still add their names to a slot that was already filled, as they could have more people standing at the table.

- i. The table will be broken down at 2:30PM, so there will be no need for members to staff it after then.
 - ii. Vice President Courtney Greenblatt reminds members to look at the LILC program before signing up to staff the table to make sure the time they sign up for doesn't conflict with a program they are interested in.
- n. President Min Liu reminded divisions and committees to add their meeting dates to the NCLA calendar.

IV. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Academic & Special Libraries – Larry Paretta

- i. ASLD held its “Publish or Perish: Research Methods for Information Professionals” workshop on March 21st at LIU Post and it was quite successful.
- ii. The[ir] two speakers, Dr. Amy Catalano from Hofstra University and Prof. Natalia Tomlin from LIU Post, gave very informative and interesting presentations that can now be viewed on the ASLD website:
<http://asldncla.wordpress.com>.
- iii. The ASLD board is now looking towards their annual conference, which will be held in either September or early October at LIU Post. More details to follow on that once ASLD has chosen a topic, date, and time.
- iv. The next ASLD Board meeting will be on Friday, April 25 at 2pm in the LIU Post Library's instruction lab.

b. Children's Services – Maryanne Linehan

- i. CSD has their speaker for the LILC. It will be author Doreen Rappaport.
- ii. CSD will offer three raffle baskets at the LILC.
- iii. CSD will be hosting a trip to the New York Public Library exhibit of “The ABC's of It: Why Children's Books Matter.” The cost of the trip will be \$5 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The trip is on May 7, 2014 and the tour begins at 11:00AM.
- iv. CSD is in the process of finalizing their speaker for its December installation breakfast.
- v. CSD's next board meeting will be held at the Levittown Public Library at 9:30AM on April 28, 2014.

c. Media Services – Ralph Guiteau (Absent/No Report)

d. Programming & Public Relations

e. Reference & Adult Services – Susan Santa

- i. RASD and the Nassau Library System partnered in an Adult Summer Reading Panel discussion on Wednesday, March 26 at NLS. The

discussion was well attended and RASD would like to thank all of the presenters for a terrific program.

- ii. On Tuesday, June 3, RASD will host a Civil Service Presentation. Mamie Eng will discuss the ABC's of the Librarian I and II exams, tips on maximizing your education and experience, and strategies to improve your score. The program will be held in the NLS ballroom at 9:30AM.
- iii. The next RASD board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10 at 9:30AM at NLS in the preview room. All are welcome.

f. Support Staff Division – Rosemarie Birofka (Absent)

- i. The Support Staff Division held its annual Open House on Tuesday, April 8 at Uniondale Public Library. As part of the event, colleagues got a tour of the Uniondale library and then enjoyed an evening of good food and musical entertainment by Sergei Gurbelo. The board members provided the delicious desserts and almost everyone walked away a winner with 20 raffle prizes being given out and a 50/50.
- ii. SSD's next meeting date is Friday April 25 at East Meadow Public Library where preparations for the Long Island Library Conference will be finalized.

g. Young Adult Services – Nancy Evans (Absent)

- i. The annual YASD luncheon has been scheduled for June 5, at Novita in Garden City. The speaker will be Lisa Carlucci Thomas, who will speak about entrepreneurship for librarians.
- ii. The B.E.S.T. Award deadline was extended to April 10.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Archives – Stuart Schaeffer (Absent)

- i. For anyone interested in speaking to Stuart Schaeffer about visiting the Archives, you can contact him at Farmingdale Public Library

b. Civil Service – Ken Bellafiore

- i. The Civil Service committee is compiling a list of job qualifications and responsibilities for clerical staff regarding what computer and technology skills they need to have while working at the circulation desk. The committee will arrange to meet with the Computers and Technology committee to discuss these qualifications, although the Computers and Technology committee's list of computer skills is more for librarians than clerical staff. The two committees plan to meet on the last Friday of the month.
- ii. The MLD board is compiling its own list of skills. The Civil Services committee's list will be reviewed by the MLD and then combined with their list. Once it's reviewed and combined, the list will be given to the Civil Service Commission.

- iii. The committee is finalizing changes to be made to the Senior Library Clerk position qualifications schedule, which will then be presented to the MLD board.
- iv. The two items that the Civil Service Commission asked the committee to review were the senior library clerk position and the computer skills for the clerical staff, which is why the committee has been working on them.
- v. There will be a new member joining the MLD side of the committee, who will be appointed by the MLD Executive Board. This member has not been decided yet. All meetings are open to everyone in NCLA. Meetings are held usually on the last Friday of the month at 9:30AM. Ken Bellafiore said he will try to post the meetings on the NCLA calendar and also said that members can give him a call at the Freeport Library if they are interested in attending a meeting.
- vi. The next Civil Service committee meeting will be Friday, April 25.

c. Computers and Technology Committee – James Hutter

- i. The Computers and Technology Committee's next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8th, 9:30am at the Half Hollow Hills Public Library.
 - 1. This will be a joint meeting between the NCLA Tech Committee and the SCLA CATS (Computers and Technical Services Division).
 - 2. This meeting will be an excellent opportunity to share technical details about projects that both Nassau and Suffolk libraries are passionate about. We are also hoping to talk about current trends and how they will affect public libraries on Long Island.
 - 3. It should be an exciting meeting. There are usually not many opportunities to have joint meetings with SCLA CATS, so James Hutter encourages members not to miss out.
- ii. The Committee's summer meeting will be held at the Jericho Library. The date will be announced soon.
- iii. The NCLA Facebook page seems to be working out very well so far. James Hutter, Laura Giunta, Elaine Cummings-Young, and Catherine Barretta have been posting quite a bit of content.

d. Constitution & Bylaws – Frank McKenna (Absent/No Report)

e. Continuing Education – Peter Cirona

- i. The committee is sponsoring a program at the LILC on May 1 called, "Consumer Advocacy 101," to be presented by Curt Friehs, a business librarian at SUNY Old Westbury. The program will be held during Session 1. Peter Cirona thanked his co-chair, Lee Gundel, for securing Curt Friehs for the conference.
- ii. Lee Gundel is also working on getting John Mix to repeat his lecture on, "How to Run an Effective Meeting," for later this spring or early summer. This program was a big success last November.

- f. **Directory – Art Friedman (Absent/No Report)**
- g. **Finance – Jan Heinlein**
 - i. Jan Heinlein is waiting until tax season is finished to begin the audit of NCLA. She plans to work with the same auditor as last year. If he is unable to do the audit again, she will let NCLA know.
- h. **Health Services – Mahnaz Tehrani**
 - i. The Health Services committee (Mahnaz Tehrani, Susan Santa, and Christina Rivera) had an online meeting on Friday April 4, 2014.
 - ii. The committee is planning for a Hands-on class for consumer health information called, “Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library.” The class will be given by the librarians at NN/LM (National Network of Libraries of Medicine). The program will be held in Fall 2014 in early November at the Farmingdale Public Library.
 - 1. This will be a hands-on class that will cover the health information seeking behavior of consumers and the role of the librarian in the provision of health information to the public. Participants will be equipped with knowledge of top consumer health sites, e-patient resources and collection development core lists. Creative ideas for health information outreach will be discussed.
 - 2. This class is CE MLA contact and could be tailored for 2, 3 or 4 hours.
- i. **Institutional Services – Amrita Madray**
 - i. Materials were purchased for Mercy First School.
 - ii. The committee is planning a drama workshop.
- j. **Intellectual Freedom – Jeffrey Feinsilver**
 - i. The committee last met on March 19.
 - ii. The contest for the Essay/Art Contest ended on April 2.
 - iii. The program, “Privacy 2013--Events and Trends” will be held from 3:00-4:00PM at the LILC.
 - iv. There is a webinar called, “Defense Against the Digital Dark Arts” for Privacy Week which will be held on May 5 at 2:00PM. The program will include a new ALA privacy tool kit.
 - v. With regard to Privacy Week, there will be a colloquium at Rutgers University called, “Libraries, National Security, and Privacy,” on April 23. The colloquium will be available on YouTube for the public to watch.
 - vi. Jeffrey Feinsilver mentioned several items in the news.
 - 1. There have been new developments with the ongoing net neutrality case. Comcast and Time Warner are discussing merger. While the companies say they will abide by net neutrality, the companies are ranked low in customer satisfaction.
 - 2. Congressman Paul Ryan recommended that the federal government not have a role in libraries and museums and it should

be privatized. Ken Bellafiore mentioned that there is an online petition against this that people can sign.

vii. The committee's next meeting will be at Merrick Library on April 16.

k. LDA Award – Marcia Olsen

i. There is a winner for the LDA Award. The winner will be announced at the conference by Art Friedman.

l. Legislation – Ken Bellafiore

i. The \$4 million that the governor wanted to cut from the NYS library aid budget was restored and another \$1 million was added. However, the budget for libraries is still not near the \$102 million that was requested.

ii. Libraries still must pay the MTA tax, but this will be refunded eventually according to the new NYS budget.

iii. President Min Liu asked for a motion to place a \$325 ad for NCLA in the journal for the Member Library Director-sponsored dinner program, to help in fundraising for the NY for Better Libraries PAC. Peter Cirona seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jean Lettieri will help make the half-page ad, including making a special logo for the 80th Anniversary, as was done with the 50th Anniversary. The ad will then be sent to Jan Heinlein.

iv. NYLA reaction to the New York State FY2014-15 budget can be found on NYLA's website.

v. The U.S. House Budget Proposal dismissed the role of Institute and Museum and Library services.

l. Long Island Library Conference – Deidre Goode

i. LILC currently has 55 vendors signed up. If any member knows any vendor who may be interested in having a table at LILC, let them contact the LILC committee.

ii. For future conferences, the LILC will look to have group registration possible online, rather than just individual registration. This will make it more convenient for libraries sending more than one staff member.

iii. April 25 is the deadline for early bird registration.

iv. The registration fee for the first speaker for any panel at LILC is waived; any additional speaker must pay for registration.

m. Membership, Promotion, and Mailing – Art Friedman (Absent)

i. Art Friedman recently distributed a second general mailing of renewal forms to at least 370 names on our mailing list who have still not sent in their dues. Please note that some of these individuals were last members in 2011.

ii. Art Friedman would like to use the Directory as a guide to identify additional individuals in academic and public libraries who are not NCLA members. Letters will be sent out to those individuals as soon as possible.

- iii. In addition, “pro forma” invoices were provided to institutions that were members previously and who had not yet remitted 2014 dues.
- iv. Jan Heinlein noted that as per Art Friedman, membership is up from 702 on April 10, 2014 to 720 on April 11, 2014.

n. Mentoring – Natalie Korsavidis (Absent/No Report)

o. NCLA Promotions (No Report)

- i. President Min Liu and Vice President Courtney Greenblatt showed the bag with an enhanced logo for NCLA’s 80th Anniversary that will be the giveaway at NCLA’s table at LILC. The giveaway will be viewable on the new website.
- ii. NCLA’s table will have a raffle basket at LILC and the divisions will similarly have great giveaways and raffles. President Min Liu and Courtney Greenblatt encourage members to visit the Associations’ Room at the conference.
- iii. President Min Liu will bring a bowl to collect raffle tickets and the NCLA banner for the table.

p. Newsletter – Mamie Eng

- i. Mamie Eng spoke to the printer about the printing quality of the past newsletter. The printer informed her it was the quality of the photos that was causing the poor print quality. Mamie Eng will now be stricter when including photos and will only include high quality photos in the newsletter.
- ii. Mamie Eng will contact vendors and institutional NCLA members about advertising in the newsletter again.

q. Nominations – Elaine Cummings-Young (Absent/No Report)

r. Outreach – Mary Robinson

- i. As a reminder, the Outreach Committee would love to see as many members as possible at the program they are sponsoring at LILC this year entitled: *Books Not Bars*. The program will address what the public library’s role is in assisting formerly incarcerated youth and adults.
 - 1. The panelists will share resources and ideas as well as their personal experiences in dealing with this population.
 - 2. The program will be at 10:30 am in Salons 11 & 12.
 - 3. Mary Robinson will also be a panelist for another program that same day entitled *Serving Your Diverse Community*.
- ii. Registration is now open for the Outreach Committee’s next local program. The program will be Thursday, April 24 from 10:00AM-12:00PM at the Freeport Memorial Library. Branch Manager, Leticia Cotto from the Hartford, CT library, Park Branch, will discuss how to adapt the StoryWalk project to engage English Language learners.

1. She will also talk about a REFORMA funded local history project. CEUs will be offered for those who attend.
 2. Anyone who would like to register for this program and is a NCLA member, SCLA member, or a student, registration is free and should be completed using the online link. Everyone else should use the flyer and remit payment along with the coupon on the bottom of the form. Mary Robinson will ask Ken Bellafiore to bring some flyers to the next NCLA meeting.
 3. The link to the program is: <http://tinyurl.com/NCLAESSC>
- iii. Now that the NCLA webpage has been revamped and it includes a link for the Outreach Committee, Mary Robinson will be holding a meeting soon for those who would like to work on brainstorming what links and resources should be included on the page. As always, if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Robinson.

s. **Personnel Issues and Professional Concerns – Bobbi Benigno (No Report)**

t. **Programs (Annual Dinner)/Fundraising – Frank McKenna**

- i. Chris Marra noted that the date for the 80th Anniversary Dinner is November 14.
- ii. Chris Marra said that members should remind people at division and committee meetings and programs about the dinner.
- iii. The committee will prepare 200-250 small “save-the-date” cards for the dinner to put at the NCLA table at the LILC.
- iv. The committee is starting to get quotes for entertainment for the dinner. There will be special announcements during the dinner for members who have served on NCLA for many years and there will also be a slideshow. The committee will get quotes for a band or DJ, but it might not be cost effective if there will be a lot of announcements during the dinner and the DJ or band will only be playing for a short time.
- v. Frank McKenna is planning for two Islander games for the 2014-2015 season. One will be against the Devils and one against the Rangers.
- vi. Vice President Courtney Greenblatt noted that the Ducks game will be held Saturday, August 2. The gates will open at 6:05PM and the game is at 7:05PM. Family members are also invited. The tickets are \$5 less than last year. There is a 25 person minimum and the sign-up deadline is June 16.

u. **Recruitment & Scholarship – Jackie Fitts**

- i. Jackie Fitts noted that the committee is still in process of coordinating with Alicia Sanchez.
- ii. The date for the scholarship applications used to be November 1, when the dinner was in January. However, now that the dinner is November 14, Jackie Fitts will work with the committee to make the due date earlier, so the committee will have more time to review them.
- iii. Anyone who works at a library and is an NCLA member can apply for a Continuing Education Grant.

v. Retirees – Bobbi Benigno

- i.** On April 23, there will be a workshop called, “How to Buy Technology.” The program will be presented by Sharper Training. The program will discuss buying laptops, smartphones, and tablets. The program will cost \$5 for NCLA members and \$15 for non-members.
- ii.** Bobbi Benigno received a phone call from *Newsday* who wanted information about the workshop because *Newsday* was planning to put it in the paper’s upcoming events section. Bobbi Benigno told members to let her know about any events that they want publicized in *Newsday*, and Bobbi Benigno can provide the contact information from *Newsday*.
- iii.** At LILC, the committee will be sponsoring a program called, “Adventures and Misadventures in Forming a Retirees Committee.” It will be held at 3:00PM.
- iv.** The next meeting will be May 14, where the theme will be “Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard” and the committee will be talking about things to do and see on Long Island.
- v.** Bobbi Benigno asked the Retirees Committee if there were any members who had been in NCLA for 30 years, and received responses from two members how had been part of NCLA for 50 years.
 - 1.** NCLA will decide at a later date who, if anyone, to honor at the NCLA 80th Anniversary Dinner, since more research needs to be done and NCLA does not want to slight or offend anyone.
 - 2.** Bobbi Benigno and Art Friedman will work on compiling a list of members who have been active for several decades.
 - 3.** Chris Marra noted that the Annual Dinner committee and the 80th Anniversary Task Force need to work together when planning the dinner and the honorees.
 - 4.** The committees will come back at the next NCLA meeting with further suggestions.

w. Statistics – Mamie Eng

- i.** Mamie Eng noted that gathering statistics has been slow-going, and therefore did not have anything new to report.

x. Webpage – Lee Gundel

- i.** The new NCLA website will be going live in the next few weeks. The site is currently being hosted at ncla.nassaunet.info for those who are interested in viewing the site. It will be moved to the url ncla.info when it goes live.
- ii.** Lee Gundel asked Divisions and Committees to review the new website to see if there is any additional information they want to include. Divisions and Committees can contact Lee Gundel to update the site with this information.
 - 1.** The new website will have a “Contact Us” link, where members can send information about what has to be posted on the website.

- iii. The front page of the new website is dynamic, meaning it is similar to a blog. Members can send information about their division or committee's programs to Lee Gundel, who then can post it on the front page of NCLA's new website.
- iv. The new website notes that NCLA has been serving libraries for 80 years.
- v. Lee Gundel will do the majority of the posting on the new site. If there is anything a member wants to have changed or added to the site, members should contact Lee Gundel or Rocco Cassano.
- vi. Eventually, some NCLA officers will be granted the ability to edit their own parts of the website.
- vii. President Min Liu thanked Lee Gundel and Rocco Cassano for their time working on the site and noted that it will be an ongoing process. Once the site launches, members are encouraged to send their feedback.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

a. Long Island Library Resources Council – Min Liu

- i. LILRC launched a new website on April 10. Christina Rivera was the one who designed it and sent out an email with a launching video.
 - 1. According to Google Analytics, the page on LILRC's website with the most views is Jobline.
 - 2. The site can be found at lilrc.org. There is a separate site called lilrcevents.org which archives continuing education programs and announcements for training.
- ii. LILRC will be having a reception during the NYLA Conference at Saratoga Springs this fall.
- iii. On Thursday, April 24, the "Spring Library Space Series" will be held at Merrick Library. CEUs will be awarded to those who attend. Part 1 is 90 minutes and will be held from 10:00-11:30AM while Part 2 is three hours and will be held from 1:00-4:00PM. Registrants can register for one or both parts. Registration costs \$50 for both programs for LILRC members and \$155 for non-members.
- iv. On Wednesday, June 4, from 10:00-11:30AM at Farmingdale State College, LILRC will present the program, "Patents and Trademarks 101." The program is \$5 for LILRC members, students, and the unemployed, and \$20 for non-members.
- v. Non-members pay three times more for LILRC programs than LILRC members pay. Libraries who join LILRC save when coming to programs.
- vi. LILRC will present the program, "Librarians Collaborating to Produce Systematic Reviews: Project Launch to Publication," on Friday, May 2 from 2:00-3:30PM at Farmingdale State College. 1.5 hours of CEUs will be awarded to registrants who attend.
- vii. On May 19, LILRC will hold the program, "Introduction to RDA for Catalogers," from 9:30AM-3:00PM at Stony Brook University.
- viii. LILRC's Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future will be held October 23 and 24 at Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park, which

is the same location as the PAC dinner. It is a central location and easy for members to get to. The theme of this year's conference is "Think Outside the Bricks: Embed, Engage, Expand."

b. Member Library Directors – Frank McKenna

- i. Stephanie Stanton, the Director of Malverne Public Library, will be retiring on May 31, 2014.
- ii. Laura Weir is the acting director for Great Neck Library.
- iii. Joan Morris is the acting director for Baldwin Public Library.

c. Nassau Library System –Elizabeth Olesh (Absent)

- i. The Nassau Library System will be involved in two Long Island Library conference programs.
 1. From 10:30-11:30AM, Elizabeth Olesh will join Syosset's Lisa Caputo and Merrick's Carol Ann Tack for, "What's New in Reader's Advisory?" The three speakers will share some of their favorite recent titles; participants will be invited to share theirs, too.
 2. From 3:00-4:00PM, Andrea Snyder will present, "Marketing to the Non-User." This will include practical tips and ideas attendees can take back to their libraries.

d. Nassau BOCES School Library System – Carl Vitevitch (Absent/No Report)

e. New York Library Association – Art Friedman (Absent/No Report)

f. Suffolk County Library Association – Laura Panter

- i. NYLA is sending a print piece of material through the SCLS mail to promote joint SCLA/NYLA membership. This will be going to all librarians in Suffolk County. Currently there are 376 joint memberships, 602 total SCLA division memberships.
- ii. The list-serv currently has 1503 subscribers. This list-serv will be moved to the NYLA SCLA list-serv some time after the LILC. You will need to be an SCLA member to be a part of the list unlike the current list-serv.
- iii. As part of becoming a Regional Chapter of NYLA, SCLA will sponsor programs at NYLA's 2014 in Saratoga Springs. We hope anyone attending in Saratoga Springs will check out these programs:
 1. "Library Programs through Community Engagement": Exceed expectations at your library by harnessing the power of community. Tap into a wealth of expertise to develop programs, build networks and develop support (and funding!) for your library. The speakers will be as follows: Susan Carver, Director of The Fairview Public Library and Erica Freudenberger, Director of the Red Hook Public Library.
 2. "IT vs. Librarians": There is a longstanding belief that IT staff and Librarians are two departments separated by a different language.

Join us as we discuss where these two departments are heading and if they can head there together. The speakers will be Ellen Druda (Internet Service Librarian), Bob Johnson (Manager of Information and Technology Services), and Stephen Ingram (Digital Services Librarian).

3. “You Can Do a Book Festival”: Panelists will discuss their experiences describing what they have done to organize a successful book festival. The Speakers will be Leona Chareshnoski, Carole Kupelian, and Ellen Rubin.
 4. “Selecting Self Published Authors: Approaches for Building Your Library’s Collection in Today’s Market Place”: Whether it is Children’s literature and picture books or e-Books available through Overdrive more and more authors are self-published. While libraries have become more open to purchasing self-published items, many librarians are concerned that with great quantity it has become hard to find the quality items their patrons want and need. We will show you some tools and tips for reviewing quality and discuss some real life library problems with self-published items. The speakers will be Lisa Kropp, Samantha Alberts, and Kristin Minschke.
- iv. The following are SCLA’s upcoming events:
1. “CATS- Friday, April 25, 2014 CATS Library Tour”: A 10:00AM tour of Touro Law Library in Central Islip and a 1:00pm a tour of the Smithtown Library’s Main Branch immediately followed by the Nesconset branch.
 2. “SSD- Social Networking Online”: A program presented by Sharper Training solutions on April 15, 2014 from 2-4pm at SCLS. Learn the ins and outs of Facebook, Twitter and You Tube for yourself and your patrons. Registration is available on Staff OPAC in Program Management or email sclshr@suffolknet.org to register.
 3. SCLA Annual Dinner: The SCLA Annual Dinner will be on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook, NY from 6:00-10:00pm. All NCLA members are welcome to register and attend. Registration will begin in September 2014.
- v. SCLA’s spring newsletter, compiled by Cathi Nashak of the Deer Park Public Library will go out in May 2014. Submissions are due April 25. For SCLA news each season, you can go to the SCLA website at <http://scla.net/main/newsletter/>.
- vi. SCLA will participate in the following community service activities:
1. “Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk”: Scheduled for October 5 at Dowling College in Shirley, NY. Our team will be called Librarians for Life. Fundraisers to build support are to be determined.

- vii. The LILC currently has 55 vendors and 138 registrants as of the March meeting. Additional vendors can still register with Patty Thomson at the Smithtown Library.
- viii. CLASC annual dinner and membership meeting will be on April 24 at the Three Village Inn, featuring guest author Chris Grabenstein. The two speakers for the Suffolk Literature Conference on October 24, 2014 will be Caldecott honor author/illustrator Lois Ehlert and Newbery honor winner Holly Black.
- ix. PLDA would like to start a mentoring program for Library Directors to mentor colleagues who are potential future leaders in libraries.
- x. The PLDA Golf Outing will be October 6 at the Baiting Hollow Golf Club.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ken Bellafiore noted that *Newsday* had an article regarding the Freeport Memorial Library's renovations. The Freeport Memorial Library will be having a grand reopening ceremony of the renovated space on Saturday, April 12. There will be activities from 11:00AM-3:00PM, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12:00PM. The mayor and local legislators will be present and there will be music, ballet, and an original poem recited about the library. The ceremony will also kick off the new motto for the Freeport Memorial Library, which is, "A World of Diversity." The library will be asking community members to come in and identify what countries they are from using a huge map of the world that will be on display.
- b. Laura Giunta noted that librarians in Nassau and Suffolk County submitted panels for the comic book convention, Special Edition: NYC.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SCLA has an annual event in which members are encouraged to bring a colleague to a SCLA board meeting. President Min Liu suggested that NCLA copy this idea and do something similar. There could also be pizza to follow the meeting, to encourage people to attend.
- b. Due to the response of librarians in Nassau and Suffolk County interested in participating on panels at New York Comic-Con and Special Edition: NYC, Laura Giunta mentioned the possibility of NCLA trying to organize a conference for librarians and educators discussing these topics. It was mentioned that such a conference could potentially become an ad-hoc committee, but no decision was made.

- IX. Adjournment:** Chris Marra moved to adjourn the meeting. Dalal Fatoush seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09PM by President Min Liu.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Giunta
Secretary