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PR and Marketing

The PR & Marketing is embarking on a new project to create an annual Public Relations Award for the libraries of Suffolk County. A sub-committee is being formed to work on the award that will be modeled on the John Cotton Dana Award given by the American Library Association. If you are interested in being a part of this sub-committee, please call or e-mail Jo-Ann Carhart at the East Islip Public Library (581-9200 x5 or jcarhart@suffolk.lib.ny.us).

MOSAIC

MOSAIC, the Multicultural Outreach Services and Information Committee, is sponsoring a series of information fairs called NAVIGATING YOUR COMMUNITY. The first one was held at Middle Country Public Library in Centereach on

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

I hope all of you had a happy and healthy summer!

Even though the year is winding down, RASD is busier than ever. Our last event was our Annual Dinner on September 18th at John Harvard's Brewery & Ale House in Lake Grove. I would like to thank Brian Adams for the successful dinner at John Harvard's. We had 37 attendees and all had a great time.

Our Health Concerns Annual Breakfast will take place at SCLS on Wednesday, October 30th at 10am. This year's topic is traumatic brain injury, and we have great guest speakers lined up. All are welcome.

We have a newly formed committee - "New Adults" - which will focus on providing innovative ideas on resources and programming for 18-25 year old patrons. We welcome new chair Michael Buono who will head the committee.

Please visit us at www.scla.net/rasd-main to see current news from all our committees.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, consider taking advantage of the unbeatable price of a joint NYLA/SCLA membership. For more information, please visit www.nyla.org and click on "Membership." Your contribution ensures that RASD and other divisions and SCLA continue to provide current resources and information for your libraries and communities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cathi Nashak
 President/RASD

So, WHAT'S NEW?

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A few years ago, the New York Times reported that a new work of fiction is published in the United States every 30 minutes! We don't know how many are the first novel an author publishes. As librarians we read about them in the professional journals and several times a year high-quality first-time fiction is featured,

Friday, Oct. 18th, 3pm-7pm. The second one is being planned for Spring 2014 at Northport-East Northport Library (date and time to be announced).

This fair will provide information to English language learners, new Americans, library professionals, and health and human services agency professionals who work with the immigrant population.

NAVIGATING YOUR COMMUNITY Information Fair will:

- Provide information in a variety of areas, including library services, literacy, education, naturalization process, language access providers, interpreter services, health care, legal services, housing, domestic violence, child care and community advocates.
- Provide a one-on-one format for attendees to ask direct questions of service providers. Contact either Loretta Piscatella (585-9393 x228) or Amber Sroka (585-9393 x274).

often accompanied by a prediction of the future of these talented new writers.

It would benefit our patrons to display Debut Novels in the library. And, of course, it would be even better if we added the annotations and recommendations by presenting librarians' favorites.

Reader's Advisory is on the case! We are focusing on Debut Novels at our September 26, 2013 meeting at the Commack Public Library. We're reading and annotating them and they will be added to our blog <http://rasdreadersadvisory.blogspot.com/> Please check out the recently posted International Fiction.

We are always looking for new committee members. For information contact Grace (goconnor@suffolk.lib.ny.us)

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Join us on October 30th at SCLS at 9am for a delicious breakfast, followed by a workshop on Traumatic Brain Injury. We've read about concussions in sports or accidents, but do you really know the signs that you've had one? How does that relate to brain injuries? How do you treat someone who has had a brain injury?

Our 2 speakers are: Kate DiMeglio, Vice President of the board of New Beginning, a treatment center for patients with brain injuries. Dr. Brian Lebowitz is currently on the faculty at Stony Brook University Hospital where he is a clinical assistant professor of neurology, and the Director of Neuropsychology Training.

Join us for a free breakfast and educational workshop. Please RSVP to Brian Adams at Longwood bradams@suffolk.lib.ny.us

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