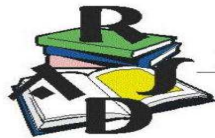


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The Electronic Resources Committee will have Brian Downing from Library Insight demonstrate Freading, the new way to download ebooks, at the Half Hollow Hills Community Library on September 14, 2011.

### *RASD President*

Welcome back from Summer time fun! I hope everybody had a chance to relax and enjoy the good weather and deal with not so good weather. How did Irene treat you?

Now that most of us are back at work, let me take this opportunity to remind you what RASD has coming up for you this fall.

The RASD annual dinner will be held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Setauket Pastaria in East Setauket from 6-9pm. Our guest speaker will be Lighthouse Historian Henry Osmer. The price will be \$32.50 per person and we plan on having a Chinese Auction and 50/50. I hope to see all our members at the dinner.

Our Health Concerns Committee will be having their annual breakfast at SCLS on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Dr. Stephen Dewey and Dr. Carrie Bisigani will talk about substance abuse and how it affects the brain. Come on down for a delicious breakfast and interesting lecture.

The RASD ballots are out. You may have received one and voted already. Good luck to our candidates Cathi Nashak, Edana Cichanowicz, and Sara Bedell. The winners will be announced in October.

Don't forget about our other committees. They put together some great programs that you may not want to miss. Follow us on facebook or click on the RASD link at scla.net.

I look forward to seeing you at our dinner and breakfast. Have a fantastic autumn season.

All the best!

*Robert Cognato RASD President*

## MOSAIC COMMITTEE

Elma Lugo and Lissetty Thomas, Co-chair

RASD ANNUAL Dinner  
Join your colleagues  
for an evening with  
Lighthouse Historian  
Henry Osmer at the  
RASD Annual Dinner,  
Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>  
6 - 9 pm at **Setauket  
Pastaria, 4082  
Nesconset Highway,  
East Setauket, NY  
(Waldbaum's  
center). Henry**

Today, more than ever our professional success requires intercultural awareness and effective cross cultural communication skills. Understanding and appreciating intercultural differences promotes clearer communication, breaks down barriers, builds trust, strengthens relationships, opens horizons and yields tangible results. This interactive workshop will focus on intercultural differences to promote effective and productive interactions. Save the date and join MOSAICS November meeting as Paula Klee Parish President/CEO of Performance Solutions, Inc., facilitates a workshop on "Intercultural Awareness". This workshop will last approximately 1.5 hours and begins at 10:30 a.m. Meeting

Osmer is the author of *Living on the Edge* and *On Eagle's Beak, and They Were All Strangers: The Wreck of the John Milton at Montauk, New York* histories of Long Island's eastern tip and it's most famous landmark the Montauk Lighthouse.

date, time and location: November 8, 2011 @ 10 am, 9:30 coffee, at SCLS.

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#### ESOL Classes at Longwood Public Library

The Longwood Public Library will be offering its first ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes beginning in October; one evening class during the week and one weekend morning.

The Intermediate English Conversation Group will begin meeting once again on September 26, 2011 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. (Open to all; call E. Lugo at 924-6400 x248)

#### Reference

Hispanic Heritage Month: Check out the Smithsonian website at [http://smithsonianeducation.org/heritage\\_month/hhm/index.html](http://smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/hhm/index.html)

#### Long Island History Committee

The next meeting of the Long Island History Committee of RASD will be on Thursday, October 27th at 9:30 AM. The meeting will take place at SCLS in the Blue Room. The topic of discussion will be celebrating your organization or building's anniversary. What to consider and how to publicize your event. The committee will be asking members to provide examples of publicity, photographs of previous anniversary celebration, etc. We will also be discussing future agendas for the next three meetings. All are welcome to attend.

The East Hampton Library held its annual 'Author's Night' on Saturday August 13. Some of the authors in attendance were Dick Cavett, Susan Lucci, Nelson Demille, Michael Connelly, Robert Klein, Jeffrey Sussman, and Alec Baldwin. The charity event raised more than \$200,000 for The East Hampton Library. The library will be hosting author talks in the coming months. All author talks are free, and everyone is welcome to attend. The following listing is the roster for September and October 2011.

Sept 17 - Joyce McFadden, author of "Your Daughters Bedroom"

Sept 24 - Dr. Abby Aronowitz, author of "Your Final Diet"

October 1 - Suzanne Corso, author of "Brooklyn Story"

October 8 - Art Donovan, author of "The Art of Steampunk"

October 15 - Francis Levy, author of "Seven Days in Rio"

All author talks are Saturdays from 1-2:30 PM, except Francis Levy which is 3-4:30 PM

Steven Spataro

## RASD Annual Meeting and Breakfast

Join us on October 19, 2011 at 9am for our Annual Breakfast and Health Concerns workshop. The topic this year is "Substance Abuse". We have 2 great speakers, Dr. S. Dewey,

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**Mark October 19, 2011 for our Annual RASD Breakfast and Health Concerns Workshop at SCLS. This year's topic will be "Substance Abuse"**

Director and Investigator

Laboratory for Behavioral & Molecular Neuroimaging @ North Shore-LIJ and Carrie Bisigano from Family Counseling Service in Shirley. Flyers will be sent out shortly so please RSVP so we can prepare a delicious breakfast.

### ***Tempus Fugit for the Reader's Advisor***

Over the past twenty years, librarians have developed new concepts about how readers react to what they read. In "Building on a Firm Foundation," (*Reference & User Services Quarterly*, Winter 2008), editor Barry Trott discusses "the ever-changing face of Readers' Advisory." Once fiction reading, and in particular genre fiction, was the model and while these are still important, Trott presents the challenge of expanding them to include what author Michael Chabon has called the "borderlands." Using elements of genre fiction, literary fiction writers expose readers to elements of genres they would not necessarily have tried. For example, Audrey Niffenegger explores the consequences of time travel on a relationship in *The Time Traveler's Wife* or the postapocalyptic setting in Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*.

Then there is "chick-lit", "street-lit" or "urban fiction." The readers' advisor must be willing to venture into these less-known areas of the reading world. He asks, "How do you adapt readers' advisory skills to apply to audio book listeners...and not just books, but music and films." Now, just a few years later, we must add "e-books."

In the arena of shrinking library budgets, it is important to quantify the value of Readers' Advisory services and their impact on library circulation. It is acknowledged that readers' advisory encounters are hard to measure. How do we calculate what percentage of circulation comes from book displays? What about creating links from the library catalog to RA resources online which can also be used to quantify how often users access them from the catalog.

The Reader's Advisory Committee is a valuable resource for discussing these issues. We share our experiences, our expertise even as we share our reactions to the books we have read. Join us to share your experience while expanding your skills.

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