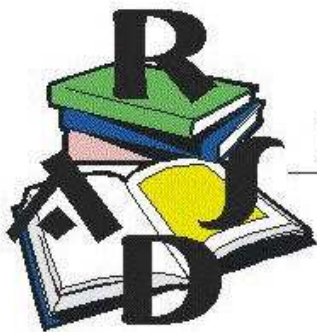


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Reference and Adult Services Division

## Winter 2010

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### MUSINGS

Well one decade has ended another begun.... But what do we call the past decade? Others were the 70's, the 80's, the 90's, what do we call it the 00's? The zeros sound dismissive to me. Some may want to forget them altogether....A *Time* article I read online described the 00's as the decade from hell. "Bookended by 9/11 at the start and a financial wipeout at the end, the first 10 years of this century will very likely go down as the most dispiriting and disillusioning decade Americans have lived through in the post-World War II

### RASD Membership

Welcome to 2010! Happy New Year to all! RASD hopes you and your families had the very best Holiday season.

Thank You Very Much, for joining RASD in 2010. As always the committees will be gearing up to bring you all kinds of interesting meetings and programs, throughout the year. RASD also participates in the Long Island Library Conference and has a fabulous dinner and breakfast every year with engaging speakers.

Do you think you can make a difference? Have fresh ideas? Then one of the RASD committees may be for you. You may also want to think about running for one of our offices at the end of the year. Contact one of the committee members if you are interested in joining us.

Again, the RASD committees wish you our very important members a Happy and Healthy New Year! Thank You for being a part of RASD! We truly appreciate your continued support.

### The RASD Committees

CARE, Electronic Resources, Health Concerns, Historian, Long Island History, Long Island Reads, Media, Membership, MOSAIC, OARS, Programs, Reader's Advisory, Ramblings, Web Page, Member at Large.

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Robert Cognato - past membership  
[Sara Bedell](#) -2010 Membership Chair

era." It certainly has been a decade filled with disasters both man-made and natural. We've endured Hurricane Katrina, terrorists, wars, Tsunami's, climate changes, and a global recession. But before we say good riddance and write off the past ten years let's take some time to reflect on positive progress and innovation that have also occurred. Here's my list of some of the things that made the 00's special (*far from complete and in no particular order*):

Google -The [Human Genome Project](#) was completed (2000) - I Phones - I Pods - Touch Screens - HD TV - Reality TV - Deaths from heart attacks declined by 40%! - Hybrid cars - Blogging - Speed dating- Robotic Surgery - Segway transporter - Blackberry - Vampires - MySpace - Amazon Kindle - New drug therapies for HIV - Flash drives - TiVo DVR - GPS units - Thong underwear - Craigs List - Texting - Blu-Ray discs -

## Message from the President:

As I start my term as President of RASD I am struck by how much the landscape of reference work has changed in the short time I have been in the field. When I started as a reference trainee in Riverhead in 2004, I answered reference questions everyday. Some were mundane, some were challenging, but everyday I learned something new. The more elusive the answer, the more I dug in my heels, and the hunt was on. Sometimes it took hours, occasionally days to find what I was looking for. It was satisfying, like finding a treasure or solving a riddle. What was even more satisfying was the reaction of the grateful patron when I was able to tell them "I have found the answer!" That is what I found exciting about the job. I wish I could say I have that feeling as often as I used to. I don't. In fact it rarely happens now. Good reference questions are hard to come by these days. If receive more than three or four challenging queries a month I would be elated.

Why has this happened? Perhaps it is because every time I got a new position, the district I moved to was a little more affluent, and therefore a little more well educated than the last. Maybe it is that the population as a whole has become more computer literate, and the patrons can (or at least think they can) find accurate information on their own. (I actually think this computer thing will catch on and people will have computers in their homes. Don't laugh).

I love my job, I do. I went from the retail book business to library school because I loved putting the exact book the customer needed, in their hands. Making the move to the library field gave me a chance to broaden that experience and help people in sometimes significant ways. Now my favorite part of the job is slipping away and that time that I was using to crack a tough research question is being replaced by other responsibilities. We, as librarians have had to diversify, as have our libraries. So what are we now? Are we part Geek Squad, part video clerk, part travel agent and used book dealer?

I posed this to the rest of the board and now I pose it to all of the members of RASD. Our libraries vary widely. We have a diversity of populations that we serve, even our geography varies from almost urban to rural. I have to imagine the experience of a Reference Librarian in Huntington will be different from that of the Reference Desk in Quogue. What are you experiencing now?

Jay Janoski

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 Maybe we should call it the Social Networking decade!  
 What will be in store for us in the next decade? Whatever marvels the future will bring, let's pray for peace and prosperity to return to our country... as well as a cure for cancer!

Happy New Year! - Megan Sala-James, Deer Park Public Library

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## The Growing World of Publish on Demand

The publish on demand field is constantly growing. Authors are able to buy ISBN numbers from Bowker, and have a publishing company print their work on demand. This means that if a consumer wants to order a copy of a particular book, it will be printed for them at their request. This world of publish on demand has now moved to Motion Pictures.

The East Hampton Library is now purchasing films from the Warner Brothers Archives. These films have not been broadcast on TV in over 30 years, and many of these films have never had a VHS release. The Warner Archive is offering over 500 titles on a print on demand basis. The films take about 7-14 days to arrive, and are in good cases with nice artwork. Some films in this series include: Steve McQueen in the very rare version of "An Enemy of the People," (1978). Keir Dullea and Sandy Dennis in "The Fox," (1968). Carry Grant in "Mr. Lucky," (1955) and many many more. MGM is now starting a print on demand service, as well as Twentieth Century Fox. The films are being made available through Amazon.com's "Create Space on demand publishing company. This was announced this past November. There are various titles available at this time. Films from these archives would be a great asset to your libraries classic film collections.

Warner Website [www.wbshop.com](http://www.wbshop.com)  
 Create Space [www.createspace.com/](http://www.createspace.com/)  
 (for Fox and MGM titles)  
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## Reader's Advisory

The Reader's Advisory committee has a new blog with up-to-the-minute entries from *African-American Fiction* to *Young Adult Reads for Adults*. Hmm, we haven't covered a genre beginning with "Z" but we might. Check it out at: <http://rasdreadersadvisory.blogspot.com/>

More news: We've arranged for a speaker at the Long Island Library Conference -- Michael Gannon, a librarian from Baltimore, who will enliven us with "Superheroes to Serial Killers: Librarians in Literature." Mr. Gannon is known for his wit and

<http://scla.net/rasd/mainp.htm>

## Winter Film Festival

The East Hampton Library will be having a winter film festival beginning on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. The films will be shown at Guild Hall, and begin at 4:30 pm. The films are all part of the "Film Movement Series," known for showcasing the best in International Cinema. The films in this series are as follows:

Jan 17

The Drummer  
(Mandarin/Cantonese)

Jan 24

The Window (Spanish)

Jan 31

Gigante (Spanish)

Feb 14

For my Father (Hebrew)

Feb 21

The Pope's Toilet  
(Spanish)

Feb 28

Ben X (Belgian)

Admission is free, all are welcome

wisdom so we are looking forward to a rewarding experience.

Think about joining the Reader's Advisory committee. We always welcome new members. You can contact Grace O'Connor [goconnor@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:goconnor@suffolk.lib.ny.us) for more information. Or plan to come to our next meeting on January 28 at Comsewogue Library. We'll be discussing Period Fiction After 1800.

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