

**Annual Technology Information Forum Meeting  
December 3, 2015 @ Connetquot Library**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am by Bob Johnson, who acknowledged Chris DeCristofaro and Dominic Iadiccio as co-chairs of the group. He reminded us that next week's Annual CATS meeting at SCLS would have Brian Pickman, Director of Strategic Innovation at the Evolve Project, as guest speaker. He also introduced Nick Tanzi of Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library as the new President of CATS.

Bob then introduced Ellen Druda of Half Hollow Hills Community Library, who has an article, *Consumer Electronics Show Previews Trends to Watch*, published in the Library Journal. She attended the preview show in New York and writes about some of the trends seen at CES and questions and issues they might raise for librarians.

Ellen also talked about the program she started at HHH, printing 3D prosthetic hands for war-torn and poor areas. She works with a foundation called Enabling the Future. At their website, you can find the files and instructions needed to assemble the hands with the materials kit you purchase for under \$20. The Library offered Community Service to teens to assemble the hands and have more volunteers than material kits.

She also gave us an update on the Beacons she put up in the library last year. These small transmitters are placed around the library, connect via Bluetooth and transmit library related messages/notifications/links. They are becoming more popular in the library but she is having issues with poor Wi-Fi signals. This technology, however, is growing and its potential appears to be limitless.

A round table discussion followed with conversations on print management solutions companies, printing of newsletters in-house, Macs/iPads and security, charging stations for patrons, geo caching, e-commerce, anti-virus software, technology labs.

The minutes of the November 2015 meeting were read, and, on a motion from Ellen Druda and seconded by Janet Kowal, were accepted.

The meeting was adjourned and our annual Holiday Party commenced.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Schott