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RASD Dinner

READERS' ADVISORY

Plugged by Eoin Colfer! *The Heart-Shaped Box* by Joe Hill! *Haunt Me Still* by Jennifer Carrell! *Dead Path* by Stephen Irwin! What do these titles have in common? They are the first selections by Reader's Advisory Committee members for our January genre - Ghost Stories! We met in September and in an apparent *Halloweeny* mood, we decided to try fiction and non-fiction accounts of the other world -- but it seems that no one has yet to find a satisfactory non-fiction entry!

We are meeting on January 26, 2012 at Lindenhurst Public Library. Why don't you join us? Pick out a ghost story to

RASD President

Greetings and Happy Fall to All!

RASD had a very successful dinner on Thursday, October 6th at the Setauket Pastaria. Our members were treated to a delicious dinner, good talk with colleagues, great prizes, 50/50 raffle and then the pleasure of listening to our guest speaker Henry Osmers. Mr. Osmers is a Lighthouse historian and has written several books including: *Living on the Edge*, *Eagles Beak and They Were Strangers: The Wreck of the John Milton at Montauk, New York*. We all found the stories he told very interesting regarding the Montauk Lighthouse.

Belle Baxter the RASD Member at Large did a wonderful job putting the dinner together. Thank You Belle and all the RASD board members who assisted you.

The Health Concerns Committee had their annual Health Concerns Breakfast and Program at SCLS on Wednesday, October 19th. The breakfast was both tasty and good for you. After enjoying the breakfast we had a brief RASD board meeting followed by the Health Concerns Program about substance abuse and how it affects the brain. The first presenter was Joann Pische from Family Counseling Service in Shirley and Westhampton Beach. She talked about substance abuse and the behavioral signs of an addict. Dr. Stephen Dewey Director of the Laboratory for Behavioral and Molecular Neuroimaging spoke to us about how different substances affect the brain. The scans he showed of the brain were truly telling.

The Breakfast and Program was such a success due to the efforts of Rona Dressler the Health Concerns Committee Chairperson and Belle Baxter the Member at Large Chairperson. Thank You!

Election Results are in! We had a very exciting election this year as our two candidates for VP/President Elect ended in a tie! The decision would have had to come from a RASD board vote but Candidate Edana Cichanowicz decided graciously to withdraw her candidacy and Cathi Nashak became VP/President Elect for 2012. Sara Bedell

read and let me know what you've chosen. Then enjoy your other-worldly reading and be prepared to tell us about it in January. You can e-mail me at West Islip.
goconnor@suffolk.lib.ny.us.
 Grace O'Connor
 West Islip Public Library

will be our Secretary and Steven Spataro will be the RASD President for 2012. Congratulations to Cathi, Sara, and Steven.

As the year draws to a close let me take this opportunity to thank all our RASD members for their support throughout the year and Thank You to a Terrific Board who it has been my pleasure to serve with in 2011. I hope everybody has a Wonderful Thanksgiving a Great Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy 2012!

Robert Cognato 2011 RASD President

MOSAIC



Do you treat everyone the same? Paula Klee-Parish, President and CEO of Performance Solutions, Inc. spoke on November 8, 2011 at the MOSAIC meeting. The topic: Finding the Road to Common Ground...Intercultural Awareness in the Workplace. This interactive workshop concentrated on understanding and respecting intercultural differences and developing an awareness of multicultural norms. Concentration was on elements of ethnicity, stages of intercultural sensitivity, cultural patterns, communication patterns and assumptions, workplace dynamics and intercultural awareness. It is unfortunate that more librarians and/or other staff could not make the meeting. Therefore, if you would like a copy of the handout, please contact Elma Lugo at the Longwood Public Library, 924-6400, extension 248.

Other news, Sue Doyle, from the Connetquot Public Library is retiring this month. The members of MOSAIC wish her well. Sue, enjoy, relax and do what you have always wanted to do.

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TechTerms.com

The Tech Terms Computer Dictionary is a free online dictionary of computer and technology terms. The goal of TechTerms.com is to make computer terminology easy to understand. While definitions of computer terms can be helpful, explanations with examples are even better. Therefore, most TechTerms.com definitions include real-life examples of how the term is used.

Tekmom.com

A computer dictionary for all ages.

Co-chairs Lissetty Thomas and Elma Lugo

CARE

Suffolk Libraries CARE is pleased to announce the formation of their new Career Website developed by Librarians especially for Librarians. This website provides a wealth of career information that we believe will be useful in helping your patrons with their job search.

So... check us out at suffolklibrariescare.blogspot.com

Linda Knel

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The RASD PR & Marketing Committee

Plans are afoot for several programs involving the PR Committee. It was decided to have our next meeting on January 12, 2012 at SCLS, in the Blue Room (coffee at 9:30, meeting from 10-12 p.m.). It will be a roundtable discussion on Digital Display Practices, and Partnerships in Libraries. Anyone interested in sharing how they add content to their Digital Displays or any successful partnerships they have at their libraries, please contact me at 581-9200 5 or at jcarhart@suffolk.lib.ny.us

I am in the process of scheduling a speaker for our March 29, 2012 meeting. More information will follow.

On May 3, 2012, we are planning to have a program at the Long Island Library Conference, Library Sutra: Practical Tools & Techniques to Integrate Marketing Plans into Action. It will be presented by Ellen Druda, Margie Hartough and Karen Cognato. Once we know the details, I will post it to the SCLA Listserv.

If you would like to become part of this forward looking committee, please send me your e-mail, and you will be added to our Listserve.

Jo-Ann Carhart
East Islip Public Library

L.I. History Committee

The LI History Committee of RASD met on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at SCLS. There were sixteen members present and we discussed future plans for meetings and trips. The main topic of discussion was a lively round table on how to celebrate your anniversaries of your institution or events in your community. Thanks to the membership we were able to share previous libraries events as well as future plans. There were handouts and examples of displays. Anyone interested in seeing the notes from this meeting should visit our website for more information.

<http://lihistoryrasd.wordpress.com/>

Please mark your calendar the next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 9:30 AM in the Blue Room at SCLS. There will be a short meeting held after the speaker lecture where we will be discussing traveling exhibits, next annual trip, and future meeting dates. We are still arranging for a speaker for this meeting and more information on the speaker will be forthcoming.

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Health Concerns

It's never too early to think about next year. The Health Concerns Committee is looking for members to assist us in compiling a bibliography and discussing a topic for next year's workshop. Please email rdressler@pmlib.org with your name, library or address, phone and email. A meeting will take place in January.

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