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Winter 2012 Newsletter

SCLA Annual Fall Dinner

The SCLA Annual Fall Dinner was held at the Irish Coffee Pub in Islip on Friday, November 18, 2011. Librarians and support staff shared in a great night of celebration, awards and dancing. The 2012 officers were announced for each division and our ELSA and Scholarship winners were announced. Angela Richards from Northport Public Library became our very first winner of the newly established President's Award. Each of the SCLA divisions generously contributed toward beautiful baskets for a Habitat for Humanity family. The family will be given these baskets in the spring when they move in to their new home. Our favorite Toys for Tots Marines also joined us this night. The array of toys donated this year included some old time favorites which brought some of us back to our own childhoods. Thank you again to Stephanie Kyle and the Dinner Committee for another successful dinner.



-Tracy Van Dyne, Connetquot Public Library

37th Annual NYLA YSS Spring Conference

"Diverse Communities: Meeting the Challenge"

Join the New York Library Association Youth Services Section on Friday, March 23, 2012 for a day-long conference designed for youth and teen

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services librarians. The conference is scheduled from 8:30am until 4:30pm at the Holiday Inn Long Island Islip Airport in Ronkonkoma, New York. Award-winning author Rita Williams-Garcia will be the featured luncheon speaker. Maria Middleton will be giving us a behind the scenes look at the art and design of children's books in her morning keynote address. Conference participants will be able to select 3 of 15 workshops to attend throughout the day. Workshop topics you don't want to miss include "Help! My Teens Need Service Hours," "In Be-"Tween" Reads" readers' advisory for tweens, library and school collaboration, community outreach for pre-schoolers, using outdoor nature spaces for youth programming, interactive family programming, "Not So Typical Book Discussions" that work, "Successfully Navigating Behavioral Issues in the Library," fundraising and grant opportunities in the 21st century library, "Design on a Dime" youth and teen spaces on a budget, and creative technology programming for children and tweens using iPads.

Beyond the workshop sessions, you will be able to shop our YSS booth which will be stocked with an array of youth-related items. Purchase some of Rita Williams-Garcia's books and get them autographed. Support our Book Donation Service Project by bringing new or gently used books for tweens and teens who must spend their time in the Suffolk County Family Courts. For each book you donate, you will be given a complimentary raffle ticket which can be used for our fantastic gift basket drawings the day of the conference.

Attendance is limited for this event and registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received. Register early so you don't get closed out of your first workshop choices. Graduate students enrolled in MLS programs and YSS member librarians can receive an early bird rate of \$105 until February 25, 2012. Registration includes the workshops, a continental breakfast, and the luncheon. NYLA members of the Section of School Librarians (SSL) and members of youth divisions of out-of-state and international library associations are also allowed to register at the YSS rate. Non-members may register at the early bird rate of \$140. Fees for registrations postmarked after February 25, 2012, will increase to \$150 for non-members and \$115 for students and members. The last day to register is March 8, 2012. Make sure to view our conference brochure online at the YSS Web site, www.nyla.org/yss and print a registration form to use. We hope to see you there!

-Laura Panter, Middle Country Public Library

SSD News

The Support Staff Division makes its 10th Year Anniversary a Great Success!

This year was a great year for the SSD. As president I was honored to oversee many very successful programs geared towards moving support staff forward in their libraries. The SSD Annual Long Island Library Conference program was widely attended and attendees gain valuable knowledge on how to better manage their work and home life. Our Roundtable proved once more to be a valuable tool for networking and gathering ideas and information from other support staff colleagues. This year SSD stepped up and offered both Microsoft EXCEL and Microsoft Publisher classes free of charge to SSD members in an effort to make their work environment more efficient and to expand their basic computer knowledge. Ongoing civil service test taking workshops continue to help ease the stress of navigating civil service procedures and help reduce to

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Nikki Greenhalgh
Port Jefferson Free
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odds of staff making simple mistakes. At our Annual Membership Meeting this October SSD members received a special raffle treat (no pun intended) one lucky member won a superior shredder as part of our annual meeting's theme which was Identity theft. Local law enforcement expertly advised members on how to better protect themselves against predators. Looking forward SSD stands firm in its commitment to serving all support staff with programs and events to enhance the working experience.

*-Anne Marie Hofmann,
Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library*

RASD News

The RASD committee had a great turnout for our annual dinner on October 6th at the Setauket Pastaria. We had some delicious food, great prizes, and a big 50/50 raffle. The highlight of the evening was our guest speaker Henry Osmer who is a Lighthouse Historian and author of *Living on the Edge*, *Eagle's Beak* and *They were all Strangers: The wreck of the John Milton at Montauk, New York*. Henry gave us some interesting insight into the history and preservation of the Montauk Lighthouse.

The dinner would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication from our Member at Large Belle Baxter. Many thanks to Belle and all the RASD members who helped make this dinner possible. We hope to see all of you back next year.

On Wednesday, October 19th the RASD Health Concerns Committee had its annual Health Concerns Breakfast and Program at SCLS. After a healthy breakfast and brief meeting, Joann Pische from Family Counseling Service in Shirley and Westhampton Beach along with Dr. Stephen Dewey Director of the Laboratory for Behavioral and Molecular Neuroimaging spoke to us about the very timely issue: substance abuse and the affects it has on the brain. All who attended felt both speakers provided a very informative and valuable presentation.

Many thanks for the efforts of Chairperson Rona Dressler and the Health Concerns Committee. The tasty breakfast was put together by our Member at Large Chairperson Belle Baxter. Job well done!



Member at Large Chairperson Belle Baxter with guest speaker Henry Osmers at the October 6th RASD Dinner

-Robert Cognato, Deer Park Library

Congratulations Scholarship & Continuing Education Winners

Scholarship Winner: Congratulations to Lee Ann Finn

The Suffolk County Library Association, serving Suffolk County libraries since 1939, offers an academic scholarship to assist an outstanding library school student in subsidizing the cost of their library school education, and to promote the profession by supporting an excellent student pursuing a Library or Information Science Master's Degree in Suffolk County.

Continuing Education Winner: Congratulations to Tory Young

The SCLA Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff is a minimum cash award made to a library employee who is pursuing academic or career-related coursework that will enhance and contribute to their library duties, as well as benefit libraries. The award is supported by the Suffolk County Library Association and is activities, individual contributions and commemorative gifts. It is administered by the SCLA Scholarship Committee whose decisions are final. It is an annual award, but if the Committee finds no suitable candidate in a given year, no award will be made.

LILRC 2012

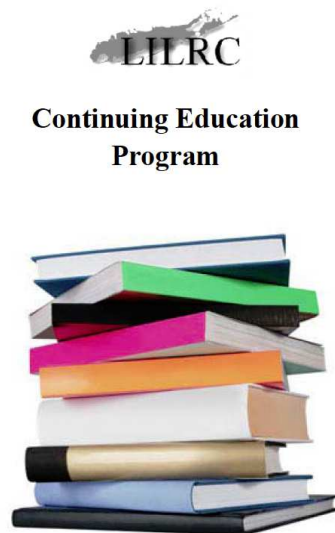


Continuing Education Brochure Now Available

The LILRC CE Brochure, which lists programs scheduled through June 2012, is now available.

To view an electronic version, click here: [Continuing Ed. Brochure](#)

Or visit the What's New section on the LILRC website at: www.lilrc.org.



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2011 SCLA EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Five Suffolk County library staff members were nominated this year's Suffolk County Library Association's Excellence in Library Service Award. The ELSA is designed to recognize dedication to public service demonstrated by a staff member of a public, school, special or academic library. The committee welcomes nominations submitted by any employee of a Suffolk County library or any Suffolk County library patron. In order to be eligible, the candidate must work at least 17.5 hours per week and have worked a minimum of one year in his/her current position. The candidate must prove outstanding public services by demonstrating team spirit and exemplary job performance while promoting good will among patrons and staff. Each nomination must include two letters of recommendation.

The ELSA committee went through a rigorous process in order to select this year's winner and is happy to announce the twelfth annual ELSA was presented to Administrative Assistant Christine Keeley from the West Babylon Public Library.

Ms. Keeley started her employment at the West Babylon Library in September 1983 as a part-time clerk and worked her way up to being in charge of both Circulation and Technical Services. She remembers when the Library opened as a browsing collection with a card catalog - and marvels at how it has evolved and embraced technology. One of her favorite things about working in the Library (and specifically Technical Services) is getting to see every book that enters the collection. Judging from the written testimonies submitted by her colleagues, Ms. Keeley is truly an outstanding employee who helps the library accomplish its mission. She emerged as the winner not only because of her exemplary job performance, but because it is evident to patrons and fellow staff members that she approaches her job with dedication, professionalism and care. She has been described as both a mentor and the embodiment of public service. The committee was particularly impressed with the examples of her innovation and versatility. Her "can do" attitude, positive spirit and commitment exemplify the intention of the ELSA award.

Ms. Keeley lives in West Babylon with her husband Jim. They have been

married for 43 years and have two children, Stacy and Jay and a son-in-law, Jim. She is also the grandmother to three exceptional grandchildren, Kelsey, Liam and Cameron.



The ELSA committee chairperson, Jennifer Fowler presented Ms. Keeley with an engraved plaque and a \$250.00 American Express Gift Card at the Suffolk County Library Association's annual dinner on November 18, 2011.

-Jennifer Fowler, West Islip Public Library

Fairwell & Goodluck!

Danielle Zubiller will be leaving the Brentwood Public Library to become Director of the Westhampton Free Library. We all wish her well on her new direction of her career. She truly will be missed by all.

-Marsha Greenspan, Brentwood Public Library

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