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September
2009

*A truly great library
contains in it something to
offend everyone .*

~Jo Godwin

2009 NCLS Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 3rd
Jefferson Community College
Watertown, New York

Schedule:

10:00 am - Annual Meeting

12:30 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm - Trustee Workshop, Directors' Organization & NCLS Board Meetings

Keynote Speaker Libby Post

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NYLA Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Sandy Lamb of Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library of Black River and Catherine Miller of Flower Memorial Library of Watertown. Both women received scholarships from NCLS to attend the New York Library Association Annual Conference to be held October 14 - 17, in Niagara Falls.

The conference provides excellent professional development and networking opportunities for library staff, trustees and friends in all types of libraries across the State.

For more information visit:



NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
The Voice of the Library Community

www.nyla.org

Rural Libraries Round Table Meeting

The Rural Libraries Round Table of the New York Library Association met on August 7th at NCLS. The newly formed round table was established largely through the efforts of Charlotte Garofalo, Library Director of the Reading Room Association of Gouverneur, and Regan DeFranza, formerly of NCLS.

The purpose of the round table is to create educational programs, networking opportunities and a voice in NYLA for small and rural libraries across New York State.

The Rural Libraries Round Table welcomes input and ideas from both its members and anyone involved with libraries in rural areas.

For more information on the RLRT, contact Joan Pellikka or Amy Degan at NCLS.

Martha Lyon to Retire from Oswego School District Public Library



Congratulations to Martha Lyon, who will retire from the Oswego School District Public Library later this month. Martha has worked at the library for nearly 30 years. The following is a tribute to Martha from Carol Ferlito, Library Director:

Martha Lyon received a bachelor's degree in music education from SUNY Potsdam in 1973 and a master of arts degree in music history and literature at SUNY Potsdam in 1976. For those of you who don't know, Martha is extremely talented musically - she is proficient as a concert pianist, played oboe in a musical quintet in Oswego for many years and is currently the organist at Trinity Methodist Church. She also sings with the Syracuse Vocal Ensemble. She has a beautiful voice and has gone on tour overseas with several church groups .

Because of health issues, Martha chose not to pursue her musical career but went on to receive her MLS at Syracuse University in 1980 and was certified as a public librarian.

After serving an internship at Penfield Library in cataloging, she walked through the doors for an interview at the Oswego City Library and was hired as the Adult Services Librarian in 1981. Martha has brought to the library more than I ever expected from that young woman we hired. Not only has she brought her extremely organized mind that appears to enjoy reading computer manuals so that she knows their ins and outs, she pitch hits as director in my absence and any other staff member if needed.

Martha has offered her input in a multitude of ways on how the library can improve its services. Best of all, she has brought to the library and those who know her, her strange and wonderful sense of humor. The staff of the Oswego Public Library will truly miss her as part of our staff but hope that she will continue to darken our doors and enjoy her retirement in September.

Best of luck Martha for a happy, healthy retirement!

Summer Fun in the North Country...



Ogdensburg Public Library entered a float for the first time in the Seaway Festival Parade and walked away with the Maple City Award.



Summer Reading Kids in Turin displaying their "creativity" with face and body paint after meeting their reading goals for the summer.



Dinosaur Day at a recent Flower Memorial Library Storytime. After reading dinosaur books and dancing to the "Dinosaur Stomp," the kids made these nifty Dino-Hats.



Member Library News

Carthage:

Carthage Free Library hosts -

An Evening with the Authors

Thursday, September 24th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Readings will begin at 6:30 pm

Meet the authors and purchase their books.
Enjoy book excerpts read by each author.
Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Featured Authors -

John H. Briant

E.M. Crane

Olivia Kidney

Turin:

B. Elizabeth Strong Memorial Library hosts -

Carol Dunn Memorial Garden Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, October 4th

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

View the new RAP library commercial!

The *Dedication Ceremony* will be held in honor of those who assisted with this final step of the construction project.

NCLS Calendar of Events

www.nclsweb.org/events



September

15th- Directors Do It All: The Role of Small Public Library Directors, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, NCLS Meeting Room

16th- Care and Repair of Books, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Potsdam Public Library

18th- Directors Do It All: The Role of Small Public Library Directors, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, NCLS Meeting Room

22nd- Universal Card, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, NCLS Training Lab

24th- Universal Card, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, NNYN, Potsdam

29th- Storytelling in Libraries, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, NCLS meeting Room

October

3rd- NCLS Annual Meeting, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Jefferson Community College, Watertown

6th- Youth Programming Roundtables, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Pulaski Public Library Meeting Room

10th- Youth Programming Roundtables, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Reading Room Association of Gouverneur Meeting Room, Gouverneur

Banned Books Week

Celebrate the Freedom to Read!

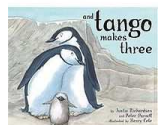
September 26th - October 3rd



For the third year in a row,
The most challenged book of 2008:

And Tango Makes Three

by
Justin Richardson &
Peter Parnell



For more information about Banned Books Week visit:
www.ala.org/bbooks



Gouverneur Receives PLS Award

Library Director, Charlotte Garofalo, was pleased to receive notification that the Reading Room Association of Gouverneur is one of only two libraries honored with the *2009 Outstanding Building Award* from the Public Library Section of the New York Library Association for their renovations completed in 2008. The “Library Loft” project has resulted in extra reading and study space as well as an area for meetings and programs that exceed the capacity of the conference room.

This award is given annually and consists of a plaque of recognition and \$1000 check for the library. These are presented at the PLS membership meeting at the annual NYLA Conference. Any individual, library or board that is a member of NYLA may apply.



*The “Library Loft”
at Gouverneur*



If your library has newsworthy information to share in *NCLS Access*, please contact Joan Pellikka at NCLS: 782-5540 or jpellikka@ncls.org

Automation Update

The following libraries are currently barcoding their collections and preparing to automate using the SIRSI circulation system:

Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library of Black River
Hepburn Library of Hermon
Williamstown Library

If your library is interested in automation, please contact your Consultant at NCLS.

