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An investment in knowledge  
always pays the best interest.  
~Benjamin Franklin

## North Country Library System Annual Meeting

The NCLS Annual Meeting, held on October 2nd, drew in a crowd of more than 170 people on a beautiful autumn day. Attendees included New York State Senator, Darrel Aubertine, and Assemblywoman Addie Russell.

Keynote speaker, Warren Graham, author of *Black Belt Librarians*, gave an insightful talk on safety in the library and provided guidelines for implementing a solid security program. He clearly illustrated that no matter how small a library is, the safety and security of staff and patrons is always a concern. In his afternoon workshop, Warren demonstrated how to approach a patron exhibiting problem behavior and how to walk away. He addressed additional safety issues, offering helpful tips for the one person library. His presentations were informative and infused with the just the right amount of humor on a very important, sometimes sobering, subject.



Keynote Speaker, Warren Graham



Steve Bolton and Trustee of the Year, Warren Leib

NCLS Board of Trustees President, Warren Leib, addressed the group introducing new trustees, Larry Mayo (Oswego County), Myrna Morrison (Lewis County) and Janice Clark (St. Lawrence County). He also thanked outgoing trustees, Rosalee Boissy and Kathy Curro for their hard work and dedication. Both Rosalee and Kathy were presented with gifts from the Board.

NCLS Director, Steve Bolton, recapped highlights of the year, provided an update of the current budget situation and discussed two new services coming to the system... the new and improved NCLS website and the introduction of downloadable media through Overdrive.

Massena Public Library received the *Program of the Year* award for the Big Read, an initiative designed to revitalize the role of literature in American Society. The program, funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, encouraged St. Lawrence County residents to read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and featured activities celebrating the Jazz Age throughout the month of March.

Croghan Free Library, Dexter Free Library and Macsherry Library of Alexandria Bay were all honored with *Improvement* awards. Seven lucky libraries received copies of keynote speaker Warren Graham's book, *Black Belt Librarians: Every Librarian's Real World Guide to a Safer Workplace*, and Ogdensburg Public Library was the recipient of a Sony eReader. Congratulations to all!



Joan Pellikka and Director of the Year, Linda Voorhees



*Massena Public Library Director, Paul Schaffer, accepts Program of the Year award from Emily Owen*



*Amy Zuch presents Improvement award to Jeanne Duffany, President of the Board of Trustees of Croghan Free Library*

**NCLS Annual Meeting Highlights...**



*Joan Pellikka presents Improvement award to Library Director, Jennifer Thomas of Dexter Free Library*



*New York State Senator, Darrel Aubertine, chats with Steve Bolton*



*Canton Free Library Director, Lyn Swafford, accepts gift for outgoing NCLS Trustee, Kathy Curro*



*Library Director, Ceil Cunningham of Macsherry Library of Alexandria Bay accepts Improvement award*



*Joan Pellikka with outgoing NCLS Trustee, Rosalee Boissy*

## Theater Drape Returns to Depauville



Theater drape after restoration work

After a recent restoration project by Westlake Conservators, Ltd., a historic theater drape is back home at the Depauville Free Library. The theater curtain was

formerly hung in the old Clayton Town Hall.



Close-up of Depauville scene

The drape features a scene from Depauville with local advertising surrounding it. On the back side are signatures of artists who performed onstage. The restored drape may be viewed at an Open House at the Depauville Library on Wednesday, October 20th, at 6:00 pm.



Signatures on back side of drape

The project was funded through a Conservation Treatment Grant awarded by the Greater Hudson Heritage Network.

## NCLS Calendar of Events

[www.nclsweb.org/events](http://www.nclsweb.org/events)



### October

- 12th- Fear, Frustration and Finances!: A Closer Look at the Automated Annual Report Financial Section 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, NCLS Service Center
- 15th Fear, Frustration and Finances!: A Closer Look at the Automated Annual Report Financial Section 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, WEBINAR
- 19th- Customer Service: The Power of You 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, NCLS Service Center
- 19th- SirsiDynix Circulation Sharing Session 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Canton Free Library
- 21st- JAB Meeting 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, NCLS Service Center
- 22nd- Customer Service: The Power of You 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, NNYLN, Potsdam
- 26th- Marketing Your Library through Effective Print Design, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, NCLS Service Center
- 29th- Marketing Your Library through Effective Print Design, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, NNYLN, Potsdam

## 2010 Summer Reading Program Statistics

North Country kids did a lot of reading this summer. A total of 2,861 children and 218 teens registered for summer reading programs at North Country libraries.



Summertime fun with crafts at Mexico Public Library

Children read an average of approximately 4.07 hours per child and a total of 6,261 hours. Teens read an average of 5.77 hours per teen for a total of 525 hours.

North Country children and teens read a total of 18,498 books. Total attendance at summer reading events was 13,390 for children and 1,645 for teens.

Thirty-three libraries received mini-grants in amounts from \$100-\$275.



Lowville kids enjoy reading on StoryWalk



### Additional snapshots from the 2010 NCLS Annual Meeting



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

### Automation Update

Thirty-four NCLS member libraries are now fully automated and that number is growing!

Libraries currently barcoding their collections and preparing to automate using the SIRSI circulation system:

- Central Square Library
- Croghan Free Library
- Harrisville Free Library
- Phoenix Public Library
- Williamstown Library



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