



NCLS @ccess

North Country Library System - 22072 County Route 190 - Watertown, NY 13601 - www.nclsweb.org

October /
November
2011

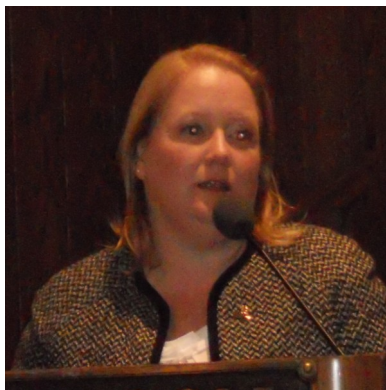


"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected."
-Steve Jobs
1955-2011

2011 NCLS Annual Meeting Overview



Trustee of the Year 2011
Hugh White, Vice-President
Central Square Library



Assemblywoman Addie Jenne
Russell addressed the audience



Keynote Speaker
Brian Hildreth



Our BTOP boys,
Branden and Matt!

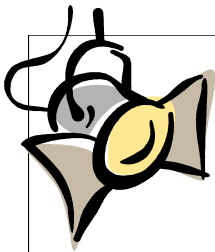


Automation recognition (from left): Terri DiGregorio, CSQ,
Julie Wicks, HAR, Noreen Patterson, PHE, Bev Ripka, WMT,
Joan Kamprich, CRO, Lyn Swafford, CAN

Continued on p. 4

In this issue...

- *Annual Meeting 2011 Overview, cont.*
- *Spotlight on the B.E. Strong Memorial Library of Turin*
- *Norwood Library's future existence lies in the hands of voters*
- *Farewell to our friend, Joanne Novak*
- *New resource through NOVEL: Brainfuse's JobNow*
- *Upcoming Events*



Spotlight on the B.E. Strong Memorial Library of Turin

The B. Elizabeth Strong Memorial Library is chartered to serve the tiny village of Turin, NY (population 263) but has over 400 registered patrons. The library started as a civic club and traveling collection by the brother of the library's namesake and was first chartered in 1955. The first permanent location of the library was in the basement of an old building, then moved into a room in a school, then into the basement of the school, and finally into their current quarters in the Turin municipal building, built in 2004. The space is bright, beautifully decorated, and fully handicapped accessible.

Sharon Stewart has been library director for over 21 years. She has been part of several library moves and has done a wonderful job of making the library the community treasure that it is today. Sharon writes a monthly electronic newsletter, presents programs for audiences of all ages, collaborates for programs with the 3 other libraries in the school district, keeps the library space comfortable and inviting, and most recently received an NCLS Outreach grant to provide computer classes for patrons seeking to enhance their job searching skills. The library is preparing to automate and should 'go live' by 2013.

The B.E. Strong Memorial Library is the only community gathering place in town and is a huge asset to the community. Despite their small size, they have 5 public access computers that are always in use and have a very active program schedule. We wish them a swift and smooth transition to automation!



Library Director, Sharon Stewart



Kay Venitelli, Cellist



Visit from Olympic Rower, Jennifer Kaido



Front of building



Cozy reading chairs



JOANNE M. NOVAK, APRIL 3, 1947—OCTOBER 9, 2011

Joanne was the NCLS Attorney from 2008 until her retirement this Spring. She worked on many important issues for the system and our member libraries, helping to resolve some long-standing concerns and questions and creating a strong, legally sound foundation for the system. Joanne passed away on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at her home in Sackets Harbor, with her husband Brad and daughter Jessica at her side. She requested that memorial donations be made to NCLS in lieu of flowers. Joanne, we will never forget you and are forever grateful for everything you helped us to achieve.





Available for a limited time through BTOP funds

Brainfuse's JobNow service provides career information, résumé templates, and assistance in writing résumés and cover letters, as well as the interview process. It also provides job listings, sample GED and citizenship tests, and subject tests. A live tutor is available to assist with résumés, interviews, tests, writing and career assessments. Résumés can also be submitted for comments.

Stay tuned for upcoming webinars this winter. Contact Matt Corey for more information by calling NCLS or e-mailing him at: mcorey@ncls.org

Norwood Library's fate will be decided by voters on November 15th



In order for the Norwood Library to remain open, a public vote to establish the library as a taxing district will take place on November 15, 2011. If the vote is successful, a budget of \$85,000 (an average cost to taxpayers of \$6.00 per month) will fund the library annually and a board of trustees will be elected by the voters of the district. The service area of the district will mirror the current service area of the library.

If the district vote fails, the library will close permanently. The financial situation has become dire enough to require drastic action if the vote is unsuccessful.

We sincerely hope that the Norwood vote will be successful! For more information regarding their campaign, visit their web site at: www.norwoodnylibrary.org

For more information about forming a library district, please contact your NCLS Consultant.

NCLS Calendar of Events



October

- 26th- We Mean Business! Conducting Effective Board Business and Meetings
Canton Free Library, 6:30-8pm
- 27th- We Mean Business! Conducting Effective Board Business and Meetings
Pulaski Public Library, 6:30-8pm
- 28th- Virtual Reference: A New Reality!
NCLS Training Lab, 9:30am-12pm

November

- 8th- Fear, Frustration, and Finances: A Closer Look at the NYS Annual Report Financial Section
NCLS Training Lab, 9:30am-12pm
- 9th- Fear, Frustration, and Finances: A Closer Look at the NYS Annual Report Financial Section
WEBINAR, 6-8pm
- 10th- We Mean Business! Conducting Effective Board Business and Meetings
Lowville Free Library, 6:30-8pm
- 11th- NCLS CLOSED for Veterans Day
- 15th- We Mean Business! Conducting Effective Board Business and Meetings
NCLS Meeting Room, 6:30-8pm
- 17th- NCLS Board of Trustees Meeting
10:00 am, NCLS Board Room
- 18th- Fear, Frustration, and Finances: A Closer Look at the NYS Annual Report Financial Section
WEBINAR, 6-8pm
- 24th & 25th- NCLS CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- 29th- Politically Correct: An Insider's Guide to Advocacy
NCLS Meeting Room, 9:30am-12pm
- 30th- Politically Correct: An Insider's Guide to Advocacy
Location TBA, 10am-12:30pm

2011 NCLS Annual Meeting - October 1, 2011 - Jefferson Community College



Sharon Briggs
Cape Vincent

Julie Garnsey
Clayton



Lyn Swafford
Canton

Leona Chereshnoski
Osceola



Dorothy Valenti
Constableville,

Carolyn LeVan
Lyons Falls,

Conny Chow
Martinsburg

The NCLS Annual Meeting this year was a great success! Brian Hildreth, our keynote speaker and recipient of the 2010 NYLA Innovative Public Library Director Award, gave an inspiring yet practical address targeted specifically to small and rural libraries.

Winners of Improvement Awards were the Lowville Free Library, Reading Room Association of Gouverneur, and Adams Center Free Library.

2011's Director of the Year, who could not be present but was represented by her board president, Julie Wicks, was Nicole Spencer of the Harrisville Free Library.

The brand new for 2011 Outstanding Customer Service Award went to the entire staff of the Canton Free Library and was accepted by Lyn Swafford, Director, Krista Briggs, Teen Services Specialist, and Jon Stahl, IT / Patron Services.

Trustee of the Year went to Hugh White, Vice-President of the Central Square Library (pictured on page 1).

Five lucky door prize winners received a one year paid membership to the New York Library Association (NYLA) and three others received a free trip to Library Assistants' Day in Syracuse on October 25th.

Assemblywoman Addie Jenne Russell briefly addressed the audience and offered her assistance to libraries with support for grant applications and sponsorship of legislation to form special districts. She emphasized the importance of seeking new funding through public vote due to the unpromising outlook for increased funding to systems by NYS, which will result in the need for greater cost sharing for system services by member libraries.

If your library has information to share in *NCLS @ccess*,
Please contact Amy Zuch at NCLS: 782-5540 or azuch@ncls.org

Automation Update

Every library in Oswego County is now automated and using the SIRSI circulation system. Congratulations to our first fully automated county!!!

