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President's Message

Linda Overton is the President of the Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County. She is the Head of Children's Services at the Sachem Public Library.



Dear CLASC members,

With the coming change in seasons, we are changing the way we deliver our newsletter.

The Trumpet will now come like this, as a quarterly attachment to an email from Editor Ann Burke. It will be faster, more cost effective and, of course, greener. As always, we will be seeking news from all of you about the good things going on in your libraries, about trends you are spotting and about what is happening professionally and personally with the membership.

Enjoy these last glorious days of Fall--and watch for a schedule of New Book Forums and our Fall General Membership meeting. I look forward to seeing of you at these events.

Linda



CLASC DINNER

A report by Kritsen Todd-Wurm

CLASC, Inc held its annual dinner on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the Three Village Inn in Historic Stony Brook, N.Y. Our guest speaker was Kathleen Kudlinski author of many works, including *Boy Were We Wrong About The Solar System!*, *Boy Were We Wrong about Dinosaurs!*, *Harriet Tubman*, *Freedom's Trailblazer*, and many other wonderful titles. Kudlinski entertained us with so many wonderful stories about her writing process and how she allows herself to immerse all of her senses into writing a book. CLASC, Inc also honored 4 retirees; Toni Dean, Patchogue Medford Library, Jodi Dolman, Islip Public Library, Marilyn Weinberg, Suffolk Cooperative Library System and Marie Orlando, Suffolk Cooperative Library System. The new members of the CLASC, Inc. board were inducted and the outgoing members said their farewell. Welcome to new CLASC, Inc. Board Members: Jane Drake, Vice-President; Kim Giery; Library Practices, and Joann Adam, Corresponding Secretary. We look forward to another wonderful year with CLASC, Inc. See you all in at our next Annual Meeting in April 2010.



Children's Author Kathleen Kudlinski was an entertaining and inspiring speaker at the Annual CLASC dinner.

STUMP THE LIBRARIAN!

Kim Giery has a great trivia question for all of our well-read CLASC Librarians.

What was Oscar Wilde's only published novel?

The first correct answer received by Kim at kgiery@suffolk.lib.ny.us wins a prize!

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BUS TRIP

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art



Amherst, Massachusetts

This year's trip has been cancelled; but look for this great trip in the Fall of 2010!

LIT-FEST

*A celebration of books for children
and young adults*

Friday, November 6, 2009
Coral House, Baldwin NY

For directions visit:
www.coralhouse.com



For further information download
brochure at
www.nassaulibrary.org/litfest

Banner Programmers



Program: Prismatic Magic

Recommended by: Lisa Herskowitz

Northport-East Northport Librarian Lisa Herskowitz has chosen a programmer her fellow CLASC Librarians might find interesting. If you would like to share a "Banner Programmer" with your colleagues for our next newsletter, send the information to aburke@suffolk.lib.ny.us

At the Northport-East Northport Public Library we reward the children completing the Summer Reading Club with tickets to a special show. We need a one-size-fits-all program since our SRC participants range from ages 3-11. This summer I hired Prismatic Magic to present "The Summer Jam Laser Spectacular". With four sessions of the program, we had over 700 patrons attend. The show received rave reviews from kids of all ages, as well as the parents. This is a national company with "laser masters" scattered across the country.

Jamie, the "laserist" from Plainview, was wonderful with the equipment and with the audience. He began the program with an interesting, but short science lesson on lasers. Then we darkened the room and the music started, the lasers danced, and the "oohs" and "ahhs" began. Jamie encouraged participation: singing along with the soft rock songs, clapping, shouting responses. He even had our SRC pages dance with a laser character which delighted everyone.

I highly recommend this entertaining, professional, self-contained program (Jamie brought his own screen and sound system.) It's something a little different and it was a real crowd pleaser.

www.prismaticmagic.com (866-952-7376)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

* Jennifer Bagliavio	Comsewogue
* Cristina Bowser	Central Islip
* Diane Doty	Commack
* Nina Edgerton	Rogers Memorial
* Marylou Famiglietti	North Babylon
* Michele Ferrari	Islip
* Ann Gomez	Babylon
* Laurie Harrison	Riverhead
* Lisa Houston	East Hampton
* Jennifer Korzenko	Bay Shore-Brightwaters
* Margaret Mazzola	Copiague
* Erin McNally	Northport-East Northport
* Patricia Mininni	Mastic Moriches Shirley
* Barbara Moon	SCLS
* Patricia Pidgeon	North Shore
* Danielle Posillico	Half Hollow Hills and Middle Country
* Margaret Smith	Port Jefferson
* Katie Terry	Brookhaven

Member News

Congratulations to **Jane Drake** at the Patchogue-Medford Library upon the birth of her grandson, **Thomas Robert** on June 20th. According to Jane, Thomas already has "a large collection of books!"



If you have CLASC member news please contact me at: aburke@suffolk.lib.ny.us

The CLASC Interview

CLASC Librarian Jackie Narciewicz conducted another great interview. This time with Suffolk County Librarian, Brian Cooper, Young Adult Librarian at the Harborfields Public Library

Jackie: You had an interesting career path to becoming a librarian. Could you please share your story?

I graduated from Flagler College (St. Augustine, Florida) in 1998 with a degree in Social Science and two minors. I always knew I wanted to work with teens, but wasn't sure exactly at that time what field to enter so I held off on going to graduate school. I moved back to New York and worked two full time jobs, one was managing a seafood store, the second was a night job in the seafood industry in the city. I did this until 2002 when I started to work full time at Harborfields Public Library in the maintenance department. It was here at Harborfields I realized how wonderful it would be to work with children/teens. I was highly encouraged from our Library Administration and former Head of Children's Services to start graduate school classes in Library Science. In January 2004 I started my classes at Long Island University (C.W. Post Campus) and finished my master's degree in May 2005. I then started as a Librarian at Harborfields in 2005 and I have been running the YA Department since 2007. So it was plenty of hard work, but it was all worth it. I am forever grateful for "the push" and encouragement I needed to get where I am today.

Jackie: If you didn't become a librarian, what would you be doing?

To be honest, I can't picture myself doing anything else. I love working with teens and after feeling lost for so many years, I feel blessed.

Jackie: Who is your favorite young adult author?

This is a tough question because I enjoy various titles from many authors, but I would have to include Paul Volponi, Gordon Korman, Anthony Horowitz, Patrick Jones, Mike Lupica and Carol Plum-Ucci on my list.

Jackie: Why is the mother always dead in young adult literature?

Ha, don't moms get blamed for everything in life?

Jackie: Do you feel that the themes in YA literature are true to life or a little over the top/exaggerated?

This depends on the book and author. I suppose it's a bit of both worlds.

Jackie: What was your favorite book when you were a child?

Well, I am only 33, but I have to say that there seems to be so much more to choose from for teens in 2009 compared to when I was a teen. I can honestly say I never had a favorite title or author when I was younger. I was very picky and I was also a reluctant reader which is why I can relate to many teens today. Today I love reading mysteries, historical fiction, and realistic fiction. And my favorite classic was "Treasure Island".

Jackie: Was there ever a reference question that you couldn't answer?

I don't believe so, but to be honest, there are some challenging questions at times and I believe the sign of a good worker is to know when to ask for assistance.

Jackie: Is there such a thing as a stupid question?

I was just asked what year did the War of 1812 begin. Does this count?

Jackie: What is your favorite part of being a YA librarian and why do you enjoy working with YA's?

I can go on forever with this question because I truly believe I have the best job in the world as a Teen Librarian. I am able to make a difference and be a positive influence in a teen's life on a daily basis. Being able to connect with teens and their families is amazing and I am fortunate for working in the Harborfields community. Many of these teens and their families include me in their lives, making me feel as if I am part of their family and there is no better feeling. And of course having fun in the Teen Room daily with the teens is a great way to spend the day, all while opening the teens up to an entire library world. I love when the teens come flying in after school during the school year, and I always look forward to the energy of the Summer Reading Club.

Jackie: What do you think is the most important aspect of a YA librarian's job?

There are many aspects, but to name a few I would say getting to know your teens and the community you work in, be proactive as possible and work as hard as you can to reach the teens and show them you are there for them. Many teens do not know all the wonderful services the library has to offer, so do what you can to make the library as appealing as possible.

CLASC MEMBERS

Are you getting e-mails from CLASC? If not, we may have an incorrect address for you. Please let us know by contacting BOTH CLASC secretaries -
Corresponding Secretary Joanne Adam at joadam@suffolk.lib.ny.us
AND Recording Secretary Lisa Herskowitz at lherskow@suffolk.lib.ny.us

NEW BOOK FORUM

August 19, 2009

The Babylon Children's department hosted the CLASC New Book Forum in August. Children's librarians from several libraries attended and enjoyed a lively and though-provoking discussion of the book, *The Heart of a Shepherd*, by Rosanne Parry. Each librarian then provided a short synopsis and review of a variety of recently published titles, thus adding to the never-ending list of "Must Reads" for all the Children's Librarians in attendance.

Join us for the next New Book Fourn (location to be announced) hosted by the CLASC Literature Committee.

Summer Reading Club Memories

Jackie Narciewicz asked you for some of your most entertaining moments from this year's Summer's Reading Club: "When I was visiting the schools to hype up the club I announced that participants would have an opportunity to earn a ticket to the Willy Wonka show. I went on to say that it was not the movie...oh no! It was a show with LIVE actors, to which a 1st grader shouted out, "Oh man! Johnny Depp is coming to the library!"

-Laurie Blend, North Shore Public Library

CLASC, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2009
from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Location: Patchogue-Medford
Library

54-60 East Main St.
Patchogue, NY 11772

Agenda

Light Dinner and Dessert

General Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker: Emily Clasper

*Administrator for Technology Services
at SCLS.*

Please RSVP to Jane Drake

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