Jittery in front of an audience? Preconference session focuses on public speaking skills

PLS is offering *Essential Public Speaking Skills for Librarians* at the NYLA preconference session on Wednesday October 17, 10am-1pm. This three-hour interactive workshop will address the following areas of concern in three 45-minute sessions:

- Speech anxiety: the worse the better
- Vocal and visual aspects of delivery: don’t just do these but do these well
- Extemporaneous speaking: deliver a real speech instead of a robot speech

Each session will be interactive and include tips, handouts and Q and A.

Our workshop leader is Andrew Sachs, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Buffalo. An internationally known expert in public speaking, Dr. Sachs has provided private consultation to three former U.S. presidents and taught communication for 23 years.

After September 21, you’ll need to register on-site. The registration desk will be open at 9am on Wednesday October 17.

CONGRATULATIONS to our new PLS officers:

Karen LaRocca–Fels
vice-pres./president elect

Beverly Choltco–Devlin
2nd vice–president

Barbara Madonna
secretary

Virginia Papandrea
first–year director

CLASSIC THRILLS
Jeffery Deaver
at the grand Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Building
Author, Author!
Thursday October 18 at 4:30pm
don’t miss it!

help wanted
Got some time to spare at the conference? We need help at the PLS booth on the exhibit floor. Please contact Tim McDonough for details: tmcdonough@sals.edu

stay tuned for news about the PLS 2008 spring conference

PLS award winners

- **Outstanding public library building award**
  Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library, Clifton Park NY

- **Conference scholarship award**
  Ann Debraggio, Kirkland Town Library, Clinton NY

- **Moshier/Wynkoop award**
  Brian Hildreth, Director, David A. Howe Public Library, Wellsville NY

Awards will be presented at the NYLA/PLS Author! Author! event at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society building on Thursday October 18, 4:30-7pm.
Friday October 19
10:30–11:45am
Rechartering: the morning after
What’s next in this frequently surprising process.
Gloria Goverman, East Fishkill Public Library
Barbara Madonna, Gloversville Public Library
Richard Panz, Panz Consulting
Peter Ward, Lindenhurst Memorial Library

Friday October 19
2:30–3:45pm
Plays well with others: community collaboration
How-to for creating partnerships with community agencies.
Rick Ianello, Albany Guardian Society
Mary Cuffe-Perez, Galway Library

Friday October 19
4–5:15pm
Prescription for success
Tips and tools for implementing low-cost consumer health information services.
Christine McDonald and Guinevere Forshey, Crandall Public Library

Saturday October 20
8–9:15am
Community Reads: making community connections
The lessons learned are sometimes enlightening, sometimes shocking.
Karen Bradley, Schenectady Public Library
Beverly Choltco-Devlin, Mid-York Library System
Ruth Crosgrove and Anne DeBraggio, Kirkland Town Library

Friday October 19
4:30–7pm
Author, Author!
Best-selling mystery writer Jeffery Deaver is our guest.

Friday October 10
8-9:15am
Annual meeting and table talks
Join us for breakfast, networking and conversations about public library topics important to you.

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