2007 author event features Jeffery Deaver

Author! Author! has become a highlight of NYLA’s fall conference. Set in a unique historical and architectural venue, this PLS event celebrates the best of New York’s literary talent. On October 18, we welcome legendary master of mystery Jeffery Deaver to the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society for an evening of history and thrills.

Deaver’s many honors include nominations for six Edgar awards, an Anthony award and a Gumshoe award. He is a three-time recipient of the Ellery Queen Reader’s Award for Best Short Story of the Year.


Deaver’s most recent work, The Sleeping Doll (June 2007), is a dark and multilayered psychological thriller about a vicious killer’s escape from a California prison and the mysterious and deadly quest that follows. Special agent Kathryn Dance (The Cold Moon, 2006)—a brilliant interrogator and body language expert—reappears in this novel to hunt down the killer.

The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society’s grand building was built for the 1901 Pan-American Exposition. A guided tour of the Society’s collection will take place at 4:30pm, followed immediately by the Author! Author! event. A sit-down meal of gourmet finger foods will be offered, and Mr. Deaver will sign books before and after the festivities.

Tickets for Author! Author! (Historical Society tour included) will be $35 in advance. Tickets for the tour alone are $7, available on site. Shuttle bus service will be available to and from these events.

NYLA conference—
program lineup

Here’s a teaser for the 2007 NYLA Conference in Buffalo on October 18-19:

- Author, Author! Jeffery Deaver
- Community Reads: lessons learned—results are sometimes enlightening, sometimes shocking
- PLS volunteers: the new demographics—recruit and retain volunteers from untapped demographic groups
- Rechartering: the morning after—what’s next in this frequently surprising process
- The new road warriors—newest design and program directions for bookmobiles
- It’s not easy being green—complicated issues around green library design and renovation
- Plays well with others: community collaboration—how-to for creating partnerships with community agencies
- Prescription for success—tips and tools for implementing low-cost consumer health information services
- Tabletalks/annual meeting—first, breakfast and our annual meeting—then Friends groups, rural and one-person libraries, rechartering, collection agencies

Call for nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for four seats on the PLS board: vice-president/president-elect, second vice-president, secretary, and first-year director. Contact Gail Sacco before July 15, 2007 at saccog@uhls.lib.ny.us. Go to www.nyla.org/pls to learn more about the responsibilities of these positions.

PLS board changes

As many of you know, Jeff Cannell was recently appointed Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education at the State Education Department. Jeff had been elected PLS vice-president/president-elect last fall. Because of his new position, he has resigned from the board.

Jeff served on the NYLA Legislative Committee, the Task Force on Library Districts, and the Civil Service Task Force, among other responsibilities. On behalf of the PLS board and members, we wish Jeff much success in his new job and thank him for his efforts as a member of the PLS board.

At the April board meeting, Mary Grace Flaherty was appointed to fill the vice-president position through 2007. Since our bylaws mandate election of all PLS board members, Carol Clingan will remain as president through 2008.
PLS awards

This year the New York State Library Association’s Public Libraries Section presents the following awards:

- **Moshier/Wynkoop Award for Distinguished Librarianship**
  This award honors a library director who has given outstanding service to a community of 7,500 or fewer. Nominees are judged on personal and professional growth, quality of library services, and initiatives taken to reach underserved parts of the community.

  The $1,000 award is accompanied by a plaque for the recipient’s library and one for the NYLA office. Attendance at the NYLA fall conference is a requirement of acceptance.

- **Conference scholarship award**
  This annual award is offered to encourage public librarians and library school students to participate in NYLA or PLS activities. Applicants are not required to be members of either of these organizations. Applications will be judged on presentation, plans for professional growth, and initiative taken to share conference experiences.

  The award includes full conference registration, up to $500 toward expenses, and membership in NYLA. The winner is expected to attend the full conference, including the awards ceremony.

- **Award for outstanding public library building**
  New or remodeled public library buildings in New York State are eligible for this award. Emphasis is placed on those projects that demonstrate cost-effective solutions to space challenges and innovative use of space and layout. The project must have been completed between January 1 and December 31, 2006.

  The award, which goes to the library, not the architect, consists of $1,000 and a plaque. Honorable mentions may also be named. All entries may have their submissions displayed at the 2007 NYLA conference.

**Guidelines and submission**

See the PLS page on the NYLA website, [www.nyla.org/pls](http://www.nyla.org/pls), for complete nomination and application guidelines. **June 29, 2007** is the deadline for all nominations and applications. Previous winners are ineligible.

Send submissions by email to Kevin J. Gallagher at thrall7@warwick.net.
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. 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.

We look forward to your participation.

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Call for proposals

If you have an idea for a conference or continuing education event, contact Carol Clingan at cclingan@sals.edu

Welcome new PLS members!

Karen Achilles, Nathaniel Hill, David Roycroft
Albert Ahlstrom, Kathlen Hughes, Wayne Roylance
Sheila Anderson, Mahendra Indarjit, Michelle Samuel
Susan Bell, Jessica Jansen, Anita Sanchez
Nicholas Boccio, Debra Kamecke, Janis Schoen
Janelle Briggs, Renee Kendrot, Jennifer Schwekendiek
Lucinda Buckley, Robin Kessler, Renee Scott
Andrea Byrne, Karen Keys, Christine Shaughnessy
Paula Cea, Mark Kimmel, Ira Simon
Jeremy Czerw, John Leighton, John Smith
Jill Davis, Stefanie Lesser, Frank Somers
Delys Dezwaan, Brian Levine, Angela Sorensen
Kathleen Earle, Ju-hwa Lin, Janet Steiniger
Xibeluaika Escalante, Susan McHugh, Kristen Stroh
Allison Escoto, Amy McLaughlin, Julie Tozer
Jennifer Estepp, Ariel McNaney, Deborah Trickey
Lauraine Farr-Kindler, Amy Menon, Nicole Turzillo
Natalie Forrest, Paul Morrell, Kenneth Vey
Nicholas Franklin, Lisa Morris, Judith Warren
Eva Suzanne Fuqua, Paule Ortegosa, Mary Weeks
Maureen Garvey, Lucas Petruzzini, Gillian Weisen
Jennifer Gellmann, Margaret Phelan, Nancy Weiss
Vincent Gentile, Christopher Platt, Jessica Wolff
Thomas Gorman, Evelyn Pusinelli
Lindsay Grattan, Kathleen Ray
Melissa Haselton, A Reade

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Look for the System Services final report in a future issue of the *Library Administration Section Journal*. Thanks to all PLS members for their participation in this survey.