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A Message From Your YSS President

Summer is on its way, heralding the busiest time of year for some and months of ‘freedom’ for others. Whatever you are anticipating, take some time this month to cast your vote in the YSS election. You’ll find detailed information about the candidates on pages 4-7 of this issue. Online voting for both YSS and NYLA elections will be available June 15, 2010. A link will be sent to you in your email, or log in to the [NYLA Membership Center](#) after that date.

The YSS Board is excited to introduce our new logo (above), courtesy of a student from Adelphi University. Renee McGrath shares the details on page two.

If you are one of the many preparing a Summer Reading Program at a public library, make sure to check out the online summer reading registration that NYS Library Development is offering this year. For more information, check out the NYS Summer Reader [website](#). My assessment? Small learning curve = large cool factor!

It is also time to register for the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, November 3-6. **See YSS’s great programs and register for the conference on the [NYLA website](#).** Also note that you must contact your hotel directly this year.

As always, let us know if you’d like to be more involved in YSS. Every year there are new opportunities to serve on committees or run for an office. Just contact [Stephanie Kyle](#) and she’ll be sure to steer you to the proper contact.

Sarah Sachs
 YSS President

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YSS is proud to announce that we have a new logo!

The logo was designed by Christine Mihopulos, a graduating senior graphic design student at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY. The YSS Executive Board selected the logo from three different designs, each created by a different student in the Graphic Design Program at Adelphi.

Before each semester, Adelphi provides non-profit organizations with a wonderful opportunity to apply to the Graphic Design School to have a new logo designed for them. Dale Flashner, Graphic Design Studio Art Director, selects the projects for the students to work on. Once selected, a visit to the studio is scheduled to talk to the students about what is needed. I was the representative for YSS and spoke to **the students about the “who, what and why” of our design.**

It was very exciting to be a part of this process and a little like being on Project Runway! The class was comprised of fifteen students. They were given two weeks to work on their design. Then I was invited back to pick out the top three designs to take to the Executive Board. I invited Lisa Jacobs, a Past President of YSS, to help me choose the top three designs.

Over the next year, you’ll see our new design on the YSS page of the NYLA website as well as on our new membership incentive that will be available at the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, Nov. 4-6, 2010. We are proud of our new design and we especially like that our new logo was designed by a young adult!

Renee McGrath

Pied Piper Award

Congratulations to the 2009 Pied Piper Awardees Amy Joslyn, from the Fairport Public Library, and Jennifer Preisser, from the Greece Public Library, the 2010 Pied Piper Award for their *Read to Me* bags program. Each bag includes two board books and music CD and a finger puppet. They also include an informational sheet with tips for reading aloud with baby, a booklist of recommended titles for babies, the ALA publication "Every Child Ready to Read" and the PLA publication "Nursery Rhymes, Songs and Fingerplays".

The Pied Piper award is an opportunity to recognize our peers for excellence in promotional materials and/or programs that further library service to youth by all libraries or library systems in New York State.

You could be our next Pied Piper if you have developed a program that furthers library services to our children, ran within the confines of 2010, and can be easily duplicated (with hard work and patience). Submission materials are available now [online](#). Stand up and be recognized!



You cannot open a book without learning something. ~ Confucius

NYLA Mixers or Social Events

Would you like to become more active in NYLA in a social kind of way? The NYLA membership committee is looking for members who are interested in hosting a mixer or social event to help gain new members as well as get members more involved. A budget is available for each region each year. You can have one person or several people help you so you plan the event. Suggestions have been bowling, movies, trivia night. If interested please contact Patti McCall, the NYLA Membership Chairperson at Patti.McCall@amriglobal.com or 518-521-2374.

Time To Focus

What to do, what to do while we sit and wait for news and action from our state government? We **don't need to sit and wait! Instead, let's get focused!**

How, you ask?

- Maintain relationships with your legislators and local politicians by focusing on opportunities and creating positive buzz about libraries this summer.
- Let your elected officials know about your summer reading program, and enlist their support in getting the word out.
- **As you plan your library's** summer programs, look to see which ones will lend themselves to legislator participation.
- Provide opportunities for positive publicity: photo opportunities, summer programs, and publicity events to meet people.
- **Think about their families'** interests, and invite them to activities that they or their families may enjoy. Then mark on your calendar when you will send out personal invitations.

Politicians and legislators will love to visit your libraries for your ice cream socials, summer reading family activities, to meet their constituents in a positive arena, and get their pictures taken with **you. Now that's focusing!**

Sue Rokos, Legislative Liaison

YSS Election Information

Nominee for First Vice President/President Elect

Joyce R. Laiosa

Present Position:

Head of Youth and Family Services, Voorheesville Public Library

Adjunct Professor, University at Albany, Department of Information Studies: Young Adult Literature

Prior Professional Experience:

Head of Youth and Family Services, Voorheesville Public Library, 2001 - present

Adjunct Professor, University at Albany, Department of Information Studies, 2001- present

Youth Services Librarian, Voorheesville Public Library, 1997 - 2001

Senior Library Assistant, Bethlehem Public Library, 1994 - 1997

Library Assistant, Bethlehem Public Library, 1988-1994

Education:

State University of New York, University at Albany, Masters of Library Science, 1997

State University of New York, University at Albany, Bachelor of Arts [Russian Language], 1972

Professional Activities and Affiliations:

New York Library Association

YSS Member of the Continuing Education Comm. of NYLA, 2009-2010

Chair of Empire State Award Committee, YSS, 2007

Member Empire State Award Committee, YSS, 2006

Treasurer of Youth Services Section, 2002-2005

American Library Association

ALSC Arbuthnot 2010 Lecture Committee, 2008-2010

ALSC Education Committee, 2002-2004

Carnegie Committee, ALSC, 2002-2003

Chair of the ALSC Education Committee, 2004-2006

Position Statement:

NYLA and the Youth Services Section are safe havens for librarians to find help with professional questions, ideas from a myriad of creative minds, and collegiality. As budgets tighten and insufficient resources are stretched thin, we need our **professional organization to help us as we advocate for the youth of New York. Libraries need to serve children's information and recreational needs.** Libraries are where we choose to be to help children and young adults grow and learn. It is our willingness to help with a project, offer a program that inspires, or recommend a book that is perfect for a reluctant reader that is at the core of our profession. YSS will continue to be the place for professional development; **a place to find a mentor; a place where you connect with friends. I've been mentored by many librarians through YSS and I'd like to see this tradition continue to grow and flourish as we support children and teens.**

Nominees for First Year Director

Lily Dougherty-Johnson

Present Position:

Young Adult Librarian, Floyd Memorial Library, Greenport, NY

Prior Professional Experience:

Head of Reference, Amagansett Free Library, Amagansett, NY

Library Information Supervisor, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY

Assistant Director, Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service Afterschool and Summer Camp, New York, NY

Education:

Long Island University, CW Post Campus, Public Library Administrators Graduate Certificate Program (currently enrolled)

MLS, Pratt Institute, School of Library and Information Science, Brooklyn, NY

BA, American Studies, Barnard College, New York, NY

Professional Activities and Affiliations:

Contributor to PLA Blog, 2010, Member ALA/PLA/SRRT, 2005-present, Member NYLA, 2007-present

Position Statement:

I have enjoyed working with youth throughout my career as a librarian and in afterschool and summer programs. I think that one of the great advantages of libraries is the ability to connect with young people around their interests. I would love the opportunity to facilitate a group of like-minded professionals in sharing best practices, inspiration, and innovation. I hope to be able to serve our community of youth librarians in New York.

Cathy Henderson

Present Position:

Librarian II, Head of Children's Services- Greece Public Library

Prior Professional Experience:

Children's Librarian, Seymour Library, Brockport, NY

PT Children's Librarian, Janes Branch of the Pittsford Community Library

PT Adult Services Librarian, Webster Public Library

Library Clerk, SUNY SRC Central Library, Rochester, NY

Education:

MLS - University of Buffalo

BS- Hotel and Restaurant Administration- Niagara University

Professional Activities and Affiliations: 2010- NYS Summer Reading Advisory Committee

3 Apples Book Committee, 2003-2009, YSS Pied Piper Committee, 2001-2003, YSS Scholarship Committee, 2001-2003, Member NYLA and YSS, 2002-present

Position Statement:

I came to Youth Services as a second career. I was very fortunate to have many wonderful mentors, respected colleagues and supervisors to help guide me along the way. I am now in a position to pass this knowledge and passion for Youth Services on to others. Joining YSS and becoming actively involved in YSS was, and continues to be, another way to gain knowledge and excitement for Youth Services. I hope to demonstrate how being an involved member of YSS can bring good things to you and the community you serve. We can be a great resource to each other.

Nominees for YSS Secretary

Ann-Marie (Helldorfer) Cicchinelli

Present Position:

Youth Services Librarian, WK Sanford Town Library, Loudonville, NY

Prior Professional Experience:

Youth Services Librarian, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, NY

School Library Media Specialist, St. Pius X School, Loudonville, NY

Department Head, Youth Services, Rockaway Twp. Library, Rockaway, NJ

Young Adult Librarian, Smithtown Library Nesconset Branch, Nesconset, NY

Children's Librarian Trainee, Smithtown Library Commack Branch, Commack, NY

Education:

MLS, Long Island University, Library & Information Sciences, Brookville, NY

BS, Cornell University, Human Development & Family Studies, Ithaca, NY

Professional Activities and Affiliations:

Member NYLA/YSS, 1993-present, YSS Spring Conference Planning Committee, 2000, Presenter at YSS Spring Conference, 2006, Member Beta Phi Mu National Library Honor Society, 1991-**present**, **Member Children's Literature Connection**, 1998-present, Member, Hudson Mohawk Library Association, 2006-present, Vice President, Hudson Mohawk Library Association, 2009-**present**, **Presenter, New York State Library Assistants' Association Conference, 2009**

Position Statement:

Youth Services Librarians are always busy, especially in these economic times! We are asked to do more with less. Stressed and pressed for time, we would burn out, if not for our colleagues who support us. We can ask for ideas, share shortcuts, brainstorm to solve problems, offer each other insight and advice, and collaborate. I have found that YSS affords me such opportunities, and I hope to give back to the group by becoming Secretary.

Lisa G. Kropp

Present Position: Head of Youth Services, Half Hollow Hills Community Library, 2009 - present

Prior Professional Experience:

Coordinator of Early Childhood Services and Regional Family Place Libraries Network, Middle Country Public Library (Centereach, NY), 2004-2008

Children's Librarian, Middle Country Public Library (Centereach, NY), 1999-2004

School Librarian, Port Washington School District (Port Washington, NY), 1995-1998

Children's Librarian, Farmingdale Public Library (Farmingdale, NY), 1992-1997

Education:

Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration, Long Island University (2008)

Master of Library Science, Queens College/CUNY (1994)

Bachelor of Arts in Literature, Adelphi University (1992)

Early Years Institute Quality Circle Committee Member, 2006- present

Lisa Kropp (continued)

Professional Activities and Affiliations:

Member NYLA/YSS, 2003 – present, Poster Session Presenter NYLA, 2008, 2004, Member NYLA/SLMS, 1996-1998, Member ALA/ALSC, 2006- **present, Presenter at ALA 2008 Conference, Member CLASC (Children's Librarian Association of Suffolk County)**, 2000-present, Served as President; Past-President; Nominating Committee Chairperson; member of Literature Committee; and book discussion leader at bi-annual Suffolk County Literature Conferences, Member SCLA (Suffolk County Library Association), 2003- present, Early Years Institute Quality Circle Committee Member, 2006- present, Co-author of Family Centered Library Handbook, c.2007, School Library Journal – **Children's Book Reviewer: 1994** – present

Position Statement:

Public libraries, and most importantly, the Children's Departments of those libraries, have always been a huge part of my life. Whether I am a patron utilizing the department, the librarian working in one, or networking with my peers at a conference, I truly believe that this is where lifelong connections are made with families – at the public library! I am excited **and honored to run for the NYLA/YSS board so that I can help foster those connections across our Children's Departments** in New York State, and share ideas for programs and services that will strengthen our work with children, teens, and their families.

Electronic Election Instructions

In order to vote, click on the 'Vote' button on the [Elections](#) page:

1. The next screen will ask for your log-in and password.
2. Enter your information and click 'Log On'
3. The next screen will display a list of elections / polls that you are currently eligible to participate in.
4. Click on the YSS Section Election 2010.
5. Complete the voting process and click 'Submit'.

Please also vote in the NYLA Council Election 2010. Your vote is anonymous. You will only be able to submit your ballot one time. For security purposes it is recommended that you close your browser window when you have completed your visit to the NYLA Online Membership Center.

You can also go directly to the Elections page via the following URL and then login:

http://nyla-omc.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/question/question.html?Action=Display_Questionnaire

Also while logged in to the NYLA Online Membership Center (OMC) you can:

- Change your log-in and password
- Update your mailing / e-mail addresses
- View your section memberships
- Search for other NYLA members in the online membership directory
- Renew your NYLA membership
- Donate to the NYLA Endowment or NYLA Scholarship Fund
- Register for the 2010 NYLA Annual Conference
- Join the electronic discussion lists for any of the Sections and Roundtable that you belong to



ACTIVE MEMBER FORM

Name _____

Institution _____

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City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

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***We send our newsletter by email only.**

I am interested in helping in the following ways:

Presenter – YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference - YSS Tabletalks _____
(Presenting a workshop based on your knowledge and expertise)

Room Monitor - YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
(Handing out evaluation sheets before the program and collecting them after.)

Running for office on the YSS board _____

Being on a YSS Committee _____
Scholarship _____
Pied Piper Award _____
Empire State Award _____
Publications _____
Conference Planning _____
3 Apples Award _____

Working at the YSS booth at Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____

Writing an article for the newsletter _____

Planning YSS programs for NYLA conference _____

Local Arrangements person for YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____

Web/Computer Work _____

Work on a task group to develop a YSS publication _____

Directions for joining the YSS Listserv may be found [here](#).

Please fill out and return to:

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New Members

Who is YSS?

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 Leslie Armstrong
 Melissa Cantwell
 Kelly Chambala
 Gwen Collier
 Reginald Constant
 Erika DeVita
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 Lyla Grills
 Christina Hirsch
 Elise Johnsen
 Emily Kazanecki
 Tammy Linkowski
 Janice McDonald
 Jedda Ray-Gayle
 Kathy Rossello
 Victoria Russo
 Christine Scheper
 Dina Schuldner
 Jill Uher
 Alexandra Von Kamecke
 Theresa Zacek

Meet Ginger Tebo, who has been the Children's Librarian at the Flower Memorial Library in Watertown, NY since 2006.

She's also the president of the North

Country Public Library Youth Services Organization and the current co-chair of the 3 Apples Committee. Ginger lives in Star Lake, NY with her husband and three girls and says that she is not at all surprised that she ended up being a librarian, since she spent every waking minute reading as a kid. Her favorite children's author is Mo Willems, but Jan Thomas comes in a close second. Her favorite book ever is *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll (but only the edition with illustrations by Sir John Tenniel)!



Caption: Ginger at her recent *Fancy Nancy* program.