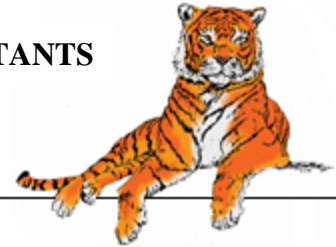


# NJALA QUARTERLY REVIEW

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### *Message from the President*

In an effort to go **green** and save money NJALA held its first ever Executive Board election via e-mail. The following people are your officers for the 2009-2010 term.

**Vice-President/President Elect** Cathy Lynch,  
Ocean County Library

**Immediate Past President** Barbara Ward,  
Walsh Library, Seton Hall University

**Second Vice President** John Guido, East  
Orange Public Library

**Recording Secretary** Kathy Falco, Ocean  
County Library

**Corresponding Secretary** Suzanne Ridzy,  
Somerset County Library

**Treasurer** Ellen Brewer, Ocean County Library

**Liaison** Marilyn Jack-Brown, Sprague Library,  
Montclair State University



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### WELCOME NJALA'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Laura Beyer, Aberdeen Public Library

Lisa McKiernan, Joan Miller, and Margaret Padden of  
Burlington County Library

Cheryl Opuszynski, Andrea Orsini, Tari Ryan, and Carly  
Studzinski of Cape May County Library

Laure Barrett and Michael Rossi of the Clifton Public  
Library

Joseph DePaul, Maria Grogan, Craig Hass, Eleanor  
Laganella, Joanne Morgenweck, Stella Price, Samantha  
Puma, and Robert Walton of Deptford Public Library

Victoria Forgione of Dover Public Library

Linda S. McBride of Franklin Township Public Library

Yvonne Nevers-Martin of Irvington Public Library

Wanda Detwiler, Maggie O'Malley, and Regina Petti of  
Ocean County Library

Jenny Biching Wang and Barbara Brinkman of  
Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library

Faith Cook, Kathryn Cook, Joseph Drebit, Kate Lewis,  
Charlotte Lickfield, and Kathleen Vasinda of Runnemede  
Public Library

Eva Cheng-Lee and Sandra Ellis of Walsh Library, Seton  
Hall University

Mary Nunn and Sudha Sankar of Somerset County  
Library

Marge Nyquist of West Morris Mendham High School

Nancy Rusek and Kimberly Snyder of Woodbridge Public  
Library

We hope to see you at many future meetings.

Heather Rivera  
Membership Secretary

## THE SEA, THE LIBRARY, AND FLU SHOTS!

On October 5, the Berkeley Branch of the Ocean County Library held Ocean County Day for residents of the county. Representatives from dozens of Ocean County agencies were on hand to inform residents of services available to them. Traditional agencies, like senior and health services were on hand as well as agencies people may not know so well, such as Extension Services.

Residents were able to try out voting booths while learning about registering to vote and locating polling locations. Other booths included information on county maintained parks and walking trails, health issues, mosquito control and volunteer opportunities. The day was filled with great information, as well as chance to mingle with some of Ocean County's leaders, including Freeholder Joseph Vicari and Sue Quinn, Director of the Ocean County Library.

The Friends of the Berkeley Library, in addition to donating cookies for the event, utilized the large crowd by holding a small book sale and table for information on joining the group. The library used the opportunity as well, putting up signs and displays to promote upcoming programming here in the branch.

Although there were snacks and drinks available, the biggest draw of the day was the flu and pneumonia shots that were being given out. Free to those who qualified, the shots were given and information was available on keeping healthy during the flu season. By the end of the day, 2,164 people visited the library, and over 400 shots were given out the public and county staff.

Amy Schade  
Berkeley Branch Manager

## Teens ARE Cool



The Newark Public Library recently held a contest to help remind people to return their books. The winners of the contest are teenagers who used traditional American-style panels and manga (Japanese style) comic formatted posters.

To find out more about this interesting way to communicate with library patrons read, "It's Not Cool to Steal from the Library Talented Teens Tell Us Why" in the October 2009 edition of *The Second Century*, the newsletter of the Newark Public Library.



## DEADLINE

for the next  
*NJALA Quarterly Review*  
is January 4, 2010.

Feel free to send your articles or other information anytime before this date.

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## Join the New Kids on the Block

Jacqui Ridzy, of the Somerset County Library, and I are excited about planning our next conference. Both of us are relatively new to the committee. This will be our first foray into being Conference Co-Chairs.

Our first order of business is to announce that Cynthia Zoon from the Parsippany-Troy Hills Library has won a free conference day for 2010!! Cynthia was eligible for this prize, because she filled out the survey at the 2009 conference.

For our upcoming conference Connie Reese, as NJALA President, has selected the theme, "Today's Challenges Will Build a Stronger Tomorrow."

Jacqui and I and all the committee members will be working hard to search out interesting and relevant speakers, who cover matters that are important to you and resonate with you. **And this is where you can help us:** is there a speaker that you are aware of that we may have overlooked? Is there a topic that you are dying to learn about? Let us know; this is YOUR conference, and we want to make it a valuable one for all of us. You can send any questions comments or suggestions to me, [gcairns@theoceancountylibrary.org](mailto:gcairns@theoceancountylibrary.org) or to Jacqui [jridzy@sclsnj.org](mailto:jridzy@sclsnj.org). We hope to hear from you soon.

And remember to save the dates! Monday & Tuesday, June 7 & 8, 2010, at the Enterprise Center in Mt. Laurel. See you at the Conference—or maybe before then; see the Conference Planning Committee meeting dates listed below and try to join us.

Ginger Cairns  
Long Beach Island Branch  
Ocean County Library



## An Opportunity to Participate

This is the latest schedule of meetings for the Conference Planning Committee. If you would like to have a say in what is presented at the 2010 conference please make an effort to come to these meetings. This is also an opportunity to meet the coolest bunch of people you have ever seen. For more information contact the host listed or one of the Conference Co-Chairs.

Friday, November 13 at Seton Hall University  
hosted by Barbara Ward

Tuesday, December 8 at Mary Jacobs Library  
hosted by Suzanne Ridzy

Wednesday, January 13 at Ocean County  
Library, Brick Branch, hosted by Ginger Cairns

Thursday, February 11 at Metuchen or  
Bridgewater Library hosted by Barbara Barbano

Friday, March 12 at Seton Hall University  
hosted by Barbara Ward

Tuesday, April 13 at Morristown and Morris  
Township hosted by Annette Tyler

Wednesday, May 12 at Ocean County Library,  
Brick Branch, hosted by Ginger Cairns

Thursday, June 3 at the conference site: the  
Enterprise Center, Mount Laurel