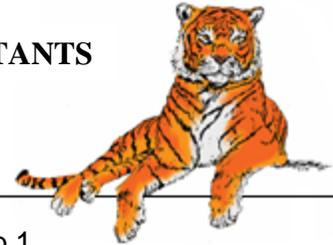


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## Greetings!

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Hi everybody!

I hope everybody survived the brutal winter we had to deal with this year. Whether you will be enjoying the beach, gardening, or taking pleasure in the warmth—here is hoping that the summer months will be kinder to us.

The NJALA 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held June 10, 2014 at Mercer County Community College. The College is surrounded by lush green landscaping and the modern architectural design of the building is something from which to take enjoyment. So please, do not miss this opportunity, or forget to mark the date for this fantastic event!

Concerning this conference and its purpose; it is not only here for informational growth, but it gives us all a chance for networking with one another and obtaining new and enriching information dealing with our changing libraries. For example: at the Cape May County Library our Adult and Children's Programming has added many new programs like "Feast of Thrones Cooking Demonstration," "Movie Nights," "Preschool Dance Party," "Game Night," and many different computer courses to suit our ever changing times. In addition to our teen "Game Nights" we have added an

adult "Game Night" to accommodate our kids-at-heart.

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## Our Tiger Mascot

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Some of our many members may be filled with curiosity about the ever-present tiger that guards the letter masthead for each publication.

The tiger has a very important significance regarding the history of this newsletter, since it was a drawing donated by the late Carolyn Brenner of the N.J. Division of Economic Assistance Library in Trenton.

Brenner had taken the great responsibility of contacting each state and developing dialogue with each existing or proposed group of library assistants. In final, the enthusiasm and dedication of Brenner lives through that regal tiger atop this very newsletter that you are reading.

# Conference Events

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This year the Keynote speaker is author Stephanie Evanovich, niece of Janet Evanovich.

Evanovich is a full-fledged Jersey girl who began writing fiction while taking part in numerous community theater projects. She attended New York School of Film and Television and acted in several improvisational troupes, as well as a few small-budget movies. Not only is Evanovich a full time writer she is also an avid sports fan, holds a black belt in Tae Kwan Do, and is the mother of two boys.

Her book, *Big Girl Panties*, was released in 2013 and the next upcoming novel, *The Sweet Stop*, is due to be released in June 2014 ([fantasticfiction.co.uk](http://fantasticfiction.co.uk)).



## On the Move

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Cathy Lynch (NJALA Liaison) and Ginger Cairns had the opportunity to travel to Chicago, Illinois on June 27, 2013 to attend the ALA Annual Conference.

While there, they were able to engage, learn and network with people from all over the world. Lynch and Cairns were able to attend this conference in hopes of having future contacts for possible speaker information or gifts for our annual conference.

Some of the authors that were attending were Temple Grandin, Alice Walker, Giada DiLaurentiis, and Khaled Houseini, who were discussing their new books. Cathy also had the chance to meet Mo Williams (who recently had

a book signing at the Cape May County Library), as well as Tim Federle.

At a luncheon sponsored by Gale/Cengage Learning, former NASA astronaut Captain Alan Bean spoke of his travels in space. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> astronaut to land on the moon.

Perhaps the best part of their trip, at least for Cathy, was seeing Janis Ian because it was a sentimental meeting. Janis recently wrote a children's book: *The Tiny Mouse*.



## Summer Reading: Not Just for Children

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Summer is coming and so are the summer reading lists. Do you ever wonder where you will quickly find this information? Well, a very useful website called "New Jersey Summer Reading" ([njsummerreading.org](http://njsummerreading.org)) has been created to provide a plethora of information for the entire library staff (using a library email for registration is preferred).

It is also a good reminder that the goal of summer reading is to get a patron accustomed to the library for their maximum experience.

However, there is also outreach information and a summer program outline to be accessed by anyone who is inquiring.

Once on the website there is an additional drop down menu with the title "Educators" and this is provided for teacher information for various reading plans and ideas. This also includes a "parent" section to satisfy and aid those who aren't in a library system.

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