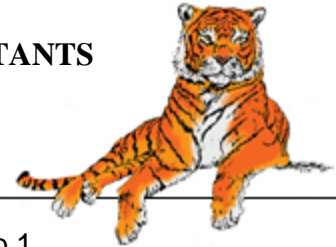


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Message from the President

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had great holidays, but now it is time to get to work.

The 2010 Conference Planning Committee is hard at work finding programs that will benefit all of us. If you have any suggestions or know of someone who would like to do a presentation please e-mail Ginger Cairns at gcairns@theoceancountylibrary.org or Jacqui Ridzy at jridzy@sclsnj.org. These ladies are our 2010 Conference Chairs and are doing a great job. The Conference will be June 7 and 8 at the Burlington Enterprise Center, and the theme this year is: "Today's Challenges Will Build a Stronger Tomorrow."

One of the hardest tasks is to find great keynote speakers. I am pleased to announce we have already confirmed two top-notch authors for this year's conference.

On Monday June 7 Robin Gaby Fisher will be speaking; she is a feature writer for the *Star Ledger* and is well known for her series and book, "After the Fire," about two students who were critically burned in the Seton Hall dormitory fire.

On Tuesday June 8 we will have the pleasure of listening to Megan McCafferty, who writes the Jessica Darling series. Jessica starts out as a teen in *Sloppy Firsts* and grows up through all the novels ending with Megan's latest publication of "Perfect Fifths." Come and listen to the tale of Megan's path to writing and where it will lead her now that Jessica's time has passed.

I hope that is enough to get you thinking about this year's conference. Mark your calendars and get ready; it will be great!

Please renew your membership; see page 2.



Connie Reese

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Be Our Host!

Happy New Year to all our NJALA members! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday.

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to become more active as a member? We can help you with that; in our efforts to branch out and connect with our membership we are looking for NJALA colleagues to host our monthly meetings. You host, and the Conference Planning Committee will be there! Marie Krosnick of the Bordentown Library has already taken us up on our offer. THANKS Marie! Our January 14 meeting will be held at her library. If you'd like to stop by and see what we are about, we would love to have you. The address is 18 East Union Street, Bordentown NJ, and the phone number is 609-298-0622. If you think you would like to host one of our monthly meetings please email or call me, Ginger Cairns at 609-494-2480 or gcairns@theoceancountylibrary.org or Jacqui Ridzy, jridzy@sclsnj.org.

Remember this is your organization. Your input is valued. We need and want your participation to make us a better NJALA.

Ginger Cairns
Long Beach Island Branch
Ocean County Library

NJALA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2010

As an NJALA member you receive newsletters, invaluable networking opportunities, discounts on workshops, and an annual two-day conference. To join now return this form to our Membership Secretary:

**Heather Rivera
North End Branch Library
722 Summer Avenue
Newark NJ 07104**

Name: _____

Title/Dept: _____

Library: _____

Library Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Area of Expertise: _____

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Regular Dues \$20 (support staff, i.e.: library assistants, clerks, technicians, paraprofessionals, etc.)

Associate Dues \$15 (all those who do not qualify as regular members)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NJALA

RITA L. HILBERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2010

The NJALA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce our annual scholarship award of \$250.00 for the 2010-2011 academic year. This scholarship will be offered to a library support staff person who would like to pursue any degree or certificate program that enhances work skills.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be a legal resident of New Jersey.
2. Scholarships are available to current NJALA members only.
3. Recipient must attend any accredited college program or certified post-secondary program.
4. Recipient must use the award in a job-related field.
5. Applicant must enclose a 150 word essay explaining how this scholarship will help her/him reach career goals.
6. If the Scholarship Committee deems a personal interview necessary the applicant must be available to meet with the committee.
7. Tuition payment will be sent directly to the institution of enrollment along with the recipient's registration application. Proof of completion of course is required.

If you have any questions or would like an application please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairperson:

East Orange Public Library
Attn: John Guido
21 South Arlington Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018
Phone: 973-266-5601 or
E-mail: jguido@eopl.org

There is an application on the next page, and you will also find one on the NJALA website, www.njala.org .

All applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2010.

RITA L. HILBERT 2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. **NAME:** _____
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. **Legal Residence:** _____
(Number) (Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: ____ (____) _____

3. **Post Secondary:**

Have you applied for admission to any school(s)? Yes: ____ No: ____

Specify school(s): _____

Have you been accepted for any school(s)?

Specify: _____

Are you presently attending a post secondary school? Yes: ____ No: ____

4. **Education:** _____
(College) (Year)

(Degree) (Major) (G.P.A.)

Post Graduate Education: _____
(College) (Year) (Degree) (Major)

5. **Work Experience: (Most recent employment first)**

A. _____
(Employer's Name) (Address)

(Position/Title) (Employment Dates)

B. _____
(Employer's Name) (Address)

(Position/Title) (Employment Dates)

I understand that it may be necessary to be interviewed for this scholarship and agree to make myself available for this interview if so requested by the scholarship committee. I understand that in order to be considered for this scholarship I will be required to submit proof of course completion.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"NJALA RECOGNITION" AND "KEHNAST" AWARDS Application

Each year at the conference of the **New Jersey Association of Library Assistants** the "NJALA Recognition" (formerly the Ray Murray Award) and "Kehnast" awards are presented.

The NJALA Recognition Award is given to a dedicated Director, Trustee, or Librarian in a New Jersey Library or Libraries who encourages and supports participation in career development or activities for library assistants in New Jersey.

The Kehnast Award is given to a dedicated library assistant in a New Jersey Library who has made a significant contribution to the profession or to his/her library and actively participates in career development or activities in New Jersey. This award is named for AnnaMarie Kehnast who served as President and Liaison of **NJALA**.

To submit candidates for either award please include the following:

Your information:

1. Name: _____
(Please print.) (Last) (First) (Middle)
2. Library name & address: _____
(Street or P.O. Box #)

(City) (State) (Zip)
3. Title: _____ 4. Phone: _____

Candidate information:

5. Name: _____
(Please print.) (Last) (First) (Middle)
6. Library name & address: _____
(Street or P.O. Box #)

(City) (State) (Zip)
7. Title: _____ 8. Phone: _____
9. Award you are applying for: _____

Include an essay of no more than 200 words explaining why the candidate deserves this award. This application along with the essay must be postmarked by April 30, 2010 and sent to:

East Orange Public Library
Attn: John Guido
21 South Arlington Avenue
East Orange NJ 07018
Phone: 973-266-5601
Email: jguido@eopl.org



DEADLINE

for the next

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

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*Taking Care of You...A Women's Retreat
It's time to be by the sea...February 4-5, 2010*

Are you tired? Overwhelmed? Struggling to think clearly? Want to plan for a new year or a new life? If this sounds like you, then come escape to your quiet corner by the sea and enjoy guided conversation and learning that will allow you to

Simplify Your Mind, Your World, and Your Future.

Please join Diane Allen, Claudia Monte, and Ann Marie Rimmer, OP in sessions that will help you to awaken simplicity within your spirit, let go of negativity within your mind, de-clutter your world, and plan for an easier future. Bring a friend. Learn, relax, and leave refreshed!

Arrival: Thursday, February 4 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Departure: Friday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Stella Maris Retreat Center,
Elberon, NJ (near Long Branch)

**Space is limited, so please register by
January 20, 2010.**

*For more information, please contact Claudia Monte or Diane Allen at
CAM Consulting Group LLC 609-291-1937 ♦
www.cam4consulting.com
Gift certificates available*

News from Newark

For almost a century the Newark Public Library has accepted and promoted photography as a fine art form. Through March 20 the main library's galleries will exhibit "Photographic Books and Prints from the Special Collections of the Newark Public Library."

From April 7 through May 29 the library will feature "The European Grand Tour: Visiting the Old World Through the Collections of the Newark Public Library."

"The Combat Paper Project," a traveling exhibition, will be on view from April 1 through June 26. This initiative was founded in 2007 to introduce war veterans to the process of papermaking as cathartic art therapy. Military uniforms are turned into pulp, from which paper is created. Along with the exhibit the library will host a series of paper making workshops, demonstrations, and discussions.

To read more fully about these exhibits check the February 2010 edition of *The Second Century*, the newsletter of the Newark Public Library, or call the Special Collections Division at 973-733-7745.

Why Go to D.C.?

Did you know that Branch Brook Park in Newark is the sight of a fabulous display of cherry blossoms every spring? The firm of Frederic Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux designed this Essex County park as the first county park in the nation.



The Newark Public Library has recently received Kathleen P. Galop's collection of papers relating to Branch Brook Park. Ms. Galop co-founded the first Newark Cherry Blossom Festival, which was held in 1976. Her papers will now be preserved and available to anyone researching the park.

More information about the park and specifically about this donation is also contained in the February issue of *The Second Century*, the newsletter of the Newark Public Library.