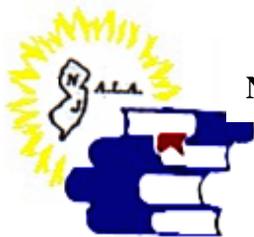
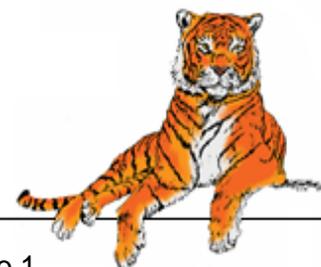


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Greetings!

We are deep into the New Year with 2016 off to a terrific start! Many changes are afoot for the NJALA, especially with our 30th anniversary upon us! One of these changes tackles changes to our brochure.

In recognition of its 30th anniversary, NJALA would like to ask its members to design a cover for the NJALA Conference brochure.

The theme of this year's conference is "LET'S TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL....TOGETHER"

The cover should convey the theme, as well as including the conference date (June 7, 2016) and location (Mercer County College Conference Center) while acknowledging the 30th anniversary.

Either hand-drawn or computer-generated entries will be accepted, but images should be designed to fit on an 8.5"x11" brochure. If submitting by email, entries should be submitted as a .png file (please include a .pds file, if available).

Prize is a \$100 TD Bank gift card!

Please email entries as an attachment to NJALA [<http://www.njala.org/about/contact-us-2>], or entries to:

Teresa Nash
Ocean County Library - Brick Branch
301 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723

Deadline for entries is May 1, 2016.

So, please get those entries in!



National Library Workers' Day

The theme for National Library Week 2016 is "Libraries Transform," and staff members are on the forefront of that transformation every day. Conceived in 2003, National Library Workers' Day (NLWD) is held annually the Tuesday of National Library Week, and recognizes the contributions of all library workers everywhere.

This day, April 12th, 2016, is a great day to celebrate the daily efforts of library staff to assist patron in accessing all that libraries now offer—educational classes, print and digital materials, entertainment DVDs and BluRays, community outreach, resume writing and job search assistance, document and photo scanners, programming for all ages and ability

levels, on-line databases, interlibrary loan services and so, so much more!

Looking for ideas on how your library can celebrate? Check out the official NLWD webpage for more info: <http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/>. Suggestions include decorating your library, holding a library learning forum to discuss current issues in the field, hosting a staff appreciation luncheon that includes contests that encourage staff members from different departments to mingle and get to know one another better. Don't forget to nominate a fellow stellar library worker for an NLWD Star, an interactive state-by-state listing on NLWD's website.

Libraries work because WE DO!

Ginger Cairns
Ocean County Library



Passages of Love: A Collection of Poems



Congratulations to Cape May County Library's Katie Givens, writing under the name Katherine Givens, on the publication of her book *Passages of Love: A Collection of Poems*.

Katie was inspired by her late Uncle Rich, and a lifetime of his stories as

well as his ups and downs. She incorporates these stories into her poetry.

After his recent death, the poetry became a source of comfort for Katie, as well as her family. Katie has also written and published two

novellas, *In Her Dreams* (Harlequin Escape Publishing) and *Love Amidst the Egyptian Sands* (Red Sage Publishing). Along with numerous magazine publications to date, Katie hopes to continue writing for the memory of one of her biggest supporters—her Uncle Rich.

Ele Paolino
Cape May County Library



Lucky Day Collection Celebrates One Year Anniversary



On St. Patrick's Day 2015, Somerset County Library System launched something new: the Lucky Day Collection. Available throughout the whole SCLSNJ system, the Lucky Day Collection features bonus copies of the most popular books and DVDs. With no holds list, no option to renew, and shorter checkout times, this collection makes in-demand books and DVDs more available to patrons. Newer items replace older items every few months, so the collection stays fresh. The collection has been very successful, and just celebrated its first anniversary! Stop by the special display—it will be your lucky day—or learn more

at: <http://somerset.lib.nj.us/luckyday.htm>

Suzanne Ridzy
Somerset County Library



RITA L. HILBERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2016

The NJALA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce our annual scholarship award of \$250.00 for the 2016-2017 academic years. This scholarship will be offered to a library support staff person who would like to pursue a 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 an 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. The scholarship recipient will receive the award money after proof of completion of the course.
- 8.

If you have any questions please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

East Orange Public Library
Attn: John Guido
21 South Arlington Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018 Phone:
973-266-5600 ex. 5604
Email: jguido@eopl.org

There is an application form on the next page, and you will also find one on the NJALA website, www.njala.org
All applications must be postmarked by May 2, 2016.

RITA L. HILBERT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2016

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Library: _____

Library Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Post Secondary:

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

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

Specify: _____

Have you been accepted to any school(s)? Yes: No:

Specify: _____

Education: _____

(College)

(Year)

(Major)

(Degree)

(G.P.A.)

Post Graduate Education: _____

(College)

(Year)

(Major)

(Degree)

Work Experience: (Most recent employment first)

Employer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Position/Title: _____ Employment Dates: _____

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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 receive this scholarship I will be required to submit proof of course completion.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

APPLICATION FOR "RECOGNITION" AND "KEHNAST" AWARDS

Every year at the conference two awards, the "Recognition" and "Kehnast" awards, are presented.

The "Recognition Award" is given to a dedicated Director, Trustee, or Librarian in a New Jersey Library that 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. The award is named for Anna Marie Kehnast who has served as President and Liaison of this organization.

To submit a candidate for either award, please include the following:

Your information:

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Library: _____

Library Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Candidate's information:

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Library: _____

Library Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Award you are applying for: _____

An essay of 200 words or less must accompany this application explaining why the person is deserving of this award. All applications must be postmarked by May 2, 2016. Please forward to:

**East Orange Public Library
Attn: John Guido
21 South Arlington Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018
Phone: 973-266-5600 ext. 5604
Email: jguido@eopl.org**