

# ***NJALA QUARTERLY REVIEW***

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### ***Message from the President***

The preparations for the conference are in full swing. The conference will be on Monday June 11 and Tuesday June 12 at the Enterprise Center in Mount Laurel. If you have not had the opportunity to visit this location now is the time!! As you can tell from your registration form we have Carol Higgins Clark, who will be presenting the keynote speech on Monday morning; be sure not to miss it!

Many thanks to all the committee members for working so hard on this year's conference. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, [kfalco@oceancountylibrary.org](mailto:kfalco@oceancountylibrary.org). Registration forms and all information on workshops are available on our website at [www.njala.org](http://www.njala.org).

At our annual meeting we do the traditional handing over of the gavel. I thank everyone for this opportunity to serve NJALA and all of its members. It has been a true learning experience for me. I have a newer respect and understanding of the importance of this organization and the people it serves. This organization is driven by its membership, and we are all important to the future of NJALA. The conferences are an opportunity for all members to come together, share information, and network.. It is such a great time to see all of the people that I have spoken with during the registration process and to put faces to your names. Thanks for making my time with NJALA such a pleasurable one.

Kathy Falco  
Ocean County Library

### **Kids Rule**

The Atlantic City Free Public Library is constantly upgrading its website [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org) in an attempt to provide the community with the information that it wants and needs and to offer it in a way that is convenient.

The library is striving to do the same for the children and has developed a new kids web page, which is available by visiting the library site or by going directly to [www.atlanticcitykids.org](http://www.atlanticcitykids.org).

Visitors to the kids' site will find a wide range of choices. Stories about upcoming programs and events will be a prominent part of the site.

There is information about Internet safety, the library catalog, interesting web sites and databases that can assist with homework, animated and electronic picture books, and games.

Constance Swanson  
Atlantic City Free Public Library

### **In Memoriam**

Donald A. Sullivan of Manchester died recently. He was active in a number of organizations including the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the American-Irish Club.

Donald was married to Barbara Kolb Sullivan for fifty years. Barbara was an early, active member of NJALA until she retired from the Woodbridge Library.

# **RITA L. HILBERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2007**

The NJALA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce our annual scholarship award of \$250.00 for the 2007-2008 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](mailto:jguido@eopl.org)

All applications must be postmarked by May 4, 2007.

# RITA L. HILBERT 2007 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 a candidate 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 May 4, 2007; send them to:

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

## Letter from Your Ever Lovin' Editor

I recently received an e-mail from a new member volunteering to research and write articles for the *NJALA Quarterly Review*, if I would give her topics I would like covered. Can you imagine how thrilled I was to receive that message... Kathy Falco, our outgoing—in more ways than one (She is such a ray of sunshine!), president read the message and asked me what I thought. I think I would love to clone this person.

Over the years we have had so many good contributions to our publication including news about special events at libraries, building construction joys and woes, book reviews, travelogs, reports from other library conferences, hobbies, volunteer jobs and events, celebrations, memorials, poetry, prose, and original cartoons. Ocean County Library used to send many press releases for inclusion; now their neighbor to the south—Atlantic City Free Public Library keeps us up to date with what is going on in their neck of the shore.

You have probably guessed it: This is another plea for you to send me some information to share. As I have said before, if you don't like to write just send the facts, and I will write the article. I, for one, would love to hear what is going on in your library—the joy of victory or the agony of defeat... Do you have a seemingly unsolvable problem? Maybe you and your library co-workers are not the only ones to have gone through this trial, AND maybe someone else has found a way to fix it. Do you have a fabulous idea for a fund raiser? Let us know; we'd like to make money too.

If you can't think of anything interesting about your library or your life in or outside of your library please consider the following:

### Laudits and Plaudits:

Is there anything you or a co-worker has done to be proud of? If you've got something to crow about, this is your chance!

The Exchange Corner:

Share any ideas you have for time-saving, money stretching, juggling home and work, etc., etc., etc.

### Humorous Happenings:

Go ahead, make our day. Daily encounters with patrons usually contain humor of some sort.

### Looking Ahead:

Do you have any upcoming events or seminars, work related or not. Some of us might like to come to your belly dancing workshop.

### The Network:

Are there any job opportunities for library assistants at your library?

### Something on Your Mind:

We would love to hear from you.

### Poetry, Very Short Stories, Drawing:

If you are creative we want to know about it.

**DEADLINE**  
for the next  
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is July 9, 2007.

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

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