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## May 13th Liaison Meeting "Best of the Best"

Wednesday, May 13th NBSLS hosted its annual award ceremony. The Administrator and School Librarian of the Year awards were presented. New York State Regent Roger Tilles spoke to the group. The new options in NOVELny were previewed. School Librarians had the time to discuss and preview these no-cost resources and then participate in a discussion of additional online databases as curriculum support.

### **Cynthia LaPier is the NBSLS Administrator of the Year**

**2009.** Her title is Chief Information Officer for the Plainedge School District. The school librarians believe her support of their program is based on the fact that Ms. LaPier has worked as a school librarian, so "understands all the responsibilities and tasks thrust upon the librarian. She understands the critical role that libraries play in the education system, she gets it 110%." In her administrative position she has assisted in providing the latest technology both hardware and software to provide students and faculty with the resources needed to enhance learning and develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.



Cynthia LaPier (center), Administrators & Librarians of Plainedge UFSD; Regent Roger Tilles and eva efron, Supervisor NBSLS

### **Pat Minikel is the NBSLS School Librarian of the Year.**



Pat Minikel (center), Administrators & Librarians of Jericho UFSD; Regent Roger Tilles and eva efron, Supervisor NBSLS

She is the school librarian at the Jericho Middle School, Jericho UFSD. "She continually collaborates with teachers in all departments to develop outstanding projects and lessons that result in students' deeper understanding of the subject matter, an appreciation of the research process, and respect for intellectual property." Pat Minikel loves nothing better than engaging students and teachers in personal conversations about books.

*Both of these individuals are well respected educators by their peers in their district and around Nassau County.*



*Cynthia LaPier*

**Congratulations to our Winners!!**



*Pat Minikel*



## NBSLS Planning Meeting

I encourage you to attend the June 15<sup>th</sup> Library Services Planning meeting. Your ideas, concerns, and thoughts are needed to finalize plans for the 2009-2010 school year. What is your goal for your program? How can NBSLS provide information and professional development to support your needs? What can you suggest for Liaison meeting themes and speakers? What workshops would you attend? Are you interested in online learning? Are you able to attend sessions during the school day or at the end of the work day? What about Superintendent's Conference Day workshops? Or would you consider a summer session? Do you have a suggestion not yet considered? I encourage you to attend to participate in the discussion about options for the 2009-2010 school year. The meeting will be held at One Merrick, Westbury; Conference Room 1 starting at 3:30. See you there!

## **The Regulations:**

**“procedures for an annual evaluation by participants of programs and services, for an annual report to members and other appropriate groups on system programs and activities, and a description of how the results of the annual evaluation will be used to plan future programs and services”**

According to the Commissioner’s Regulations it is the responsibility of NBSLS to request an annual evaluation of the participants and then to share the results with the members. These results are to be used to plan future programs and services. NBSLS has included a questionnaire about the services provided in the June member mailing. Please take a few minutes to complete the form. In addition the summary of activities and events for the 2008-2009 school year are detailed below. Check the information. Share (and advocate) this information with the decision makers in your district; let them know the quality activities provided by school libraries.



## **NASSAU BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM SERVICES SUMMARY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008 -2009**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

School library systems are funded by the New York State Legislature, under the Library Omnibus Bill, along with the public library systems, academic, and special libraries. A NOVEL-Ready Library initiative encourages school districts to provide electronic access, within the school’s walls and beyond, to information resources.

<b>PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>				<b>PRIVATE SCHOOLS</b>	<b>LIBRARIANS</b>
311*				63	399
<b>EL</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>JrHS</b>	<b>Jr/Sr HS</b>	<b>HS</b>	
208	37	11	11	44	

\*Comprised of all 56 public school districts in Nassau County.

School Library System Council meets five times per school year. Members include: Lise Mayer, Syosset CSD, *Chairperson*; Dr. Bea Baaden, Palmer School of Library & Information Science; Teresa Bolz, Valley Stream #13 UFSD, *Secretary*; Sr. Joanne Callahan, Superintendent, Diocese of Rockville Centre; Linda Caniano, Sewanhaka CHSD; Deirdre Heiz, East Meadow UFSD; Karolle Kimmel, Lawrence Woodmere Academy; Sheila LaLima, Wantagh UFSD; Min Liu, L.I. Library Resources Council; Renee McGrath, NLS; Paula Pisano, Nassau BOCES CIT; Victoria Puccio, West Hempstead UFSD; Jean Reilly, Hempstead UFSD; Judy Shaughnessy, Mineola UFSD; Shari Stack, Bellmore-Merrick CHSD; Angela Twist, Portledge School; Carl Vitevitch (NBSLS/non-voting member).

### **SERVICES OF THE NASSAU BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM INCLUDE:**

1. The automation CoSer is now at 40 districts, 185 sites use Follett and Mandarin automation software.
2. The online database CoSer is now at 46 districts and the number of databases offered is at 295.
3. The NBSLS Professional Collection presently contains 1,465 titles.



4. Two member schools already established as EDLs received NOVEL-Ready Library certificates for upgrading to the next level in the initiative [State initiative changed name from EDL Library to NOVEL -Ready Library. Both awards were presented at the May 13, 2009 liaison meeting. The total NOVEL-Ready Libraries in NBSLS is 250.
5. Network Enriching Teaching -Cluster Groups  
NBSLS supports continuation of a peer support initiative for school library media specialists. More than 45 librarians meet in clusters after school to discuss library services. Two NBSLS school library media specialists served as facilitators; Patricia McGivney, North Shore CSD; and Carol Sefick, Levittown UFSD.
6. Presentations of workshops and/or staff development sessions included:
  - 10/14/08 Mandarin User Group Meeting
  - 10/15/08 Mandarin User Group Meeting
  - 10/15/08 Mandarin Lunch & Learn
  - 10/23/08 NBSLS Liaison Meeting: “Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner: Ready! Set! Action! Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gail Dickinson. All day meeting with small group interactions in the afternoon
  - 10/30/08 Follett User Group Meeting
  - 11/6/08 Book Discussion Group(15 hour workshop) “Book Discussion Course “For The Love Of Reading”
  - 1/07/09 Follett User Group Meeting
  - 1/13/09 Mandarin User Group Meeting
  - 1/14/09 Mandarin User Group Meeting
  - 3/04/09 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills: Technology Integration – Demonstrations from school librarians: Marilyn Abramowitz, Mineola UFSD, Marilyn Allen, Herricks UFSD; Teresa Bolz, Valley Stream #13; Linda Caniano, Sewanhaka CHSD; Janice Friedman, Uniondale UFSD; Lidia Horyn, Farmingdale UFSD; Sheila LaLima, Wantagh UFSD; Laurie Martucci-Walsh, Massapequa UFSD; Barbara Mierlak, Locust Valley CSD; Shari Stack, Bellmore-Merrick CHSD; Angela Twist, The Portledge School; Pat Ulmschneider, Holy Trinity HS. Video Streaming in your school library – Laura Benin, Nassau BOCES; Video Conf.: The Many Uses- Dina Maggiacomo, Nassau BOCES
  - 5/13/09 The Best of the Best –Keynote: Regent Roger B. Tilles, NY SED Nassau County, Suffolk County. Awards: Administrator of the Year – Cynthia LaPier, Chief Information Officer, Plainedge UFSD. School Librarian of the Year, Pat Minikel, Jericho UFSD. Afternoon: “Re-thinking Your Online Database Resources.
  - 5/19/09 Follett User Group
  - 5/20/08 Mandarin User Group
  - 5/21/09 Mandarin User Group
  - 6/15/09 System Planning Meeting

## Professional Associations

**AASL**  
[www.ala.org/](http://www.ala.org/)

**SLMS**  
[www.nyla.org/](http://www.nyla.org/)

**LISMA**  
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