

ENYSLMA PROGRAM

Ban the Winter Blues!!!



Janet Hutchison, Open Door Bookstore
Independent bookstore owner and former librarian!
Janet will be sharing the best of new publications for children
and young adults.

Saturday, March 10th

Brunch

Longfellows, Saratoga Springs

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15.00 for members \$20.00 for nonmembers

Make Saturday a librarians' delight by continuing to Scotia Glenville High School to hear author Jodi Picoult speak at 1:00.

Directions to Longfellows Restaurant, 500 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY:
See www.mapquest.com for detailed directions



Registration due by Tuesday, February 27th.

Please send your reservation response and check **made payable to ENYSLMA** to Donna Smyth, 4 Homer Ave., Queensbury, NY 12804 by **Tuesday, February 27th.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Questions: please call Cathy Casler at 668-9554 or e-mail cathycasler@yahoo.com



Connections

Winter 2007

NYLA/SLMS NEWS

Please join others in letting Governor Spitzer and your legislators know how valuable YOU and all libraries are! Promote NYLA's Legislative Proposal for 2007 by going to <http://nyla.org> and click on the left-hand sidebar:

Per Kathy Miller, NYLA Legislative Committee Chairperson: "Governor Spitzer in his State of the State message mentioned libraries! Please take a moment to contact the Governor and let him know that our libraries are a part of the solution that can make 'One New York' a reality."

Consider joining NYLA-SLMS Section. First time members pay only \$25.00. This organization is a POWERHOUSE for professional development and advocacy. Go to above web site and click "Member Resources" for more information.

The SLMS Spring Conference 2007 will be held on May 3-5 at the Doubletree Hotel in Syracuse NY. Check out what makes SLMS create such "Powerful Partnerships for Success" by clicking SLMS Section on NYLA web site. As a NYLA/SLMS member, consider applying for the SLMS/Thomson Gale Fellow Conference Award. Winner receives \$450 to attend conference.

Kudos to Jerry Pinckney!!!
He has been chosen the recipient of the 2007 Knickerbocker Award for Juvenile Literature. This award "recognizes a New York State author who has demonstrated, through a body of work, a consistently superior quality which supports the curriculum and the educational goals of New York State schools."

Maggie McCabe
Region IV Coordinator

From Your President

Every two years the ENYSLMA board comes up for reelection and we are currently seeking nominations for the 2007-2009 board members. The slate will be presented at our Spring meeting and approved at the first general fall meeting. Liz Bailey our current VP will assume the position of President and I will be on the board as the Past President. Please e-mail me at zuccarob@sgfallssd.org if you would like to join the board.

Positions and Duties:

President: presides at all meetings, appoints all committees unless otherwise provided for, and exercises all other powers usually pertaining to such office.

VP: assists the President and serve as Program Chair.

Secretary: takes care of all correspondence, keep a record of each meeting and make a report of the preceding meeting for the information of all members present.

Treasurer: maintains a bank account in the name of the association in a local bank and in addition: the treasurer shall receive all dues and assessments collected by the association, keep a complete set of financial records, prepare a financial report for each meeting, and pay all bills approved by the president or executive committee.

SLMS Rep: attends the SLMS board meetings, provides the SLMS VP of Communications with information about our organization and communicates with our affiliate about the SLMS activities.

Newsletter: responsible for compiling, publishing and distributing our newsletter to our members.

Web mistress: maintains the ENYSLMA web site

Representative to our Board from each of our local

BOCES: Capital District, HFM, Questar, WSWHE,

Retired Librarian

Program Committee

Membership (this is a newly created position)

I hope that you will take a moment to consider joining our board and becoming more involved in your profession! I have enjoyed meeting with and learning from my colleagues on the board over the last 4 years that I have served in the capacity of VP and now President, and I can truly say that it has not been overwhelming time wise!!

Barbara Zuccaro
ENYSLMA President

Library Media Specialist at South Glens Falls Senior High

Never Stand Still!

When Ross Todd presented to area school media specialists last May, his focus was on Evidence-Based Practice as it relates to our profession. He shared a quote from Lauren Bacall's biography, *By Myself and Then Some*, where she says,

"Standing still is the fastest way of moving backwards in a rapidly changing world. Imagination is the highest kite one can fly."



In a profession where new technologies are being developed at the speed of light and publishing companies are pumping out children's and young adult titles faster than we can review them, we had better never be found just standing still, resting on past gains.

This spring, we have several collective opportunities to move forward. The **brunch at Longfellow's** on March 10 is a delightful way of staying current with recently published titles and also to enjoy each other's company. **Janet Hutchison, owner of the Open Door Bookstore** in Schenectady, is a wonderful resource for quality new literature. Having worked as a children's librarian, Janet has a complete understanding of our need to keep current within the restraints of shrinking book budgets. Many of us will be taking advantage of author Jodi Picoult's visit on the same day as part of Schenectady County's One County, One Book programming.

The Capital Region BOCES School Library System is engaging in cutting edge work in our field with the Information Fluency Matrix, still in draft form, but with many rich and innovative concepts that can help improve your program RIGHT NOW. See the work in progress at www.crbsls.org. Facilitators Linda Fox and Mary Ratzer are extraordinary and their work on this document is an example of what can be done with great leadership and collaboration from many active and involved SLMS.

Plan to attend one or more of the many professional development opportunities that will be available this spring. Ross Todd is coming back to CRBSLS in May for a one-day seminar. CASDA will offer a day for librarians in March, and the SLMS conference will be just a few hours away this May.

As lifelong learners ourselves, may we never be found standing still. If "imagination is the highest kite one can fly," our profession is a blue-sky horizon filled with kite tails!

Liz Bailey, January 15, 2007



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INSIDE

**SPRING BRUNCH
&
NYC SUMMER TRIP**

In memory of Barbara Sharpely, who served as our Retired Librarian Representative, ENYSLMA generously donated \$100 towards the purchase of books to add to the collection at Albany High School.

The titles chosen include: Keep it Simple Series Guide to Yoga, Yoga for Women, Keep it Simple Series Guide to Cat Care, Caring for Your Cat, and Best Broadway Shows. These titles represent Barbara's love of cats, yoga, and the theater arts. Many thanks to the ENYSLMA board for generously donating this money. These books will be enjoyed for many years by the students and staff of Albany High School.

Elaine Luizzi ~ Secretary

IT'S "CURTAINS" FOR US!!



ENYSLMA Summer Bus Trip

Wednesday, July 25th, 2007

From the creators of *Chicago*, *Cabaret*, and "New York, New York"

Opening on Broadway March, 2007 Starring David Hyde Pierce of *Frasier*

Cost for orchestra seats and bus to NYC: \$ 145.00 (members) and \$150.00 (nonmembers) We need your responses by April 12th!!

Depart Wilton Mall at 7:00am (near Dick's), Crossgates Mall at 7:30am (upper Filene's parking lot), or Exit 20 Park & Ride at 8:00 am. Drop-off will be in the Bryant Park area (42nd St) at about 11AM. We depart NYC at 7:30 so there will be some time for dinner in NY after the show. Return to Exit 20 at 9:30, Crossgates at 10:15 and Wilton at 11:00.

There will be time to tour and shop in the Big Apple!!

Please send payment to Elaine Cowin at 8 Robin Drive, Warrensburg NY 12885
518-504-4035 (home) or 518-932-9434(cell)

Your name _____

Phone # _____ # in your party _____

Address: _____

E-mail _____ I want to be picked-up at _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

There are no refunds unless we have a cancellation and a waiting list!