

# NJALA *QUARTERLY REVIEW*

## A Newsletter for Library Assistants



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### *Message from the President*

**H**appy 2012 to all! I'm sure this is going to be a great year.

The NJALA Conference Planning Committee is hard at work booking presenters for the 2012 Conference. We meet monthly at various libraries throughout the state to pull the conference together. Not only do we accomplish much at these meetings, but we also have the opportunity to network with and get to know colleagues from around New Jersey. If you have been thinking of joining us, I encourage you to take the plunge. I think you will be glad you did.

Mark your calendars. The date of the 2012 conference is June 12, and the location is the same as 2011: The Conference Center at Mercer. There is going to be an outstanding array of classes. We are excited about it and hope you are too.

Pat English from Ocean County Library has taken over the position of webmaster, and we are very grateful. I am also happy to welcome some members who have joined the conference planning committee. They are: Deborah Blackwell of Ocean County, Katy Ells of The College of New Jersey, Lorraine Jenkins of the New Jersey State Library, and Carol Kopp, and Vince Stewart of Cape May County Library. It is wonderful to have new people with fresh ideas working with us.

I am planning to attend the Public Library Association conference in Philadelphia this March. It

should be fun and an enriching experience. I hope to see you there. According to their website: PLA was founded in 1944 and is a member-driven organization that exists to provide a diverse program of communication, publication, advocacy, continuing education, and programming for its members and others interested in the advancement of public library service. Its mission to strengthen public libraries and the communities those libraries serve

The biennial PLA Conference holds a reputation for excellence as the largest conference devoted to public library professionals. The multi-day event offers nearly 200 top-quality education programs, social events that include author luncheons and networking receptions, and a bustling exhibits hall featuring the latest in products and services.



Suzanne Ridzy  
Somerset County Library  
Mary Jacobs Branch



**Make sure you renew your NJALA membership now. See page 3 for the 2012 membership form.**

The directions and application form for the annual Rita R. Hilbert scholarship are printed on page 4 and 5. If you are taking a course in a library-related field please apply for this award.

The NJALA Recognition and Kehnast Awards application is on page 6. Check to see if you would like to recommend someone for one of these awards.

## And Now it's Time for something new and different!

I am so very pleased to announce that as of the spring edition of the *NJALA Quarterly Review* there will be a new editor in charge.

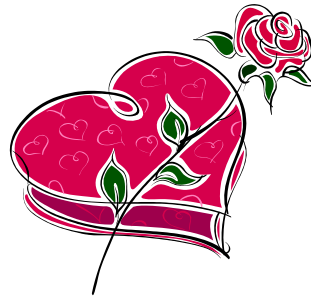
Katy Ells has worked at The College of New Jersey for over 5 years and is the current Library Media Access Services Supervisor.

Katy graduated from TCNJ in 2000 with a Communications degree and immediately began working in the Los Angeles and Manhattan entertainment industry as a live TV production assistant and audio/video post-production engineer. She also holds a certificate in Massage Therapy and is an avid knitter and creative writer.

Katy is the Layout Designer for the TCNJ Library biannual Newsletter and is excited to begin working on the *NJALA Quarterly Review*.

I cannot count the years that I have been involved in creating the *Quarterly Review*, starting out with the *L.A. Times — The Library Assistant's Times*, which evolved into the *NJALA Quarterly Review*. I have loved writing, editing, and proofreading this publication and can now laugh about how I would literally cut and paste the graphics on the pages—I mean I used scissors and glue! There were not so many options back in the good ole days. I will miss doing the work, except for the nagging, but most of all I will miss interacting with so many wonderful, talented members of NJALA. I'm sure you will be pleased with the “new” newsletter under Katy's direction. Please be kind to her, and get your articles in on time!

Annette Tyler  
Morristown & Morris Township Library



February is national “I Love My Library Month.” This year the entire Ocean County Library System will be celebrating.

Marilyn Bass, Volunteer Coordinator, has coordinated the “Have a Heart — Give a Heart” program. Community groups have been invited to decorate their local libraries with hearts that answer the question “I Love My Library, because.....” The groups are responsible for registering at [pr2@theoceancountylibrary.org](mailto:pr2@theoceancountylibrary.org), supplying their own materials, creating their own heart, and delivering their creation to the branches.

Another component is that any individual in the community can just stop by their local branch and fill out a heart “I Love My Library because.....” These hearts will be provided from Printing & Graphics to all locations and will also be sent as a pdf in case more are needed. Customers simply fill out the hearts, and the branch may display them as they like.

We will be promoting this via the New Jersey Library Association, the New Jersey Association of Library Assistants, and the State Library as a really big event - so be creative with how you display your “hearts.”

Branch questions can be answered by Branch Managers, and publicity questions can be sent to Heather Andolsen.

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# NJALA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**JANUARY-DECEMBER 2012**

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

**Heather Rivera  
North End Branch Library  
722 Summer Ave.  
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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Renewal

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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 2012

The NJALA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce our annual scholarship award of \$250.00 for the 2012-2013 academic year. 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 is shown.

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)

There is an application form on the next page, and you will also find one on the NJALA website, [www.njala.org](http://www.njala.org)

All applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2012.

# RITA L. HILBERT 2012 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 receive 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 and Kehnst 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 Kehnst 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 Kehnst, who served as President and Liaison of **NJALA**.

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

### Your information (Please print.):

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)
2. Library name & address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box #)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)
3. Title: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Candidate information (Please print.):

5. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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, 2012**; 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)

## It's A NEW Year

### Oh Where Oh Where Did That Little Book Go?

Those of us who work in libraries are familiar with the recurring patron problem of the library item that went AWOL. We have heard about new and previously undiscovered hiding places where library items have finally turned up. This week at the Mary Jacobs Library we heard the latest one. A patron called to happily report that she had finally found her missing book. Where did she find it? In her hubcap! Yes, I said hubcap. How did it get there? I have no idea but you may be sure my imagination has been working on it.

Do you have an interesting or funny story about a missing item or a strange book mark you found in a library book? If so please send the tale to the *Quarterly Review* editor.

Suzanne Ridzy  
Somerset County Library  
Mary Jacobs Branch

Ed. note: As I told Suzanne, I always look forward to hearing about the next interesting happening or object found at her library. In the past there was a Hershey bar bookmark, King Tut in the book-drop, and, most recently, the visitation of an albino squirrel. Can you top those? Probably not, but if you keep your eyes and ears open I'm sure you'll come up with something to give us a chuckle or at least a pause in our busy day. I will miss printing these gems, but I'm sure Katy, your new editor, will get as much of a kick out of them as I have.

Annette Tyler

The next NJALA Conference and Annual Meeting will be held at the Mercer County Community College on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. The theme of this day will be *Embracing the Changing Needs of Libraries*. Please join our planning meetings, or volunteer to host one.



<u>Conference Planning Meeting Schedule</u>	
January 24	Bordentown Public Library
February 28	Bernards Township Library
March 23	OCL, Toms River
April 19	TBA
May 16	TBA
June 7	Mercer County Community



2012 Conference Co-Chairs are:

Connie Reese  
[creese@theoceancountylibrary.org](mailto:creese@theoceancountylibrary.org)

& Deborah Blackwell  
[dblackwell@theoceancountylibrary.org](mailto:dblackwell@theoceancountylibrary.org)



**DEADLINE**

for the next

***NJALA Quarterly Review***  
**is April 9, 2012**

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

***NJALA Quarterly Review***

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The NJALA website is <http://www.njala.org>