

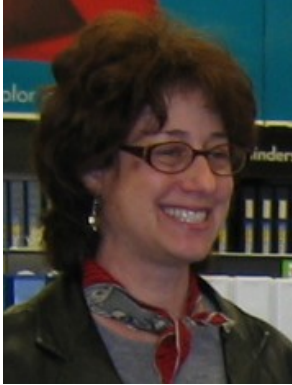
# MLA NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from Beth Miller, MLA President



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**- Beth Miller**

I wanted to share a funny quote, a poignant quote, but instead I share with you a relevant quote:

*"Accept that change is constant, and constant learning is the only reasonable response. Gone are the days (if they ever existed) when everything you need to know about being a librarian could be learned in library school. Learn to thrive on change. Anticipate it, smell it out, and chase after it. If you do this well enough, instead of being the victim of change, you will be its agent. And you will be able to mold change to serve your public better"* Roy Tennant, "Strategies for Keeping Current, *Library Journal*, September 15, 2003.

Are libraries relevant? Are books going to be obsolete? All information can be found on the Internet.

Have you heard this and more before, and will we hear it again? You bet! As librarians we have a self-preserving mission to maintain libraries and

our jobs. But I think and hope that deep down inside we really care about information, sharing a good book, and offering opportunities of growth to those that walk through the doors. But don't forget about those that have not walked through our doors yet... our missions are not over!

The MLA offers programs throughout the year that are significant to our varied users. We offer opportunities to meet with other librarians outside of our current fields. We contribute our information, glow with our successes, and fix our failures with the help of our members. Please take advantage of our programs and impart the information that you have gleaned to your coworkers and friends.

In this month of reflections and new beginnings, plan for your future and include the Monmouth Librarians' Associations programs in your 2006 and 2007 plans.

-Beth Miller

## Join Us for Upcoming MLA Programs 2006 - 2007

- **Successful Programs: How Can We Do That at Our Library?!!!—Wednesday, December 6, 2006**
- **How to Build a Library: New Libraries, Renovating Libraries and/or Additions—Thursday, February 8, 2007**
- **Open House at Ocean Township Library—Thursday, March 29, 2007**
- **Annual MLA Luncheon at The Mill in Spring Lake Heights—Friday, June 15, 2007**

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## Free Programs to Interest Every Librarian

Monmouth Librarians gathered at the Marlboro Branch of the Monmouth County Library on October 17 for an informative program entitled *But What Can I Read Next?: A Guide to Genres for Teens*. Bonnie Kunzel presented *Let's Get Graphic*, a guide to the manga and graphic novels your teens are asking for. Saleena Davis presented *Garden State Book Awards for Teens* and shared information on how to promote this award. Beth Miller presented *Teen Classic Titles* and invited librarians to bring their favorite titles to share with the group.

*Successful Programs: How Can We Do That at Our Library?!!!!* is the next program in the MLA series. It will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 5:30

to 6:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ (732-431-7222.) It will offer a great show and tell discussion of programs that have worked at other libraries. Hear about the trials and tribulations of planning and implementing programs for kids, teens, and adults. Refreshments will be provided highlighting Rule # 1 of successful programs – SERVE FOOD! Please contact Beth Miller (732-531-5092) if you want to share your successes with everyone.

*How to Build a Library: New Libraries, Renovating Libraries and/or Additions* is the third informational program in the 2006-2007 series. Heed those in the throes of building and renovating, professional fund-

raisers, architects and government officials. The program will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at the Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ (732-671-3703).

Our *Annual Open House* will be held at the new Ocean Township Branch of the Monmouth County Library on Thursday March 29, 2007 at 2:30-4:30 p.m. The Library is located at 701 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ (732-531-5092.)



Visit the Ocean Township Branch of the Monmouth County Library at the MLA open house on March 29, 2007.

## Spring Luncheons—Past & Future



Leslie Burger

Monmouth Librarians celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a gala luncheon in grand style. The event was held in the Torchwood Room of Branches Catering in West Long Branch on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 with overwhelming attendance.

Featured at the luncheon was guest speaker, Leslie Burger, ALA president

and Director of the Princeton Public Library. She spoke on her presidential initiative, *Libraries Transform Communities* and discussed how communities are transformed when they offer new service programs, renovations, or new buildings.

Next year's spring luncheon is scheduled for Friday, June

15, 2007. We'll be dining at the scenic landmark restaurant, the Mill Inn at Spring Lake Heights. Members and nonmembers are always welcome to enjoy the meal, mingle, listen to our featured speaker, and meet our scholarship winner. We hope many of you will be able to join us. Remember, it's not too early to mark your calendar!

## Help Wanted: Refer a Scholarship Applicant

Monmouth Librarians are once again pleased to announce that they are offering a \$500 scholarship to encourage a Monmouth County resident to train for a career working in a library. We need the help of our members to get the word out. Do you know a library school student who lives in Monmouth County and is studying to be a librarian or library parapro-

fessional? If so, encourage them to apply for this award, which will be applied to the 2007-2008 academic year.

Interested applicants should send a resume and



cover letter stating their professional goals to Rosalind Reisner, MLA Past President, CJRLC, 4400 Route 9 South, Freehold, NJ 07728

The deadline is February 12, 2007. The Scholarship Committee will make a decision in March. The award presentations will be made at the Monmouth Librarian's Association's Annual Luncheon in June.

## 2006 Scholarship Winner Ragini Chaturvedi Reports on: The Goodness of Online Learning

The educational needs of working adults are different from those of full time students. In today's speedy and mobile society, one's concept of college or university is continually changing. It has drastically changed its form and shape. Today, it extends beyond the campus bound learner and embraces newer methods and processes. In web-based study programs, personal computers and the Internet are the vehicles for communication and computer conferencing software take the shape of the typical classroom.

Online education

represents a learning arena unlike any other technology-based learning. It incorporates the qualities of interactive classroom-based learning while providing individual students the flexibility to participate at their own time and space.

The stimulating active adult learning environment distance learning education programs offer are highly advantageous and convenient. I firmly believe that not many other adult learning opportunities can provide the combination of enriched collaborative learning environments offered by a quality online learn-

ing method with the freedom and flexibility advantages necessary for the success and inclusion of active professionals.

As an online student in the MLIS program at the University of Pittsburgh, I can safely and surely say that any course can be taught online. If I were to count the benefits of my online degree program, I would readily list them as the following:

I receive a high quality online education with efficient ways of getting course materials.

Costs are reduced in relation to education expense and time

taken off from work for courses.

I have great flexibility in scheduling my study times: learning inside and outside working hours.

I have increased my competitive advantage while hands-on-learning and training.

Online education does encourage more independent and active learning. I have the opportunity to link to many resources in a variety of different formats, which are available from any location at any time including the times when most people sleep.

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### **Membership Update**

We now have 101 members!

If you have not yet renewed for 2006-07 please send \$8.00 (payable to Monmouth Librarians) to Connie Paul at the address listed above. Applications are available on the Internet at: [www.cjrlc.org](http://www.cjrlc.org)