

Libraries Moving Forward Adelante las Bibliotecas

President's Message



Happy Spring 2024! We have been busy as bees this year working to restore our non-profit status. Good news! Through the hard work of our current and former board members, and the assistance of PKF O'Connor Davies Accounting, we are on our way to renewed status.

Thanks to our amazing WLA Executive Board: Vice President – Gillian Rothchild, Treasurer – Krishna Brodigan, Past President and current Secretary – Giovanna-Fiorino-Iannace, as well as Past Presidents, Elaine Provenzano and Kathy Palovick, who all worked diligently to get the job done. I am so appreciative of each of them and grateful to be a part of this team.

While we focused on the task at hand, all professional development, programs, and Mid-Winter Conference, and membership were temporarily put on hold. Now we look forward to connecting with you at our **Annual Business Meeting on Friday, June 7th @ 9 am at WLS Headquarters**. Come to network, share ideas, and consider volunteering to serve on the Executive Board or one of our committees. For a small time commitment, there is much to gain and share in talent and skills, plus you'll have fun with your colleagues! **Hope to see you then and at our June 12th Meet and Greet at Harrison Public Library**. Details and registration for both are below.

Finally, I'll leave you with one of my favorite quotes by Maya Angelou "*When you do nothing you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better*"

Renee Rauch

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Friday, June 7th, 2024

9:00 am -12:00 pm

Westchester Library System
570 Taxter Road, #400, Elmsford, NY

HNY Community Conversations unite people from across New York to discuss how communities can endure and connect during this period of our history.

WLA invites you to join us for an engaging discussion facilitated by Krishna Horrigan, MPH Director of Outreach @ WLS, sponsored through a Humanities New York Council Grant received by the Mount Kisco Public Library.

A short specific reading on the topic "Public Health & Democracy" will be provided.

We hope to have an enlightening and stimulating conversation!



[REGISTER](#)



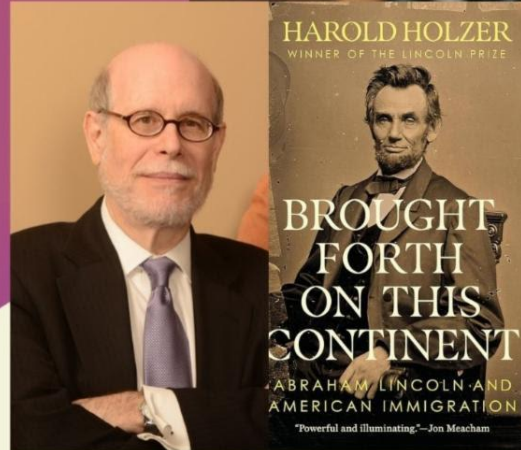
MEET & GREET

Wednesday

June 12, 2024

5:30 pm

HARRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY
2 BRUCE AVENUE
HARRISON, NY 10528



Reconnect with members of the
Westchester Library Association and learn how you
can become more involved!

Join us for a special book talk at 7 pm with author and
Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer who will be discussing his new
book - *Brought Forth on This Continent: Abraham Lincoln
and American Immigration*. A Q&A and Book Signing
will follow.

Admission is free.

Refreshments will be served.

Register by emailing
WLApresidentVP@gmail.com

Bonnie Katz Award

WLA is pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Bonnie Katz Award, named in honor of our Ossining Library colleague who passed away in March of 2021. An avid library supporter, and the 2013 WLA President, Bonnie was an esteemed film buff, passionate baseball fan, pet lover, and photographer. Bonnie took great joy in forging personal connections with library patrons and colleagues alike. She had an outgoing, positive spirit, was easy to talk with, and always ready to take on any challenge. If you would like to nominate someone who exemplifies the same commitment to libraries and our communities as Bonnie, please click [here](#). Nominations should be submitted by June 1st, 2024. The WLA Executive Board will select and announce the award recipient at our Annual Meeting in June.



WLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS POSTPONED



While we focus on preparing for the annual meeting and restarting our membership recruitment efforts, WLA will be postponing the application and selection windows for our annual professional development awards. Updates will be shared in the weeks leading up to and after the annual meeting, as we are still committed to providing financial awards to support continued education and career growth for our members.

In the meantime, you can learn more about WLA's PD awards by visiting: <https://www.westchesterlibraryassociation.org/scholarship-awards/>

Annual Business Meeting 2023 Highlights



Bonnie Katz Award
Recipient
Claudia Pastore




Bonnie Katz Award
Recipient
Frank Godino



Bonnie Katz Award
Recipient
Vicenta Mauri

**Librarianship in the 21st C:
How library schools are moving forward**

Dr. Bea Baaden - Director, Palmer School LIS Program; PhD in Information Studies Program; School Library Program
Dr. James Lowry - Chair, MLS Department, Queens College
Dr. Shari Lee - Assoc. Professor, MLIS Program, St. John's University, Queens Campus

A photograph showing a woman presenting at a conference. She is standing at a podium with a Westchester Library System logo. A large screen behind her displays her image. The audience is seated in front of her, and a sign with 'WESTCHES LIB' is visible.





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