

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
77TH Annual Conference
Friday, May 9, 2014

The 77th Annual Business Meeting of the Westchester Library Association (WLA) was called to order at 8:30 A.M. President Bonnie Katz welcomed all members, vendors, and guests and mentioned that this year's theme is "The Innovative Library: Accommodating Learning Differences."

Katz said she has enjoyed serving WLA as President and highlighted the association's achievements during the past year. A Mid-Winter Conference was held in January at the Westchester Community College. The theme was Distance Learning, and the keynote speaker was *The New York Times* op-ed columnist Joe Nocera who addressed Digital Privacy. Educational Technology Consultant Linda Braun demonstrated Distance Learning via Google Hangout, and Thomas Mackey from SUNY Empire State discussed Online Learning in Academics.

The *Not Just for YA Book Club*, co-chaired by Anne Quick and Z. M. Baird was founded and is sponsored by the Youth Services Section of the Westchester Library Association.

The *Mock Caldecott, Newbery and Printz Awards* program was held in January of 2014.

During the luncheon the *WLA Scholarship Award* was presented to Alexandra Fernandes Hall, a MLS student employed at the Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library. The *Professional Development Award* was awarded to Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella, a librarian at the Katonah Public Library.

The School-Library Cooperation Award was given to Cathleen Sulli, Assistant Director of the Ruth Keeler Memorial Library in North Salem and Cynthia Sandler, librarian at the North Salem Middle/High School for a cooperative video program entitled "Garden Air."

Respectfully submitted by Ann-Marie Cutul