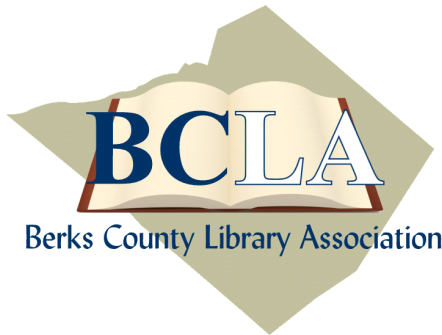


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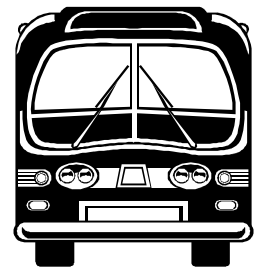


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Fall 2010

New York City Bus Trip

Seats are still available for the New York City Bus Trip on Wednesday, November 3rd. This trip costs \$35 for members & \$42 for non-members. The fee includes the cost of transportation and admission for a tour of the N.Y. Public Library. For more details about this event, email Susan Davis, BCLA Treasurer, at muhlenbergcl@berks.lib.pa.us.



Mark your calendars...Winter Meeting

The Winter Meeting will be hosted by Melanie Solon, Law Librarian, at the Berks County Court of Common Pleas Law Library. Friday, February 18th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Business Meeting and Tour of Library. Refreshments served. Free. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

The BCLA Fall Business Meeting and Workshop will be held Friday, September 24, 2010 at Noon in the Wyomissing Public Library Community Room. For more details about this event, see page 5 of the newsletter.



New Member Spotlight: Mike Najarian

Position: Assistant Director / Systems Administrator, Reading Public Library

Where and when born: Reading Hospital, 1961. On a Wednesday, about 4 in the afternoon.

First job: Working for Little Richard at the Kutztown Folk Festival, poisoning tourists and self </not joke>

Accomplishment I'm proudest of: Restoring a cottage in the woods at the base of the Blue Mt, now my home

When I have spare time, my favorite thing to do is: Ride bike, cook, read.

Dream vacation: Biking around Europe. Nightmare vacation: anything on a cruise ship (imprisoned with hundreds of noisy, overfed, polyester-clad strangers in a confined space? *shudder*)

How I plan to spend my retirement: Haven't given it a thought. It's so far away.

Favorite TV program: Lotsa different stuff on BBC America.

All-time favorite book: Hmm, that's a toughie. Would it be the Stallybrass translation of Grimm's *Teutonic Mythology*? Would it be the AHD [American Heritage Dictionary]? Elizabeth David's *English Bread and Yeast Cookery*, perhaps? As promised, I had bought a whole case of them when it came back in print and handed out copies to friends. Or maybe *Secret History* by Donna Tartt.

The habit I just cannot break: Eating peanut butter. I try not to keep it in the house, but somehow jars keep sneaking in.

The craziest thing I've ever done: Cooking for 200 people for 3 days at one incredible Halloween party, comma, in drag.

Proudest moment of my life: Not married, no kids, never saved anyone from a burning car, I've got nothing dramatic here.

Job I would like to have for one day: Governor (there are so-o-o many people I want to fire)

People may be surprised to know that I: am Barricks Kaundi born and bred, and my mother's side of the family has been here so long that two school districts and one library are named for my ancestors.

Berks County's biggest secret: Its people: they're friendly, helpful, polite, so unlike those in the next county over.

**Berks County Library Association
Spring Meeting
Friday, April 30, 2010
Mifflin Community Library**

Call to Order:

Kristin Brumbach, President, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Kathee Rhode to approve the minutes from the Winter meeting on February 5, 2010 and it was seconded Celia Colby. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Mindy Peters, Treasurer, reported that BCLA is flush with money. The previous balance was \$2,202.39. Deposits included \$233.00 for Winter meeting payments and memberships. Withdrawals included a gift for the Hershey Corporation librarians and the fee for refreshments at the Winter meeting at Hershey Corporation. The ending budget is \$2,202.60.

Committee Reports:

- BCLA Membership
 - o Mindy Peters reported that BCLA has 51 members, including 6 new members for 2010.
- Professional Development
 - o No report.

Old Business:

Colleen Stamm reported that the Nominating Committee found a candidate for the Secretary position which is effective July 1, 2010. The Nominating committee would like to nominate Patricia Lowry for the Secretary position.

New Business:

A motion was made by Celia Colby to elect Patricia Lowry as the Secretary for BCLA. It was seconded by Kim Stahler. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jane Sullivan to elect Susan Davis as the Treasurer for BCLA. It was seconded by Dan LaRue. The motion carried.

Announcements:

Mindy Peters announced that the BCLA professional development grants are available for travel, school expenses, workshops, etc.

Kristin Brumbach stated that Herb Landau's book is available for purchase after the workshop at a discounted rate of \$36.00.

Marcina Wagner announced the plans for a few upcoming BCLA events in the Fall including a workshop with Dr. Harhai from Clarion University and a trip to the NY Public Library. Please email any comments to Marcina at muhlmuw@gmail.com.

Kristin Brumbach thanked everyone for a successful term as President.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Helen Flynn and it was seconded by Jane Sullivan. The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Colleen Stamm

Berks County Library Association
Fall Meeting
September 24, 2010
Wyomissing Public Library

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Professional Development
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. Winter & Spring Meeting
 - b. Adopting a charitable cause
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. NY Trip Bus seats
- IX. Adjournment



BCLA Fall Meeting & Library Workshop

Friday, September 24th
at the Wyomissing Public Library

Lunch & Meeting: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Workshop: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7.00 - Members
\$10.00 - Non-members

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Marilyn Harhai, a Library Science professor at Clarion University. The focus of the workshop will be employee handbooks.

This workshop is sponsored by BCLA & BCPL.

Public Librarians will receive 3 CE credits for attending the workshop.

Name: _____

Library: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please circle ONE of the following lunch options

Sandwich:			OR	Salad:	
Turkey	Ham	Roast Beef		Garden	Caesar
Chicken Salad		Tuna Salad		Cobb	Spinach

Please RSVP no later than September 20, 2010.
Thank you!

Cost: \$7.00 - Members / \$10.00 - Non-members
Includes lunch and the workshop

Please mail a copy of this form with your check
made payable to BCLA. Mail to:

Susan Davis
BCLA Treasurer
Muhlenberg Community Library
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