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2006 New York Library Association Annual Conference

ADDING VALUE: FORMULA FOR THE FUTURE

We hope you enjoyed this year's NYLA Annual Conference in nearby Saratoga Springs on November 1-4, 2006. If you didn't attend this year, consider it for 2007. The annual NYLA conference can be an extraordinary two to four days of compact networking and professional development. It's a great way to make connections with librarians from across the state, hear nationally known keynote speakers, attend continuing education classes, and meet with library vendors.

This year your school library system coordinator and youth services consultants were part of a panel presentation to discuss our successful collaboration practices! It was a chance to share what we've learned with our colleagues from across the state.

Next year's conference will be held in Buffalo from **October 17-20**. In 2008 we will be back in Saratoga.

SCHOOL /LIBRARY COOPERATION



In order for public and school librarians to work together more readily, the Mid-Hudson Library System has set up a web page with links to resources that will foster this collaboration. Check it out at http://midhudson.org/funding/marketing/School_Library_Partnerships.htm.

You should be able to find at least one idea there that you can take on this year! Note the link titled ****Cooperative Activities*, where the results of a national Task Force on School/Library Cooperation has posted much of their findings and maintains the website with some wonderful ideas for cooperation. Also take a look at the various form templates posted there to find one that works for your own situation as you reach out to library colleagues in your community.

FALL INTO BOOKS

The *Fall Into Books* conference held on October 26, 2006 was a HUGE success. We had a total of 160 librarians (including authors and presenters). *Denise Fleming* entertained us with great stories and pictures to take us through the steps of putting together a picture book.

Donna Jo Napoli spoke about her writing process and provided tips for future children's and young adult writers.

 **SAVE THE DATE** for our next *Fall Into Books* conference to be held at the Mt. St. Alphonsus Retreat Center in Esopus, New York on **November 2, 2007**.

(*L to R, back row*) Donna Jo Napoli, Kerstin Cruger, Randy Enos, Danielle Boyea, Rebecca Gerald; (*L to R, front row*) Margaret Keefe & Denise Fleming

