

# Transformations: Embracing Change Friday, April 11, 2008

NYLA YSS Spring Conference  
Registration Form

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 Library or School \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Registration will only be confirmed  
via e-mail

CONFERENCE FEES:

Early Bird Postmarked by March 11	After March 11
YSS/SLMS Member	
\$100	\$110
Non-member	
\$135	\$145

Special	Fee
Past Presidents'	\$40

Make your  
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NYLA YSS

Total Amount Enclosed:

Today's Date:

Our Conference will be held at

## The Melville Marriott Long Island

1350 Old Walt Whitman Road  
Melville, NY 11747

Overnight accommodation can be booked directly  
with the Marriott by calling:

1-800-228-9290 (Toll Free) or  
1-631-423-1600 (Local)  
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www.melvillemarriott.com

The room rate is **\$179 per night**.

This rate will be honored until March 11, 2008

You must request the room code: **NYLNYLA**

Directions to the Melville Marriott are  
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[http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/  
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**WORKSHOP PREFERENCES:**  
(please circle one choice for each time slot)

Session 1	1st choice	A	B	C	D
	2nd choice	A	B	C	D
Session 2	1st choice	E	F	G	H
	2nd choice	E	F	G	H
Session 3	1st choice	I	J	K	L
	2nd choice	I	J	K	L

Send completed registration form and payment to:  
(checks made payable to NYLA YSS)

Renee McGrath / Youth Services Manager  
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## Workshop Sessions

### Session 1 (10:30-11:30)

**A: DIY Juvenile** Learn to dig in and garden with children (and their parents), make ice cream in a flash during a science-literacy program, and see how first time moms create a sense of community for themselves and their babies utilizing the library and its resources. Presenters: Jane Drake and Toni Dean, Patchogue-Medford Library; Deborah Hempe, Middle Country Library; and Anita LaSpina, Rockville Centre Public Library.

**B: Weeding** Are you running out of room? Are your bookshelves jammed? When was the last time anyone weeded your collection? Learn the vital role weeding plays in maintaining a healthy collection. Understand how to develop a weeding program and guidelines for weeding with an emphasis on children's and young adult circulating collections. Presenter: Renee McGrath, Nassau Library System.

**C: Teen Appeal** Join two YA librarians who have found a way to use their own interests and enthusiasm to successfully reach out to the teens in their community. Presenters: Andrew Bollerman, Sachem Public Library and Nola Thacker, Westhampton Free Library.

**D: PR for Youth Services** Gerald Nichols, longtime library administrator and Director of the Palmer Institute for Public Library Organization and Management, will give an overview of public relations and why it is necessary for youth services librarians as well as other library staff. Learn to see PR as an opportunity.

### Session 2 (11:45-12:45)

**E: DIY Young Adult** Join teen services librarians from Suffolk County and learn about their Open Mic Nights, Manga Maniacs Book Discussion, and YuGiOh Programs. Presenters: Brian Cooper, Harborfields Public Library; Martha Mikkleson, Patchogue-Medford Public Library; and Laura Panter, Middle Country Public Library.

**F: Managing/Growing Your Career** Caroline Ward, 2007 ALSC Distinguished Service Award winner, will moderate a panel discussion on maximizing your potential and developing your career in the field of youth librarianship. Panelists: Teri Germano, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library; and Jack H. Martin and Sandra Payne, New York Public Library.

**G: Babies in the Summer Reading Club** Learn about Smart Start, an early literacy program for parents/caregivers of babies and toddlers. Early literacy skills, educational activities, age-appropriate games, and language rich programming will be the focus. Presenter: Deirdre Escoffier, Uniondale Public Library.

**H: Online Summer Reading Program** Libraries have been moving summer reading programs into the future and enticing kids to join in by providing the opportunity for them to register and participate online. Presenters: Karen Balsen, NY State Library Division of Library Development; Sarah Sogigian, Metrowest Massachusetts Regional Library System; Christine McGinty, Bethlehem Public Library; Susan Tychnowicz, Sachem Public Library; and Jacqueline Wrightson, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library.

### Session 3 (2:45-3:45)

**I: SRP Crafts** Four youth services librarians will demonstrate great crafts to tie in with the 2008 Summer Reading Programs, *Catch the Reading Bug* and *Metamorphosis @ Your Library*. Presenters: Rachel Fox, Port Washington Public Library; Andrea Graham, South Country Public Library; Karin Briller, Malverne Public Library; and Katie Fitzsimons, Hampton Bays Public Library.

**J: Extreme Makeover: Teen Room Edition** Wishing for a teen space? Dreaming of a complete renovation? See how YA librarians have done it. Presenter: Erin Schaarschmidt, Port Jefferson Free Library

**K: Nutrition** Learn how to plan and conduct nutrition programs in your library. Cornell Cooperative Extension will be on hand to give you ideas about running healthy and fun food-based programs for children of all ages.

**L: Letterboxing** Letterboxing is a hobby that combines elements of orienteering, art, and puzzle solving. Learn how several intrepid librarians have incorporated it into their libraries. Presenters: Margaret Keefe, Mid-Hudson Library System and Ginny Figlia, Howland Library.

# Special Guest Speakers

## Special Event

Past Presidents' Dinner

“Let Us Entertain You”

Thursday, April 10 at 6pm

Arriving early? All are welcome to join YSS Past Presidents for a delicious dinner at the Rosewood Inn. Come for an evening of camaraderie and fun entertainment by leaders past and present.

The restaurant is a short distance from the Melville Marriott and transportation will be arranged for those who need it.

Price for this great event is \$40.

**Conference Date: Friday, April 11, 2008**

### Quick Conference Schedule

8-9	Registration and light breakfast
9:15-10:15	Morning with Alex Flinn
10:30-11:30	Session I
11:45-12:45	Session II
1-2:30	Lunch with Monica Wellington
2:45-3:45	Session III

For more information or special accommodations, contact:

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**Alex Flinn** loves fairy tales and made her daughters sit through several dozen versions of Beauty and the Beast while she wrote Beastly - then quizzed them on how they thought a beast would meet girls in New York City. She is the author of *Breathing Underwater*, an American Library Association Top 10 Best Book for Young Adults; *Breaking Point*, an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers; and *Nothing to Lose*, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults.



**Monica Wellington** is the author-illustrator of numerous distinctive picture books in her signature bold and brilliantly colorful style. She has been praised by Kirkus Reviews as “an artist whose talent is as sure as her design sense.” Ms. Wellington also teaches a course in writing and illustrating children’s books at the School of Visual Arts.

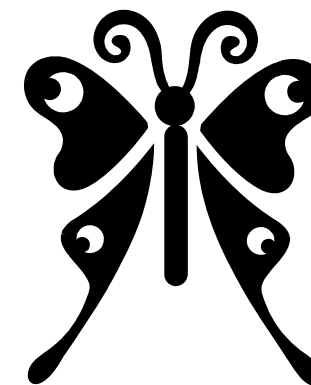
Books will be available for sale throughout the conference. Due to time restraints, our guest speakers will only be able to sign books purchased at the conference.

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