

Welcome to NJLLA 2006-2007

We begin a new NJLLA year. Welcome! It promises to be a good one. The program committee has lined up interesting and worthwhile programs for every month from September to May. The programs are always educational, and manage to offer some “librarian gem” that could be used as a working tool in the profession.

Additionally, the programs offer an excellent opportunity for networking, and for meeting the people who work the New Jersey libraries. The chance for private librarians to mingle with academic and court librarians makes a fine cross section, especially when we need to borrow and learn from each other. The private librarians manage a treasure trove of specialized resources that the academics may not have in their collections. The academics house a hoard of material, especially older material and print sources that space prohibits others from collecting. The court librarians have a link to primary material that is generated by the courts. State librarians offer insight to New Jersey material. Professional librarians who are catalogers or online research experts or other specializations have great expertise in their fields. We can all benefit from the tremendous collective knowledge of this entire group of NJLLA librarians and their staff.

If you did not attend a program last year, you are especially invited to come this year. The NJLLA is a very active chapter and accomplishes so much in the course of the year through the work of various committees. These committees also offer an excellent opportunity for networking. You can still join a committee- it's not too late.

The Board meets regularly and always looks to improve the operation of the chapter in order to answer the current needs of the membership. We welcome ideas and comments. The NJLLA is for all New Jersey librarians. We hope we can help you professionally through the many opportunities offered this year. We hope you can make new friends, and put a face to a name that you may see only on the list-serv. If you know of a law librarian who is not a member, please welcome them to join us this year, or bring them as a guest. We would love to have them!

Our website is our greatest vehicle for communication, and we urge you to check it regularly for NJLLA happenings. Please offer us your written articles for posting on the website, along with pictures and announcements.

I hope this year allows me to meet each member personally. See you in September!

Best regards,

Lucy Rieger, President