

Adult Services Division –2005/2006

The Adult Services Division continued with a programming formula similar to that used the previous year – a roundtable, a local resources panel, a more professionally-oriented workshop, and a year-end author breakfast. This varied approach provides a good mix of local issues and staff involvement on the one hand, and broader, more formal professional development programming on the other. Attendance continues to average around twenty-five people per program, although nearly fifty attended last year's author breakfast. Vice-chair Erica Grodin and chair Fred Sandner again worked closely with other Rockland staff to present several programs.

A reference roundtable, "Reference: Where are we now? Where are we going?" started the season off on December 6 at Finkelstein Library with Erica Grodin (Finkelstein) coordinating. The participating panelists were: Sharon Aperto (Nyack), Delys de Zwaan (Suffern), and Naomi Goldberg Honor (Haverstraw).

Ben Meyers (Nanuet) and Tom Berman (Nyack) coordinated the next program, "Helping Hands: Social Services in Rockland County", another edition in the continuing Rockland's Resources series. The program was held at the Nanuet Library on February 14. Representatives from five Rockland County social services organizations participated.

The April 19 program featured Dr. Mary K. Chelton, professor at Queens College's GSLIS, who talked about Adult Readers Advisory and Young Adult Services. She proved to be a most engaging and motivating speaker. Laura Wolven (FML) and Kevin Edson (FML) followed with a presentation on YA graphic novels. The program was held at the New City Library.

Our year-end meeting and author breakfast will be held at the Suffern Library on June 13. We are very pleased to have as our guest speaker New York Times journalist Alan Feuer, author of *Over There*, an account of his experiences covering the Iraq war. Erica Grodin is the coordinator. As with past author breakfasts, the program is open to the public. A business meeting, mainly to elect officers, is scheduled before the speaker.

Our thanks to the coordinators and participants who made these worthwhile programs possible and to the Rockland County staff who attended and offered their support.

Respectfully,

Fred Sandner
Chair