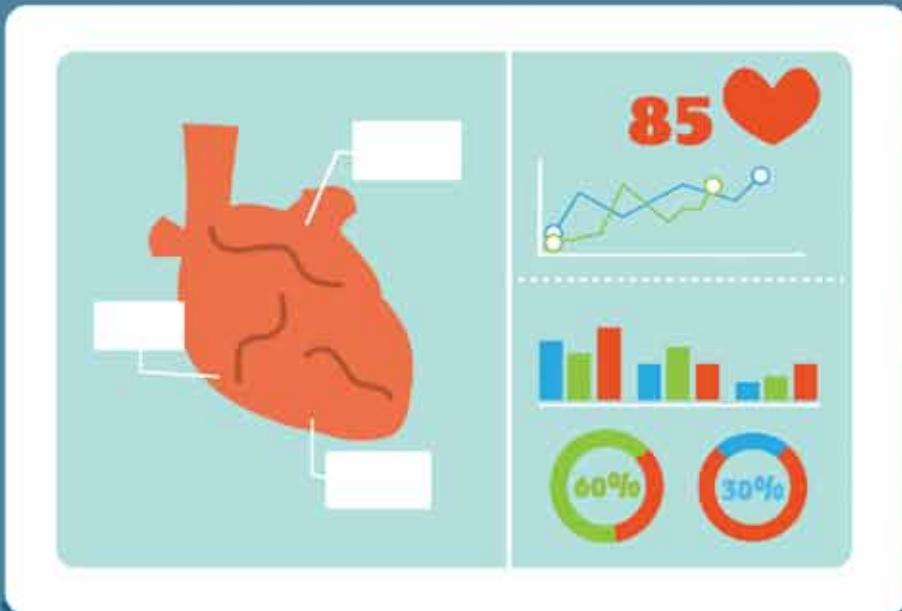


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*Get a Healthy Start
to 2015!*





Welcome to the latest issue of Enrich Your Life!

I want to introduce myself: I started my library career as a children's librarian trainee in Suffolk

County while attending library school at St. John's University. I served customers at the front desk for many years and then managed small and large libraries in Iowa, Connecticut and New York State. After several years as Director of the Buffalo and Erie County Library System, I came to Queens Library because of its reputation as one of the world's best. I'm a working parent, with school-aged daughters, and am also studying for my MBA at St. John's. I understand the personal and professional challenges that many of us experience every day, juggling work life with home life and trying to find a precious few minutes to read and relax.

Queens Library customers have told us repeatedly that they wish the library were open later in the evenings and earlier in the

mornings. I am pleased to let you know that as of January 5, 2015, we will be modifying customer service schedules so every library is open at least two evenings until 8 p.m., and at least two mornings at 10 a.m. Central Library and Flushing Library will maintain their expanded hours (until 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday) and several of our libraries open at 9 a.m. on Monday mornings. We hope that many more people will find it convenient to come to the library.

What's ahead for Queens Library? We want to build on the powerful people, places, partners and programs that are the heart of your Queens Library. We're following our strategic plan to bring you the library of tomorrow, today.

I'm looking forward to a healthy 2015 for everyone in Queens, and to bringing you the best library programs and services to enrich your life.

Bridget Quinn-Carey
Interim President and CEO

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On November 3 (from left) NYC Council Member Peter Koo, NY Sen. Toby Stavisky, Queens Library Interim President and CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey, NY Assembly Member Ron Kim, NY State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and Rep. Grace Meng joined us to celebrate the start of lending free tablets from the Flushing community library.

Queens Library Expands Google Tablet Lending to More Libraries

More community libraries are now part of our free Google Tablet lending program! The tablets were first donated by Google, with the help of **Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo** and the New York Department of State, to help Queens residents recover after Hurricane Sandy. Now, they are benefiting library users Queens-wide.

Borrowing the tablets is free with a valid Queens Library card. The tablets are programmed with special Queens Library software that encourages customers at any level of experience to explore and learn more about using them. They are pre-loaded with educational content and other resources and can download e-books and e-magazines for reading offline.

"Borrowing a tablet can help people who have never had a computerized device in their homes SEE how truly useful they can be, and that they, too, can learn how to use one. Our thanks go to Gov. Cuomo, the New York Department of State and Google for making this possible," says **Queens Library Interim President and CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey**.



Google Tablets can be borrowed from the following libraries:

Arverne	Howard Beach
Bayside	Jackson Heights
Broad Channel	Jamaica
Cambria Heights	Long Island City
Far Rockaway	Peninsula
Flushing	Seaside
Forest Hills	and more libraries coming in 2015!

Borrow a Mobile HotSpot too!

Health Care:



Access to high-quality, low-cost health care is an important need for all Americans. Since October 2013, millions of people have used Healthcare.gov, the federal health insurance marketplace, to sign up for private health plans, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. And over 1 million New Yorkers have used the New York State of Health marketplace.

People who still don't have health insurance can sign up now until February 15, 2015. But making sense of all the different choices can be very tricky, especially if you don't have access to a computer, or if English isn't your first language. Fortunately, the Queens Library is here to help those who want to know more about their health care options.

At the Broadway and Corona community libraries, you and your family can compare health care plans and sign up for coverage, with a certified health insurance navigator ready to help you through the enrollment process. Spanish-speaking navigators will also be present at these libraries.

We are adding more community library locations where you can get help signing up for health insurance, so keep watching our events calendar!

These health care signup programs are an example of the health resources always available at Queens Library. Last year, thousands of our customers used the Consumer Health Resources Center, located on the main floor of the Central Library at Jamaica, where you can speak to our

Medical Librarian; and Queens Library HealthLink, which helps people from all over Queens attend educational programs and address the specific health needs of their communities.

"I have many customers that I have helped and continue to assist in a variety of ways," says our **Medical Librarian Alfredo Piedra**. "Whether it's keeping up and updating my book collection, requesting or responding to interlibrary loans, or direct customer service in person, on the phone or online, I try to provide the most thorough, comprehensive and up-to-date information on a variety of subjects."

While library staff cannot diagnose or give medical advice, they can direct customers to the best and most authoritative information sources. For example, Alfredo recently talked with a regular customer online who wanted to help a friend's daughter suffering from sarcoidosis, an autoimmune disease. He provided her with more information about the disease and several links to specialists and programs, not just in New York but around the country.

"When it comes to their health, Queens Library is a first access information point for many people," says our **Community Health Coordinator Tamara Michel**. "We prepare our library staff to educate our customers and direct them to whatever medical services they may need. We're proud to do what we can to help our community members live healthier lives."

Are You Covered for 2015?



Need Help Signing Up For Health Care?

Certified Health Plan Navigators will be at:

*** Queens Library at Broadway**
40-20 Broadway, Long Island City
Every Monday from **December 15 - February 9**
(except holidays), 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*** Queens Library at Corona**
38-23 104 Street
Every Friday from **December 19 - February 13**
(except holidays), 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*** Navegador de habla hispana está disponible**
(Spanish-speaking Navigator is available)

Financial Health is Important Too!

Job and Business Academy

Your physical health is important — but so is your financial health. Skills like starting a bank account, managing debt and saving for the future are crucial — and often aren't taught in high school or college.

A 2013 Northwestern University study found that young adults with high levels of debt had higher blood pressure and were at greater risk for hypertension and strokes. Trying to do more with less or struggling with out-of-control debt can increase your stress, which can have a terrible effect on your day-to-day life and your long-term health.

At the Central Library's Job Information Center, a financial coach can help you build the skills you need to manage your money and gain stability. One-on-one appointments with a coach can help you review and understand your credit report, deal with debt collectors, find out if you're eligible for public benefits or tax credits, and more.

Free financial coaching is available on Thursdays, by appointment, at the Job Information Center (except holidays) between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., until January 29.

All services are free and confidential. To provide the best service, registration is required. Please call 718-990-8625 for an appointment or visit the Job Information Center at the Central Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica.



Noticias



¡La Salud Financiera es También Importante!

Su salud física es importante — pero también lo es su salud financiera. Habilidades de como iniciar una cuenta bancaria, la gestión de la deuda, y ahorrar para el futuro son cruciales — y, a menudo no se les enseña en la escuela secundaria o la universidad.

Un estudio de la Universidad Northwestern en el 2013 encontró que los adultos jóvenes con altos niveles de deuda tenían presión arterial más alta y estaban en mayor riesgo de hipertensión y accidentes cerebrovasculares. Tratando de hacer más con menos o luchando con deuda fuera de control puede aumentar el estrés, lo que puede tener un efecto terrible en su vida cotidiana y su salud a largo plazo.

En el centro de información de trabajo de la Biblioteca Central, un instructor financiero puede ayudarle a construir las habilidades que necesita para administrar su dinero y ganar estabilidad. Citas individuales con un consejero pueden ayudarle a revisar y entender su informe de crédito, lidiar con los cobradores de deudas, averiguar si usted es elegible para beneficios públicos o créditos de impuestos y mucho más.

Un consejero financiero gratis está disponible el jueves, por cita, en el centro de información de trabajo (excepto feriados) entre 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., hasta el 29 de enero.

Todos los servicios son gratis y confidenciales. Para proporcionar el mejor servicio, se requiere registración. Por favor llame al 718-990-8625 para hacer una cita o visite el centro de información de trabajo en la Biblioteca Central, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica.

Volunteering Makes You Healthy!

Did you know that helping kids with their homework contributes to better health?

The Corporation for National and Community Service, the nation's largest funder for service and volunteering, has compiled a growing body of research that establishes a connection between good health and volunteering.

That research (collected in a report called *The Health Benefits of Volunteering*) concludes that volunteer activities lead to better health and older adults are most likely to "receive physical and mental health benefits from their volunteer activities."

Helping people who need it keeps our community healthy and strong. And at a time when service is increasing among Baby Boomers, Generation X and Millennials, having greater life satisfaction, self-esteem and physical well-being can reinforce a cycle of self-care that can contribute to a stronger quality of life.



To find out more about our current opportunities, call Volunteer Services at 718-480-4313 or email us at volunteer@queenslibrary.org.

For more than 30 years, Queens Library has offered a variety of volunteer opportunities that are conveniently located throughout Queens and provide valued and needed support to local communities year-round.

You can join over 900 men, women and teens serving as volunteers in a variety of roles, such as Library Aide, Homework Helper, Adult Literacy Tutor or Activity Assistant. Opportunities are available for ages 14 and up, and available weekday and Saturday mornings and afternoons during regular library hours. To find out more about our current opportunities, call Volunteer Services at 718-480-4313 or email us at volunteer@queenslibrary.org.

Don't wait...become a volunteer and start feeling better today.



This December, Queens Library will partner with New York Cares as a collection site during its 25th Annual Coat Drive. Until December 31, Queens residents can drop off gently used or brand new winter coats at 59 community libraries throughout the borough.

Warm coats are in great demand during the frigid winter months and will be given to more than 100,000 men, women, children and infants.

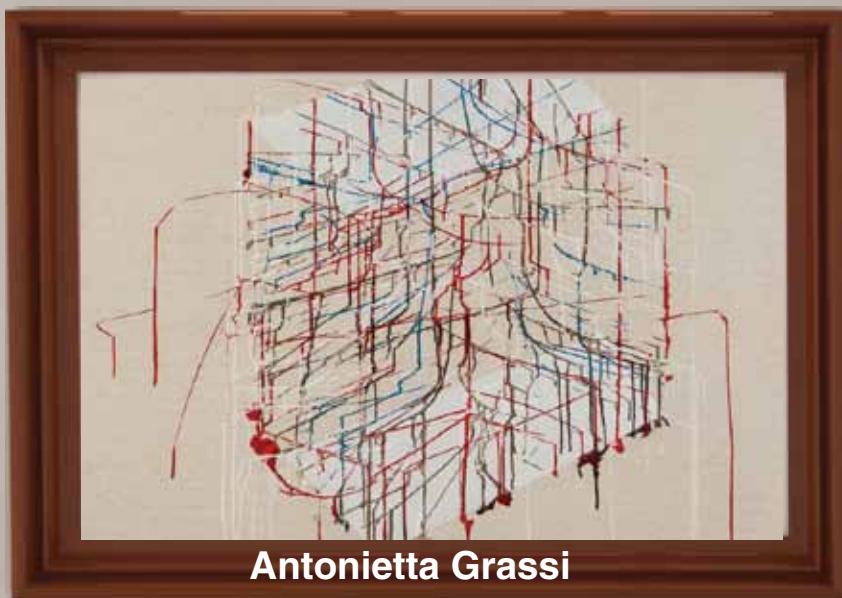
To find a community library near you to drop off a coat, visit the Queens Library website at www.queenslibrary.org.

The Coat Drive isn't the only opportunity to volunteer at Queens Library. "Volunteering takes many forms," says **Scott McLeod, the library's Director of Volunteer Services**. "We offer a variety of ways to get involved. You can be a Book Buddy and read with kids, serve as a Literacy Tutor and help adults improve their reading and writing skills, or bring out your creative side as an Activity Assistant and help with our morning and afternoon clubs."



Queens Library
Partners in the
New York Cares Coat Drive

“The View Over Here” Benefits the Library



“The Disconnect,” 2013, acrylic and ink on canvas, 54” x 48”

Crossing Art, a renowned art gallery in Flushing, partnered with the Library on a recent exhibition, “The View Over Here: Constructing Cultural Identity.”

Local and international artists were asked to submit works that “explore contemporary meanings of identity in our ever-changing global landscape.”

A portion of the proceeds from “The View Over Here” will also help support Queens Library: The International Commons, a new initiative that expands the Library’s programs and services for new Americans and celebrates the rich cultural heritage of all Queens residents.

These three artworks from the exhibition will also be shown at the Queens Library Foundation’s Annual Gala.



“Borderland 1-10,” 2014, watercolor on paper, 12” x 9.75”



Upcoming Events

Special Events



**Mondays through Fridays,
December 15-January 2
(except holidays)**

• Friends and Family Portrait Session

3:00 p.m.

Queens Library at Long Island City
37-44 21 Street

Just in time for the holidays! Our customer-service specialist and in-house photographer will take your portrait in front of a green holiday screen, add a unique background and send it to you through our Gmail account as a special gift from the Library to you! Participants must sign a library photo release to receive their portraits.



December 18

• A Gospel Christmas Concert

6:00 p.m.

Central Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica

Join us for a gospel celebration of traditional and modern Christmas hymns and songs performed by Bishop Dr. Julius Sloane and The Family and Friends Choir.

December 18

**• A Holiday Concert with Songs of Joy
and Healing from Around the World**

6:30 p.m.

Queens Library at Flushing
41-17 Main Street

The Peace of Heart Choir performs a concert of holiday songs and more, sung in English, Spanish, Hebrew, Gaelic, Swahili and other languages.

December 21

**• Celebrate Kwanzaa with
Grace Drums**

2:00 p.m.

Queens Library at Flushing

41-17 Main Street

This ensemble of spirited women of African descent uses West African percussion instruments, music and vocals from African and Caribbean cultures, infusing traditional sounds with rhythm and blues, Afro-Caribbean dance beats and vocal improvisation.

December 27

**• The Haiyun Choir: Christmas
in New York**

1:30 p.m.

Queens Library at Flushing

41-17 Main Street

This concert in celebration of Christmas and New Year's will feature traditional Christmas carols and Chinese folk songs with vocal solos, duets and instrumental music.

December 31

**• New Year's Eve Party for
the Homebound**

7:00 p.m.

Queens Library at Queens Village

It's our 5th year celebrating New Year's together by teleconference! Socialize, chit- chat and have lots of fun via phone. You don't have to be alone this holiday season! First-time callers must preregister at 718-464-0084.



Sundays, January 4-June 7

**• Sunday Concerts at Central:
29th Annual Series**

3:00 p.m.

Central Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica

This series of free concerts on the first Sunday of each month features several kinds of music, including jazz, Afro-Caribbean, Latin and Tahitian. On January 4, the band Hart & Soul will perform classic rock, dance, disco, Motown, country rock and top 40 selections.

Classes & Workshops

Mondays, December 15-January 26

• Skype a Crossword

1:00 p.m.

Queens Library at Queens Village

You don't need to leave your house for this event! Together, you and other people will solve the puzzle using your home computer and Skype. This virtual event is open to all older adults and homebound Mail-a-Book patrons. You will need a computer, a webcam and speakers to play. Preregistration is required by calling 718-464-0084.



Mondays, December 15-June 29

(except holidays)

**• BOOST STEM Computer Skills
and Drills**

4:00 p.m.

Queens Library at Rochdale Village
169-09 137 Avenue

As part of our BOOST (Best Out Of School Time) program, children in Grades 1-6 will learn basic computer skills, including searching for information on the Internet, exploring resources available on the Queens Library website and an introduction to computer coding.

**Thursdays, December 18-January 15
(except holidays)**

• Eat Smart New York

2:30 p.m.

Queens Library at Sunnyside
43-06 Greenpoint Avenue

Using visual aids and hands-on activities, educators from Cornell University Cooperative Extension-NYC will show seniors, families and youths how to make healthier food choices, improve the quality of the food they prepare and use their food dollars wisely.

January 10

• Kaplan Practice SAT

1:30 p.m.

Queens Library at Jackson Heights
35-51 81 Street

It's never too early to get ready for the SAT – and now you can take a practice test, courtesy of Kaplan! Preregistration is required; call 718-899-2500 or visit the library for more information.

New Hours of Service effective January 5, 2015

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Central Library	24/7	9-9	1-9	9-9	9-9	9-7	9-7	12-5
Arverne	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Astoria		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Auburndale		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Baisley Park		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Bay Terrace	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Bayside	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Bellerose	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Briarwood	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Broad Channel	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Broadway	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Cambria Heights	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Corona	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Court Square		11-7	1-6	10-6	11-7	10-6	closed	closed
Douglaston/Little Neck	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
East Elmhurst	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
East Flushing	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Elmhurst		9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Far Rockaway		9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Flushing	24/7	9-9	1-9	9-9	9-9	9-7	9-7	12-5
Forest Hills	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Fresh Meadows	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Glen Oaks	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Glendale		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Hillcrest	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Hollis	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Howard Beach		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Jackson Heights	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Kew Gardens Hills		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Langston Hughes	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Laurelton	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Lefferts	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Lefrak City		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Long Island City	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Maspeth	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
McGoldrick	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Middle Village	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Mitchell-Linden	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
North Forest Park		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
North Hills		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Ozone Park		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Peninsula		9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Pomonok	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Poppenhusen		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Queens Village		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Queensboro Hill	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Rego Park	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Richmond Hill		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Ridgewood	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Rochdale Village	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Rosedale	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
St. Albans	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Seaside	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
South Hollis	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
South Jamaica		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
South Ozone Park		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Steinway		9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Sunnyside	24/7	9-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	10-5:30	closed
Whitestone		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Windsor Park	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Woodhaven	24/7	12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed
Woodside		12-8	1-6	10-6	12-8	10-6	closed	closed



A “proudly born-and-raised Queens writer, poet, curator and arts crusader,” Audrey Dimola reflects the boundless energy and diversity at the heart of her home borough. Dimola organized the first-ever Queens Literary Town Hall at the Queens Council on the Arts; has curated shows for the LaGuardia Performing Arts Center and the Queens Museum; and is the founder of the fireside reading/live writing series Nature of the Muse, which BORO Magazine called “one of the most exciting literary events in the city.”

Dimola has been featured on NY1 and in the New York Daily News and many Queens-based publications, and has performed at venues around the city, including the Brooklyn Museum, the Bowery Poetry Club and at the NYC Poetry Festival. Her newest book, TRAVERSALS, was released on November 3.

As a Queens native, what role did the Library play in your life?

I have such fond memories of Queens Library growing up — walking to the Ravenswood branch with my mom and brother and staying for hours, then lugging bags and bags of books back home. I was so lucky to have my mom instill a great love of reading in me when I was so young.

Tell us about your new book, and your approach to writing.

My approach to writing is always both visceral and mystical — it emerges from a raw feeling of necessity, oftentimes tumbling

An Interview with Queens Art Crusader **AUDREY DIMOLA**

out as if it was rushing in from somewhere else. *TRAVERSALS* is my second collection of poetry and prose — it chronicles what gets left behind and how we honor what we have experienced. Ultimately, it's about trusting the journey and the resiliency of the human heart.

Can you talk about the artistic and literary community here in Queens?

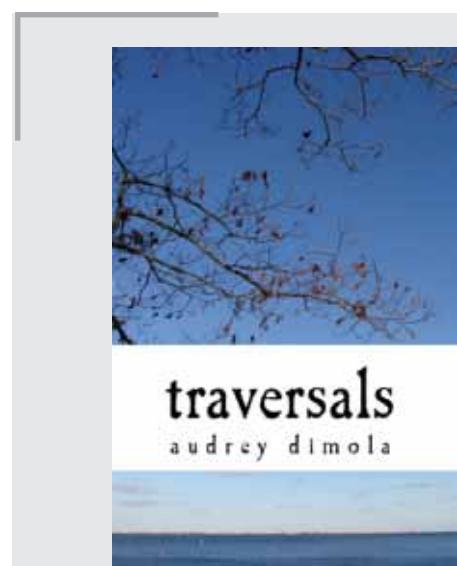
Queens has always had such a vibrant history, no doubt thanks in part to its incredible multiculturalism, but the borough is so widespread that often we are creating culture totally unbeknownst to each other! Thankfully, the change I've seen in recent times is an emphasis on interconnectedness. In the past few years alone, I've seen so much more activity in terms of literary events happening from Jamaica to Kew Gardens. All it takes is people willing to DO IT, to reach out to each other and make it happen.

Can you give other independent authors any advice on how to get their work noticed?

For me, what it comes down to is: don't only think of yourself. Go to readings and open mics but DON'T just go to perform — go to watch and make connections. Being around a community of artists helps you to break out of your own shell — to experience what others are doing and, most importantly, to have SUPPORT. Above all, just be YOU. It's easier than ever nowadays to get your work out there, so come with energy and enthusiasm, and don't be afraid to ask questions or take chances — tweet to a reporter, go up to someone new at an event, send a random email!

What advice do you have for young authors, or writers who are just getting started?

My advice is to trust the process. I've been writing for as long as I can remember, but that doesn't mean it's always been easy. Just recognize the ebb and flow. Don't throw out your pages when you think they're awful, don't let anyone fool you into thinking that you have to write a certain way or know all the "greats," and don't listen to the gatekeepers who keep telling you how, because at the heart of you, YOU know how. Dive into the wealth of literature in the world. Whether you are rejected or accepted to a journal, whether you are performing to a packed house or to a few filled seats — do your best, make it all count, and of course: ENJOY IT.



To learn more about Audrey, you can visit her website at <http://audreydimola.com>.

In this season of giving, we at the Queens Library Foundation want to especially thank and recognize a few outstanding individuals whose gifts have made a real difference to everyone who benefits from Queens Library.



Spotlight On Philanthropy: Individual Donors

THE GIFT THAT GIVES FOREVER:

STUART APPLEBAUM has been a donor since 1999, when he created an endowment in memory of his father, mother and brother. Throughout the years, he has continued to add additional funds to the endowment and to make other gifts to the Library. Recently, when Random House honored him for 40 years of service, they gave a gift to the Children's Library Discovery Center in his honor.

Stuart sees his contributions as "my small way of paying back my bottomless debt of gratitude for the bountiful professional life the Queens libraries helped start me on." Recently, he told *Library Journal*, "I essentially owe my early interest in having a career in book publishing to the [Queens Library]; every week I would visit either the Pomonok or central Jamaica branches to devour each new issue of *Publishers Weekly*."

Stuart's support has helped fund books and programs at the Pomonok Library, collections at our Central Library and the Mail-a-Book program. At the Pomonok Library alone, more than 20 programs for children and teens, benefiting hundreds, are made possible with his gift.

Pomonok Community Library Manager Sharon Banks says, "It has been a real comfort to be able to purchase the most recent encyclopedias and reference materials, and keep our college admissions collection current. We've needed more books! This really helps keep the door to opportunity open for our young people."



NEW DONORS LISA STEINER AND HER COUSIN MAGDA NEMLICH wanted to create a lasting tribute to the memory of their grandmother, Frances Hornick, by celebrating the achievements of women and showing the changes that need to be made to better the lives of girls and women worldwide. They worked with the Queens Library Foundation to create an endowment that will support programs and collections for girls and women of all ages. These will tell the stories of the courage, character and commitment of our grandmothers, mothers, sisters and daughters, help raise recognition, and inspire self-confidence, self-awareness and pride in women and young girls.

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- Sharon Banks
Pomonok Community Library Manager



LOYAL SUPPORTER CONSTANTINE KEREMET, who emigrated from Bulgaria and worked for the Long Island Rail Road until he retired, was a well-loved, very active volunteer at the Sunnyside Community Library — and several other worthy organizations — for many years. Since the very beginning of the Foundation, Constantine has made several very generous gifts; continues to give every year; and also made a bequest to the Library. He was honored as Volunteer of the Year, and received the 2004 Queens Library Award from the Library's Board of Trustees, because of the many ways he has supported the Library over so many years. Constantine is glad that we continue to provide services, such as teaching English, that help new immigrants.

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How does the new Buy-a-Book program work?

- From now until December 31, Friends groups will promote the Buy-A-Book program, raising money to purchase books, DVDs, CDs and other materials for their local libraries.

- Through December 31, the Queens Library Foundation will match any funds raised by a Friends group (minimum total: \$500; maximum total: \$2,500). Matching funds would go towards books/materials as well.
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