

## the disorganized librarian

Friday, September 29, 2006

### Sense & Sensuality BlindArt Exhibit

This exhibit sounds great - I'm going to try to get over to it.

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The Andrew Heiskell Library, Art Education for the Blind and BlindArt (UK) have joined together to bring a very special exhibit and related programs to NYC. The exhibition, titled "Sense & Sensuality," features award-winning multi-sensory artworks on loan by kind permission of BlindArt, a public not-for-profit organization in the United Kingdom (Registered Charity No. 1104980).

It is open Mondays (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.), Thursdays (noon - 7 p.m.), Fridays (noon to 5 p.m.) and Saturdays (1 to 5 p.m.) from October 5 through 30 at the Andrew Heiskell Library, 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011. Admission is free.

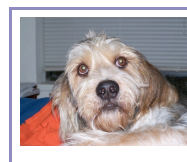
In conjunction with the exhibition, Art Education for the Blind has organized four Wednesday afternoon, 2 to 3:30 p.m. programs; they will be held at the Andrew Heiskell Library and, like the exhibit, are free and open to the public. However, because space is limited, people are asked to pre-register for these events by calling the Library at (212) 206-5400.

The first program, on Wednesday, October 4, features two of the British artists whose works are included in the exhibition: Gary Sargeant and Linda Lieberman. The artists will discuss their work and the inspiration for it.

The October 11 program is titled "Found Objects in Contemporary Art." Participants will take a closer

A meandering journey into the mind of a somewhat disorganized but totally groovy information professional.

### About Me



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To clear up the confusion: Fred is one of our dogs. He has his own blog (Fred's World) and I allowed him top billing because I am trying to bolster his self-esteem. With Love, Elizabeth the Librarian

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look at tactile textures in the exhibition, followed by a workshop in which they can create their own tactile collage.

The October 18 program is titled "Braille Rail and Design Objects." Conducted by staff from the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), it will explore modern and contemporary design objects.

The October 25 program, "Real and Imaginary in Art," will explore Jon Williams' "Large Bowl of Strange Fruit" (one of the artworks on display) and then those attending will be invited to create their own strange fruit. This workshop will be led by Pamela Lawton, an educator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

posted by Fred @ [9/29/2006 08:50:00 AM](#)

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Tuesday, September 26, 2006

## I'm crazy busy, so here's something for you to ponder

The Mallomar - giant cookie or tiny candy bar?

Discuss.



"Mallomar" by Bonnie Case, 2003  
Oil on board

posted by Fred @ [9/26/2006 11:41:00 AM](#)

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Thursday, September 21, 2006

## Library Services for the Homeless

Article from *ALA Direct*:

### Homeless Patrons Win in Worcester

The Worcester (Mass.) Public Library board of directors decided September 12 to permit homeless patrons who receive mail at a shelter or elsewhere to check out as many books as any other patrons.

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## Books I've Discussed or Will Discuss with Book Groups

[Motherless Brooklyn](#)  
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## My Nintendo DS Games Collection

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[Metro Prime Pinball](#)  
[Retro Atari Classics](#)

The decision followed a class action **lawsuit** filed in July by the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts (LACCM) and the American Civil Liberties Union, charging that the library's borrowing policies were unfairly restricting access for residents who live in homeless shelters.

The Worcester Telegram and Gazette reported September 14 that board President Jay Scully said in a prepared statement, "We reviewed our borrowing policy and made several refinements to ensure fairness while maintaining our fiduciary responsibilities to the taxpayers of Worcester." The library's policy had been based on the determination that patrons without addresses or with addresses at shelters accounted for a substantial percentage of books never returned.

LACCM Executive Director Jonathan Mannina told the newspaper that "the library has taken a positive step in response to the lawsuit, but we're still in ongoing negotiations." Earlier in the week, both sides in the suit asked the U.S. District Court to postpone a scheduling conference from September to October in order to continue discussions that could resolve the suit.

Worcester Head Librarian Penelope Johnson said in the Telegram and Gazette that everyone who has a library card will be treated equally; they can take out two items during their first visit and up to 50 thereafter. Homeless patrons or patrons living in shelters will be mailed a postcard, which they can bring back with them to the library as proof that they can receive mail.

Posted September 15, 2006.

posted by Fred @ **9/21/2006 03:40:00 PM**

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**Tuesday, September 19, 2006**

## **Serving Patrons with Learning Differences**



*I heard Nina and Lisa speak at PLA Boston and they were fantastic. I'm so glad we'll be able to bring them to Nassau in October. Send in your RSVP now!*

**Animal Crossing: Wild World**

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To the left, a montage of some well-known people with dyslexia.

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*Nassau Library System Outreach Services invites you to*

***Awareness and Inclusion: Serving Library Patrons with Learning Differences***

People with Learning Disabilities make up an estimated 17 to 20% of the general population. This dynamic and interactive training will help increase your awareness of Learning Disabilities, their manifestations, the barriers the library offers, and how to accommodate LD through universal design - the creation of environments, policies and practices that not only accommodate people with disabilities but also help the general population. Dr. Nina Ghiselli and Ms. Lisa Stringer will also talk about their own experiences as adults with Learning Disabilities, adding a personal perspective.

**Date:** Thursday, October 5, 2006

**Time:** 9:30am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 4:00pm (choose one)

**Place:** Nassau Library System / Andrew Geddes Meeting Room

**Speakers:** NINA GHISELLI, Psy.D., Director and Coordinator of Disability Services at Alliant International University in California

LISA STRINGER, Director of The Skills Center, an alternative school

**This program is presented as part of Access for All, an LSTA grant awarded to NLS by the New York State Library.**

To register, please email [workshops@nassaulibrary.org](mailto:workshops@nassaulibrary.org) with "LD" in the subject line.

Please RSVP by Monday, September 25, 2006  
CEUs will be offered. Refreshments will be served.

posted by Fred @ 9/19/2006 09:46:00 AM

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Thursday, September 14, 2006

## I Love Invitations

I'm sorry I haven't blogged much this week. They've really kept us hopping during this training. The good news is that you guys will be treated to three sessions (choose one) on reaching out to Spanish-speakers that I will present for you as a result of this training. We'll send out a flyer as soon as possible.

Just a reminder: if you have something interesting going on in your library related to outreach, let me know and I'll try to stop by. For example, one of our librarians is running Conversation Circles. I'm going to try to attend at least one session.

So, in summary: is something great happening at your Nassau public library? Let me know!

posted by Fred @ 9/14/2006 07:53:00 AM

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Monday, September 11, 2006

## Librarians Love Chocolate

I'm back from this evening's group dinner and my Internet access is all set up!

We have a great group of folks from several states and I think we're going to have a great time during the training. It's clear that everyone loves their job, but no one is too creepily serious.

So what did we discuss over dinner? There were a lot of us, so I can't report on all of the topics that were covered, but in my corner of the universe, we discussed some of the topics that are near and dear to the hearts of librarians everywhere:

- 1) Libraries (of course)
- 2) The use of cell phones in libraries
- 3) Education
- 4) Shopping
- 5) CHOCOLATE!

The last being the most important, of course. I mentioned the **New York Chocolate Show**, and one

lovely woman from Ohio, Kathy, thought it might be good for an informal staff trip. Traveling to NYC for chocolate - now there's dedication!

Just in case you have trouble with that link, let me spell it out for you:

[www.chocolateshow.com](http://www.chocolateshow.com)

City Bakery also has a [hot chocolate festival](http://www.hot-chocolate-festival.com) in February - a different hot chocolate every day!

[www.hot-chocolate-festival.com](http://www.hot-chocolate-festival.com)

With Love,

Elizabeth the Librarian

posted by Fred @ [9/11/2006 10:59:00 PM](#)

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## Librarian Fashion Update



I saw a kid wearing these at the Teen Summit and I had to have a pair (photo by me). They are "Ed Hardy" shoes.

posted by Fred @ [9/11/2006 10:42:00 AM](#)

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## Bon Voyage to Me

The WebJunction / Gates training for the Spanish Language Outreach Program takes place this week in Albany, so that is where I will be. I am supposed to have access to the internet, but you never know if it really will work. So, I'll try to post while I'm there, but if I don't, please know that I am thinking of you, my lovely fans.

posted by Fred @ [9/11/2006 10:33:00 AM](#)

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Friday, September 08, 2006

## A Million Little Refunds

When I heard that people wanted refunds for *A Million Little Pieces*, I thought they were wacked. Well, I guess the wacked shall inherit the earth - this is from *The New York Times*:

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**James Frey and His Publisher Settle Suit Over Lies**  
**/ by Motoko Rich**

James Frey, the author who admitted making up portions of his best-selling memoir, "A Million Little Pieces," and his publisher, Random House, have agreed in principle on a settlement with readers who filed lawsuits claiming they had been defrauded.

Neither Mr. Frey nor Random House are admitting any wrongdoing, but consumers who bought the book on or before Jan. 26 - when both the publisher and author released statements acknowledging that Mr. Frey had altered certain facts - will be eligible for a full refund, said a person familiar with the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the settlement still has to be approved by a judge.

The agreement to settle the lawsuits was first reported on Tuesday by [Radaronline.com](http://radaronline.com).

Readers in several states, including New York, California and Illinois, filed lawsuits saying that Mr. Frey and the publisher had defrauded them by selling the book as a memoir rather than as a work of fiction.

In June the cases were consolidated to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Under the terms of the agreement, which has been accepted by 10 of the 12 plaintiffs who are part of the consolidated case, both Mr. Frey and Random House will pay out no more than a total of \$2.35 million, which includes the cost of refunding customers, lawyers' fees for both sides and a yet-to-be-specified donation to charity.

To claim a refund, readers who bought a copy of the book on or before Jan. 26 must submit proof of purchase. This will not be limited to a dated receipt however: hardcover buyers, who are entitled to a \$23.95 refund, must submit page 163 (chosen at random, according to the source

familiar with the negotiations); paperback buyers (entitled to \$14.95) must send in the front cover of the book; those who bought the audio book (\$34.95) will have to send in a piece of the packaging, and those who bought the e-book, at \$9.95 apiece, must send in some proof of purchase.

People making a claim will also have to submit a sworn statement that they would not have bought the book if they knew that certain facts had been embroidered or changed.

Mr. Frey declined to comment. But his lawyer, Derek Meyer, said, "We worked with Random House on whether to resolve these lawsuits and the desire to move on became a powerful incentive to resolve what are otherwise very weak cases."

Thomas Pakenas, a lawyer representing one of the plaintiffs, Pilar More, a reader from Chicago, said he and his client were satisfied with the agreement. "All she was ever seeking was a refund of the book and clarification about whether it was fiction or nonfiction."

*Correction: Sept. 8, 2006*

*An article in The Arts yesterday about an agreement to settle lawsuits filed by readers after James Frey admitted that he had made up parts of his memoir "A Million Little Pieces" omitted credit for the Web site that first reported the agreement on Tuesday. It was Radaronline.com.*

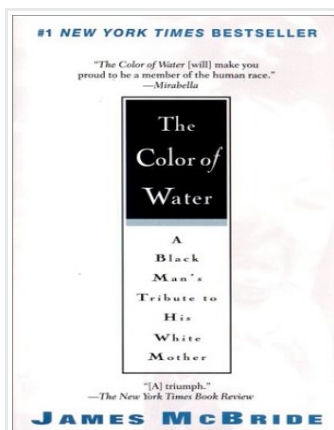
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Tuesday, September 05, 2006

## Long Island Reads

Breaking News from the Long Island Reads Committee! We've made our pick for 2007. It will be ***The Color of Water*** by James McBride! Long Island Reads is an Island-wide reading program that takes place each April, with many book discussions taking place during National Library Week (April 15-21, 2007).



Remember, you heard it here first!

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Friday, September 01, 2006

## Ethnic Services Roundtable Meeting Reminder

Good morning to all two of you who are at work today! I feel your pain.

Just a reminder: The New York Library Association's Ethnic Services Roundtable, of which I am vice-president / president elect, will meet on **Friday, September 8th** at the **Port Washington Public Library**.

We'll begin at 10 am with a business meeting, followed by a couple of presentations by Port staff about their services for different ethnic groups. We will then take a tour of the library.

After the meeting proper, those who attend are invited to join us for lunch at **Ayhan's Shish Kebab**.

The meeting is free, and you don't need to be a member of ESRT to attend, but you will need to pay for lunch.

This is a great opportunity to meet other library staff members from the metropolitan area who are interested in services for multicultural / multiethnic groups!

If you are planning to attend, please contact me at [eolesh@nassaulibrary.org](mailto:eolesh@nassaulibrary.org) or call (516) 2929-8920 x237 by Wednesday, September 6th. Please let me know if you are planning to stay for lunch because I need to call the restaurant.

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