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Much Support for the Love of Literacy at Mill Neck Manor House

Book lovers of various ages recently visited the historic Mill Neck Manor House, the venue for a free book fair and puppet show hosted by the Mill Neck Family of Organizations. The afternoon event was sponsored by the Long Island Authors Group (LIAG). In addition to encouraging and supporting local writers through promotional efforts and workshops, the group is frequently involved in events such as the Mill Neck book fair.

Twenty LIAG authors were present at the book fair, each one donating not only their time, but signed copies of their books for raffle prizes. LIAG also graciously provided the specially-themed puppet show about the development of language, which was created and performed by the very talented Dreamlike Puppet Company.

All proceeds from this cultural and creative event go toward The Literacy Collaborative at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, one of the academic programs at the Deaf Education Center (DEC). The Literacy Collaborative, consisting of intensive in-class instruction and consistent parental involvement, has helped Mill Neck students make remarkable progress toward achieving the same level of literacy as their hearing peers.

The Mill Neck Family is very grateful to everyone who helped make this event possible, including the following LIAG authors who participated: Dr. Loraine Alderman; Ralph Brady; Louise Caiola; Vincent Casale; Anne Coltman; Adrienne Falzon; Linda Marie Frank; Natasha Guruleva; Meg Harper-Lawrence; Sandy Lanton; Karen Levine; Dorothy McPartland; Holly Patrone; Gene Rackovitch; Jeff Rimland; Jim Ryan; Ron Scott; Lois W. Stern; Frank Tassielli and Sharyne Wolfe, as well as author Russ Kane. Many thanks go out to DEC Principal Katie Kerzner and Nancy Laurice, speech therapist at the DEC for overseeing the children's craft area;

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to Sea Cliff artist Dimitry Schidlovsky and HIT Entertainment for their generous donations of raffle items and Gooseberry Grove in Oyster Bay for providing the hot dog and refreshment carts. The Mill Neck Family also appreciates the visitors who stopped by. Through your support that day, you've helped ensure a future generation of aspiring readers and writers.

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special needs, through excellence in individually-designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services. For more information, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

Photo Captions:

1. LIAG authors Ralph Brady, Sharyne Wolfe, Lois W. Stern and Frank Tassielli.
2. Dorothy McPartland, author and illustrator, is also the current LIAG President.
3. Author and filmmaker Natasha Guruleva, creator of the *Mushroomland* series, stories that celebrate the world of nature.
4. At the children's craft table, LIAG author Linda Marie Frank (center) with Nancy Laurice, speech therapist at Mill Neck Manor's Deaf Education Center and Principal Katie Kerzner.
5. At the Mill Neck Book Fair, some young visitors enjoy a close-up with a Dreamlike Puppet.

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