

# New York Public Library Retirees Association Newsletter

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## USA PATRIOTS ACT PROGRAM

Our Association President, Juanita Doares, could not have found two more enthusiastic advocates of civil liberties to speak at our March 22 meeting. Our speakers, Udi Ofer, Director of the Bill of Rights Campaign of the New York Civil Liberties Union, and Robert Bellinger, the Library's Staten Island Coordinator showed us how important the USA Patriots Act is to us both as New Yorkers and as librarians.

federal Inspector General says that these detainees have been subjected to physical and verbal abuse. Besides foreign nationals, two American citizens, one of them from Brooklyn, have been imprisoned under the ACT. Though it is difficult to get information on detainees, The Washington Post has reported extensively on the detainees and has done a better job of reporting the detainee's situation than our own New York Times.



**President Juanita Doares introduces the speakers, Udi Ofer and Robert Bellinger**

Here in New York, as Ofer pointed out, many detainees, mostly from South Asian or Arabic speaking countries, have been held in custody after 9/11. The chilling USA PATRIOTS ACT, passed hastily, shortly after 9/11, without being read by most senators and congressional representatives, allows the government to detain foreign nationals and US citizens without accusing them of a crime or allowing lawyers or their family members access to them. Now even the

In addition to detaining foreign nationals, 82,000 foreign nationals of South Asian or Arabic speaking countries without green cards or permanent residence cards were ordered to register with the government. The lines at the INS headquarters in lower Manhattan testified to the inability of the government to process these would-be registrants. Of these would-be registrants, 13,000 have been deported, many for minor errors in their paperwork. None

were found to be terrorists.

Our privacy rights have been jeopardized by the ACT which authorizes a special court to allow government agents to search records for 'any tangible thing', including our genetic records, without 'probably cause' of a criminal intent. This is a violation of our 1st, 4th, and 5th Amendment rights. The chilling effect of this loss of privacy was demonstrated here at the antiwar march of the previous weekend. Participants in the march were video taped. A recent FBI headquarters memo was sent to local law enforcement agencies asking them to spy on antiwar activities.



Opposition to the ACT is not a Democratic or Republican issue; a liberal or a conservative issue. Resolutions against the ACT have been passed in Alaska, Idaho, Dallas and other largely conservative and Republican jurisdictions, as well as in liberal areas.

The New York Civil Liberties Union is trying to get a 'memo of understanding' from the mayor to support citizen protest at the time of the Republican Convention. A group of organizations planning to protest is coming together to ensure against past abuses, such as, using horses for crowd control and keeping protesters in vans for hours at a time. A pamphlet will be produced on how to protest and on our rights as a protester. The Boston affiliate of the ACLU is dealing with the same issues in regard to the Democratic Convention.

Ofer was asked if the ACT superseded local law. The reply was "no." Nevertheless, there

are a lot of gray areas, including conflicts between the ACT and other federal laws.

Bellinger assured us that the NYPL is continuing its strong philosophical approach to patron confidentiality, supported by local confidentiality laws. The Library has found two areas where it must concern itself. One is what records should it keep and the other is ensuring that every member of the staff knows how to respond to a request for information from governmental agencies and their representatives.

Our circulation system only keeps records of items borrowed and not yet returned and of



**On the left**  
**Udi Ofer, Lee Johnson,**  
**Helen Levine**

**On the right**  
**Robert Bellinger**

items for which fines are due. As before, there is no record of items a patron has borrowed after the patron has returned the item and paid any fines due. As of now, the Library can decide itself what records it should keep. It is emphasized that no staff members should keep records that are not needed, for example, sign-ups for past internet use.

The Library is making a strong effort to ensure that all staff members, from the pages on up, know how to respond to a request from a government agency. As before, requests should go to the Library's attorney's office. As library staff, we are trained to be helpful and supply information. It takes a special effort to say no when no must be the answer. Staff must be aware that the law's provision that they 'tell no one that they have been approached by a government agency' does not include not telling their supervisor.

The American Library Association is working with others to amend the ACT's Section 215 which puts patron's privacy in jeopardy. Currently there are bills in the Senate and the House of Representatives to amend Section 215.

Fortunately, the invasion of privacy allowed by the ACT is clear to the average citizen. Because of this, even the conservative Staten Island Advance came out with an editorial against provisions of the ACT.

The Library may need to find ways to reassure its patrons that their privacy is being protected.

## LARRY MURPHY

Larry Murphy has resigned as Editor of the Association Newsletter. We wish Larry the best of everything and good health.

Larry served as Editor of the Newsletter for ten years and was its first Editor. He brought his scholarship, knowledge, writing talent, and editorial skills to the Newsletter. It is he who made our association known to our library retirees, to our New York Public Library colleagues, and to the Library Community.

We owe him a debt of gratitude and there are not words enough to express our appreciation except to say thank you, Larry. We wish you the best of everything. We also want to welcome Polly Bookhout, our new editor with her first issue of the Newsletter.

Juanita Doares and the Executive Committee

## THE FOREST

By Anne Moy

*How to get through the forest of leaves --  
Leaves of books not yet read  
Leaves a vacuum of knowledge in my head.*

*And the branches -- yes the branches of  
learning*

*I have not explored --  
Believe me, they leave me  
In that forest flooded.*

## FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

The social committee members have been busy planning exciting outings for our membership for the 2004-05 season. The grand event in October will be a full day's trip to Kykuit, The Rockefeller Estate in historic Hudson Valley for a tour of the house and gardens. Kykuit is a splendid villa with spectacular views and beautiful gardens. In February, we plan on going to the new and expanded Dahesh Museum on Madison Avenue at 57th St. In June we will travel to Queens to visit the home of the great jazz musician Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong for an entertaining tour. Finally we have decided to shift gears and try a German-American restaurant for our Holiday Dinner in January. The Silver Swan Restaurant is located at 41 East 20th St. in Manhattan and is said to be a "delicious" experience.

We hope these outings will pique your interest and if you haven't joined us before, please do so now. You are welcome to bring friends. And if you have great ideas for outings and entertainments please let us know, we are always looking for new adventures. Dates, times, and specifics will be finalized in early fall. So look for Retirees Events in the Staff News, our special mailings, or on our Web site, <http://home.earthlink.net/~pbookhout/nyplra.html>. Comments or Questions can be answered by Burt Abelson at 718-852-5884 or Becky Koppelman at 212-874-6199 or e-mail at [blekopp@hotmail.com](mailto:blekopp@hotmail.com).

Becky Koppelman

## RETIREES NEWS

LUIS ALCALA: I'm still collecting waterline ship models. I am having shad roe for dinner tonight thanks to the kitchen manager of my favorite watering (if Martinis are water) hole, the Harrison Roadhouse. Said establishment continues its delightful tradition of hiring pretty,

perky and skilled barmaids. I am buying as many opera and lieder CD's as my pension allows. Thanks to cable FM, I'm a devout listener to WFMT Chicago, the best classical station I've ever heard, not just the three B's, but oddball stuff and plenty of classical vocal. My arthritic hip is behaving so I continue my long walks when weather permits. I love walking on the Michigan State University campus, which is beautiful, especially in the warm weather months. I saw Faust in Chicago last November and will attend La Sonnambula in Santa Fe this August. What I would like to say about our noble president would get me arrested.

BARBARA ALPER: I am an assistant Professor in the Library at Bergen Community College in Paramus, N.J. I enjoy working with students and faculty at the Reference Desk, in library instruction classes and online. I have been at BCC since 1992, prior to that I had been at Ridgewood Public Library for more than two years as Assistant Director.



**Retirees visit Gracie Mansion last December. Pictures are Despina Croussouloudis, Angeline Moscatt, Polly Bookhout, Henrietta Cohen, Edna Canozar.**

BARBARA BERLINER: I'm enjoying my travels to Scotland and England. As part of my volunteering for the Children's Hospice Association, Scotland (CHAS), I recently had an ar-

ticle published in the newsletter of the Caledonian Club of New York City, which discussed CHAS and its work throughout Scotland.

CAROL BREHENY: In this first year of my retirement I took a relaxing cruise to Bermuda with my husband, Ed; renewed my interest in photography; and finally, began taking art courses. When Ed retires this summer (?), we hope to travel as much as possible. In retirement I find myself reading a lot more nonfiction. May I highly recommend They Marched into Sunlight by David Maraniss.

EMILY BROWNE: I was on Staten Island in October for a wedding. I had lunch with some NYPL retirees. Jean Moynihan arranged the meeting. It was great to see everyone. I am settled in a retirement home. I attend adult education classes: Art Appreciation, Current Events, Windows on the World. I try to go through Donald's postcard collection. I have many of Staten Island, Manhattan, etc.--also duplicates. I enjoyed attending children's librarians meetings at different branches throughout the city.

HELEN W. CHIN: I have not felt as good in five years!! After eighteen months of acupuncture and monthly visits to a chiropractor, I am finally ninety percent free of pain after my fall in 1998. Savannah Club is a very active community--wonderful caring friends. I continue to play Chinese and American mah jong, cards, dominoes. I taught five Italian men how to play Chinese mah jong because my husband missed it so. Now they are so addicted, they want to play eight times a week!!!

EMMA COHN: I would welcome hearing from any of the people I worked with in branch libraries in the Bronx. Formerly: NYPL Young Adult Librarian 1960-1978; President of NYPL Film & Video Council.

DAVID COMBS: As a volunteer out of the Mayor's Office for Volunteerism, I'm currently on assignment to SHARE: Self help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer. I'm helping them reorganize their library.

ED DANA: I'm still very active with the Air Force Sergeants Association. I'm currently Convention Coordinator. We travel when we get a chance and keep busy with house and yard. I don't get up to New York very often. I miss the building and the people at the Library.

CAROL DAVIES-GROSS: I am no longer in Help Line, but I've increased my days at the museum. I was disappointed when we entered Iraq.

IMOGENE DYKES: Writing is difficult. Sorry. Thanks for notifying me.

ESTELLE FRIEDMAN: It's just a year ago that I retired and have not stopped being busy. In addition to meeting my library friends for lunch, I'm doing Books by Mail at Donnell Library Center. I will be co-chairing a Book Discussion Group at my old branch, Fort Washington. I'm taking two classes in Bible and belong to the Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Last June I went to Ireland and in October I visited my kids who live in Israel. I'm going to lots of concerts. How did I ever find time to work. I do still miss the everyday work schedule though. I'm devastated to see what's happening at NYPL. I do hope these changes will be for the best.

BETTY GUBERT: My current interest and hobbies: Theater, freelance research and writing. In July 2003, my daughter and her three daughters (ages 9, 7, and 4) and I took a trip to Venice for three days. Then we went on to Primiero, a village in the Italian Alps, where my husband spends the summer. We all had a great time exploring the mountains, visiting with friends and relatives and enjoying hearty mountain fare, as well as gourmet meals. The children were particularly entranced with the activities of the glass blowing foundry at Murano, and with its museum of glass history. Me too, I love glass blowing, paper making--anything that makes something out of something else. Another trip was to the Berkshires in August. This has turned out to be an annual event that just gets better every year.

Thanksgiving was spent in California with my

son's family. I helped them unpack (35 boxes) as they were in to their new home just a week when I arrived. My fifteen-year old grandson is approaching six feet, and he plays the saxophone in a marching band and in a sitting band. Trips to the Getty and the Huntington, and to the new Disney Concert Hall, rounded out the visit.

On January 17, 2004, I gave a talk about Sadie Peterson Delaney at the dedication and naming ceremony of the Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Library in Poughkeepsie, New York. Mrs. Delaney worked for the NYPL from 1920 to 1923 at the 135th Street Branch, now the Schomburg Center. But she made her mark at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama. She organized the library in 1924 and remained there for thirty-four years. Delaney pioneered in the field of bibliotherapy, and she was widely recognized for her contributions to this form of library service.

So I will say that retirement, thirteen years now, continues to be enjoyable, what with freelancing, theatergoing and trying to grab up some of what New York offers.

JAY (JOHN L.) HILDRETH: My daughter Dorothy is Coordinator of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for New York State and commutes to Albany when she isn't sent elsewhere for meetings and conferences. She and my son-in-law, Ray Steele, live in Hyde Park, although the telephone company and Post Office call it Poughkeepsie. My grandchildren, Dana Steele (age 13) and Paul Steele are doing well. Dana was invited to join the chorus of the high school production of Meet Me in St. Louis, and has been bitten by the theater bug. Paul (age 11) loves skateboarding most of all.

I keep active in the Judson Memorial Church, Sage, Broadway Democrats, and a number of other organizations. I will be 85 in November. The best play I've seen this year is Long Days Journey into Night and the best opera is Khovantschina with the Kirov. I went camping in the Poconos and loved it. I'm demonstrating for this and that or vice versa, but especially against our wars. I am eagerly out to defeat

Bush and am supporting Dean (from Vermont, the state where I had most of my high school and grammar schooling).

ARNOLD HYMAN: After living in the East Bronx for many years, we moved in December to Riverdale. We are looking forward to doing some traveling in late Spring or Summer. I continue to enjoy working on my stamp collection.

BECKY KOPPELMAN: Since retiring, I have been enjoying art classes at the 92nd St. Y. I started with drawing classes and am now completely immersed in water color painting. It's wonderful fun and I am learning a lot. One of the results is that my husband and I now take full advantage of the NY art scene, going to

touch with staff members, as well as reminds me how much children love stories and the library.

LYDIA LAFLEUR: I continue to be busy with our community theater group, The Morningside Players and performed the role of Madam Arkadina in last spring's production of Chekhov's The Seagull. I just finished taking an eight week Actor's Workshop. Last summer I enjoyed a cruise/tour of the Scandinavian capitols and St. Petersburg. I enjoy New York City Ballet and New York City Opera.

Recently I had the lovely experience of a woman stopping to speak to me in Barnes and Noble. She said she recognized me, that I had given a talk to her school class at Inwood Library when she was a teenager. I figure that was over thirty years ago!



**Retirees visiting the Conservatory Garden this May are Estelle Friedman, Burt Abelson, Jennine Porta, Jacob Azeke, Henrietta Cohen, Juanita Doares, Polly Bookhout**

museums and galleries regularly. Other things we enjoy are attending book fairs, musical concerts, dance, etc. We are also becoming birders, watching them especially when we go upstate to the country. To keep up with library friends, we get together frequently for lunch or dinner. I continue to be interested in Children's Library Services and have been giving Story hour Programs in some of the branches. It keeps me in

MARCIA LOYD: Since I retired from The New York Public Library on October 4, 2002, I have traveled to Las Vegas, Dominican Republic, Puerta Plata, St. Croix, and Martha's Vineyard.

I have focused on my business called Marcia's Sweets, which I started in 1992. I sent out fliers and during the holidays, Valentines Day, I have acquired a very extensive customer base. I have shipped cakes to places as far as the Virgin Islands, Arkansas, Washington, DC, and as near as the Bronx. This is a passion that I enjoy. My hobbies are cooking, baking, decorating and anything having to do with fashion. I also love to travel and I have been a volunteer for Channel 13 for the past twelve years. I have just completed my time with them on March 9, 2004, helping with their drive for PBS. I am also a volunteer for the International Lighthouse, where I worked their POSH sale last spring,

which gave me the opportunity to get first crack at designer clothes. I am also on the Social Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Philip A. Nordeck Co-op where I live. On February 20th there was a groundbreaking ceremony on Beach 62nd Street, where the new Joseph P. Addabbo Health Center will be built and I am a volunteer for that project selling bricks to people in the neighborhood. It was my first experience in wearing a hard-hat. I have been working with the Director of this project since March 2003. I am also a lector in my church.

My main pleasure is my baking and Marcia's Sweets. I am happy to announce that my Sugar Applesauce Raisin Cake and Double Chocolate Fudge Cake is in a store in Manhattan, along with my Banana Walnut Cake, which is in a restaurant in Harlem. My Double Layer Chocolate Raspberry Cake was part of this past Christmas festivities at the Donnell Library Center.

I have no news about the past; only that NYPL was a wonderful experience and I am thankful to God that I can now do what I want to do and enjoy doing it.

All has not been fun. In June of 2003 my step-father died and my mother became ill. In August of the same year she needed a pacemaker and has been adjusting to her new life. Health-wise she is much better and I pray that she will adjust to her new life. It is extremely difficult adjusting to these different turns in life, but I was able to be there for my family.

Retirement, what is it really? Does it mean you join the senior citizen center down the street, or hope and pray that you'll be called to baby-sit grandchildren, or finally be able to relax and do whatever you want for a change. I thank God for each day and for the gift to do whatever I want. Frankly, I think this is the time of your life to take chances and share dreams and act them out. I think it is a gift that some of us get. When I think of all the people that I met in 1977 when I came to NYPL that are no longer I realize how fortunate I am and look forward for the excitement of every achievement of all

of my endeavors as well as the many turns of life.

**RICHARD LYNCH:** It was over forty years ago when I arrived in New York City to work for NYPL. I remember that first September day well: to Forty-Second Street for a meeting, then off to the Bronx Borough Office just in time to be sent out to lunch. (I had never been in the Bronx before.) The Mr. Gold assigned me to Kingsbridge. Of course, I didn't know how to get there, so Miss Barrett took me by the hand as though I were a preschooler and took me over to the window and pointed out a bus that would take me over to Broadway. I arrived at Kingsbridge to meet Miss Riols and the staff just as the day was over. I spent five or six years of my total career in the Bronx. I liked working at Fordham more than the neighborhood branches, but never really learned to like the long commute from Greenwich Village.

**LOUIS MARTORELLA:** My wife Emma and I enjoy doing a little bit of traveling (Las Vegas, which we enjoy the most at this time.) I also have a hobby, I play the electronic accordion, something I have been doing since I was eight years old, performing live music for groups and various parties.

**JENNINE PORTA:** I have traveled to Myrtle Beach, New Orleans, and Orlando this year. A new hobby is making doll clothes for great nieces. I'm getting back to photography (now digital!). I'm looking forward to Spring and to get back to gardening and, also, spending more time with Lucky, our Shetland Sheepdog.

**MARIA M. PROCTOR:** Two years ago I moved to a lovely retirement community, Meadow Lakes, which I enjoy very much. In September I usually go to England and take a six-week course at Oxford University.

**ADELE REQUENA:** I am giving up my New York apartment and moving to Hawaii to be close to my daughter.

**DR. ROSE O. ROTH:** I am still at the Salvation Army Williams Senior Residence, a wonderful

place. Several retired librarians live here. I am so happy and proud to have had a career at the NYPL. I am always happy to pass the two lions, even if its is from Access A Ride.

RICHARD SHEEHAN: I still am enjoying the delights and warmth of Yucatan for six months each year and still tripping around South America for at least part of the summer. The Iraq mess saddens me and I hope it soon ends. From the standpoint of seventy-four years I pity today's youth who seem, to me, to have so little stability in their lives--even though each year I meet hundreds of Latin Americans who would gladly trade places with any American. I hope to spend the early fall in Chile.

HERBERT THORNE: It is amazing to find you, yourself, in your eighties. I am still tennis-ing, sculpting, poetizing, and singing, singing, singing.

VIRGINIA R. WARNER: My daughter, son-in-law and I started the renovation on the house in October (after a delay from July). The house had to be completely emptied and gutted! This required finding homes for three adults, one mature dog, a forty-seven year old Cockatoo and one young African Gray. The birds would not have been a problem if Belle Weinberg was still with us. *Many years ago* Belle and her daughter, Sandy, camped with our family in New Hampshire with her bird. Between family and friends we were able to manage. We did, however, have to keep extra clothes, papers, the safe and special things in our cars. There are still many things I have not located. All the new furniture has not arrived. We moved back in the weekend between Christmas and New Years. Only one half of the house had electricity, the painting wasn't finished, the new doors hadn't arrived, the heat was only working in the part of the house without electricity. However, like Dorothy said, "there is no place like home, Toto"!

PHILIP WOLCOFF: It has been ten years since I retired. I still remember fondly my forty-two years with NYPL starting as a half-time clerk while attending college. I enjoyed working with the public, especially book dis-

cussion groups, planning programs, and being involved with NYPL's "Speaking Volumes" radio program, and the Channel 31 (at that time a municipal station) television program. I also loved working with a great group of staff members.

JOE ZEVELOFF: In December 2002, I went to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for three months. I went to visit my Brazilian girlfriend, who lives in Rio. I was there for three months and missed most of New York's cold winter. On August 27th 2003, I married my Brazilian girlfriend here in New York. Our eventual plans are to spend six months in New York and six months in Brazil.

## ANNIVERSARIES

by Angeline Moscatt

*We celebrated the days  
When our lives began  
With cake and candles  
With family and friends.*

*We celebrate the unions  
That brought forth these lives  
And mark the passing years  
With gifts of glass and silver and gold.*

*We mark with reverence the days  
That saw the passing of loved ones  
Heaping flowers o'er their graves  
Remembering happy days now past.*

*But with the passing years  
We find celebration in each new morning  
Rejoicing in nature's gifts  
Trees and grass and flaming sunsets.*

*And cherish friends and family  
Those who have shared with us  
This wondrous gift of life  
Making each day Anniversary.*



## GRACE IJIMA: A TRIBUTE

January 18, 2004.

Today I visited with Grace K. Iijima, my former Branch Librarian. Grace recently moved to an apartment at the Isabella Center, in Washington Heights, NY. She has pulmonary fibrosis, and is currently receiving extra care in their nursing care facility [Isabella Geriatric Center]. I know Grace wrote to this newsletter two years ago about some of her adventures as a very active volunteer NGO representative at the UN for the International Federation on Aging. A good friend of hers from this group contacted me about her hospitalization a few days ago.



**Burt Abelson points out the stories portrayed on the doors to the Church of St. John the Divine to Jim McPherson and Jennine Porta on our June visit to the Morningside Library and the Church.**

It was a very touching and heart felt reunion for me. I reminisced about our time together at Francis Martin and about the staff that crossed our paths. I updated Grace on the former staff I still keep in touch with and brought along old photos of staff parties. Grace was quite moved and I asked if she wanted me to let NYPL people know about her. With labored words she said probably no one remembered her now. I told her she was very wrong and asked if she would like me write a few words to you about her. She said "Yes", and with great effort said she wanted to tell everyone that she has wonderful memories of her NYPL days, worked with good people, it was like a family and, it was a fun career.

Grace was always professional in her work, and a true lady. She encouraged me to continue my education and expand my horizons, for which I truly thank her. For many years after I left NYPL she was still Miss Iijima to me as I was Miss Gallick to her. We had worked together in a very different era. I do not remember when we changed to calling each other by our first names, but do remember how awkward it seemed at first and how natural it is now. Grace has lead a very exciting and fulfilling life. She served New York's public for many years, and then went on to a successful second career, advocating for women globally. She has traveled far and wide right up into her nineties. Grace is a very remarkable and gentle person, and for me, I am very proud to say I know her.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann Gallick, Former NYPL Senior Clerk

January 27, 2004

I received a phone call this morning that Grace K. Iijima passed away last night, January 26, 2004. Her passing was peaceful. Grace's wish was to be cremated. Her family will hold a private service this Spring in the Adirondacks at her beloved Lake George.

Grace's last position was as Secretary for The Global Alliance for Women's Health, <http://www.gawh.org/contents.html>. Her good friend and president of the organization is Elaine Wolfson: [Wolfson@gawh.org](mailto:Wolfson@gawh.org). Elaine is working on writing an obituary for the New York Times and has asked if anyone has information to contribute about Grace's work at the NYPL to please send it directly to her. If you prefer, you can send it to me. She is also planning to have a memorial service for Grace, tentatively planned for early March. She wants to post the information on the GAWH website (shown above).

Mary Ann Gallick,

## NY Times Obituary: February 13, 2004

IJIMA--Grace K. Died January 26, 2004 in Manhattan. She was 93. She had been a Principal Librarian with the NY Public Library and a Director of Information for the US Information Agency in Japan. After retirement, she became an advocate for women and the elderly, serving as a member of the executive board of the Global Alliance for Women's Health. For over two decades she represented GAWH, the Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association and the International Federation on Ageing at the United Nations. Quick to pick up a pen and try to correct injustices, she sought for 25 years greater equality and better health for women and the ageing and inspired all who came to know her. Her relatives, friends and associates deeply mourn her passing. Survivors include Etsuko Morris and family of Palm Beach, FL. Memorial services at 3:30 P.M. on March 4, 2004 in the chapel of the Church Centre for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza; at 2 P.M. on March 14, 2004 at the Japanese American United Church, 255 7th Avenue, NY; and early next summer at the Mountain Grove Memorial Church, Huletts Landing, Lake George, NY.

### March 2004

This letter is to advise you that Grace Iijima died on January 26, 2004 in Manhattan. She was 93. The cause of death was complications arising from pulmonary fibrosis for which she had been receiving supplemental oxygen for more than a year. A memorial and burial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, June 26, 2004 at the Mountain Grove Memorial Church, Huletts Landing, Lake George, New York where Grace vacationed or 84 years.

Sincerely, Etsuko Morris (Cousin)

## LIBRARIANS IN MEMORIAM

By Phyllis King

*The metaphor recurs.  
For us their books are shut.*

*So much knowledge,  
so much care for words,  
ideas and research ended.  
Such a varied, colorful  
group of souls  
filled our libraries  
and inspired us  
to go on with the task  
of preserving  
this national heritage  
however we can.*

## PASSINGS

We honor the passing of the following New York Public Library Staff members as reported in Staff News:

Jacquelin Brown, Anthony Cardillo, Ruthenia Finley, William Finney, Adele Greenberg, William Helm, Grace Iijima, Ruth Jacobs, Patricia Long, Genevieve Millar, Duck Hi Min, Pearl Modena, Aileen O'Brien Murphy, Michael Nicholson, Beth Perelman, Veronica Peterson, Margaret Pon, Inez Russo, Ruth Schneider, Harold Silverman, Sandra Spillman, Marion Stock, James Williams.

## STAFF NEWS

Many retirees have commented that they are not receiving Staff News. The problem may be that they didn't respond to the notice sent by the Library. To remedy this, retirees should contact Juanita Doares who will send their names to the Library office which puts out Staff News.

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