

## Congratulations to our 2007-2008 SETC Grant Recipients!

As in previous years, choosing from the many fine grant applications was not an easy task. We appreciate the effort that was put into the applications. If you think you would like to write a grant for next year, view the current application on our website, [www.seteachercenter.org](http://www.seteachercenter.org). Or call the SETC to set up a "How to Write a Mini Grant" workshop in your school.

We're proud to announce the grant recipients below:

### **Mini-Grant recipients**

*Author/Illustrator Assembly Program*, Northwest Elementary School, Amityville UFSD, Alisa Zitofsky

*We Are CHAMPS! - Children Healthy and Moving Promotes Success*, Gardiner Manor School, Bay Shore UFSD, Carol Forman, Tess Balzano, Stasia DeBonis, Michael Herbst, Denise Donahue,

*Parallax Robot & Sensors*, Bay Shore High School, Bay Shore UFSD, Andrea Karlan, Sal Fandale, Brian Brachie

*Mathematics Their Way/Teachers as Readers*, Washington Drive Primary School, Harborfields CSD, Juliann Madden, Noreen Paccione, Allison Kintzel, Milagros Rivera, Cari Sacks, Kristen Divers, Lisa Flood, Melinda O'Donoghue, Laura Justiniano

*Using Mentor Texts in Writing Workshop*, Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School, Harborfields CSD, Donna Robson, Andrea Horowitz, Patricia Radovich

*Teaching Physics With Interactive Demonstrations*, Kings Park High School, Kings Park CSD, Jane Schoch, Deborah Gambin, Paul Lang

*The Creature Feature*, Dickinson Avenue Elementary, Northport-East Northport UFSD, Kathleen McCormick, Pam Gillmor, Tara Amato, Glenda McNeerney, Sandy Schumacher

*Character Education Through Law and Literacy*, Fifth Avenue Elementary School, Northport-East Northport UFSD, Jennifer Schempp, Jessica Huebsch

*ELA the Law Enforcement Way-Fourth Grade Junior Detectives*, Pulaski Road Elementary, Northport-East Northport UFSD, Louise Quinn, Jennifer Desmond

*CSE Challenge-An Interdisciplinary Mystery in History*, Northport High School, Northport-East Northport UFSD, David Scott, Bernadette Black

*Learning on Demand*, East Northport Middle School, Northport-East Northport UFSD, Karen Polk, Brendan Colfer, Tom Minnigan, Terri Newell

*Let's Improve Listening*, Santapogue Elementary School, West Babylon UFSD, Alison Gimberlein, Jeanne Fitzgerald

*Literacy in the Math Classroom: It All Adds Up!*, South Bay Elementary School, West Babylon UFSD, Kara Greenberg, Lisa DeGennaro

*Write On! A Program to Enhance Spoken and Written Language*, South Bay Elementary School, West Babylon UFSD, Jill DeLuca

*Dance Revolution in Physical Education*, West Babylon High School, West Babylon UFSD, Gina Antonelli, Katie Dorsey

*Book Lunch Bunch*, West Babylon Jr. High School, West Babylon UFSD, Susan Gottlieb, Diane Grimsley-Goldberg, Mary Sullivan

*Language Learning is Delicious*, Forest Avenue School, West Babylon UFSD, Toni Alexander-Kinnear, Christine Tona, Jennifer Bergmann

*Catch the Fever!*, Tooker Avenue Elementary School, West Babylon UFSD, Patricia Squicciarini, Lynn Marie Gendron

*The Traveling Art Exhibit*, West Babylon High School, West Babylon UFSD, Christine Laquinto, Paul Bryan

*Cover to Cover Over the Summer*, West Babylon High School, West Babylon UFSD, Kristin Hedstrom, Constance Whitfield

*Literacy Awareness*, James East Allen Jr./Sr. High School, Western Suffolk BOCES, Debbie Lapidus

### **Professional Learning Communities Grant recipients**

Northport-East Northport UFSD, Fifth Avenue Elementary School, *Best Practices in Balanced Literacy: An Authentic Professional Development Experience*, Christine Schroder Nichols (contact)

Bay Shore UFSD, Brook Avenue School, *Teachers Expanding our Skills*, Eugenia DeLuca (contact)

West Babylon UFSD District-Wide, *Reflective Pathway Listserv/Collegial Circle: A Tool to Transform The Literacy Classroom*, Carol Varsalona (contact)

## NYS Teacher Center Online Academy

Courses open to all can  
be found at  
[www.olacatalog.org](http://www.olacatalog.org)

Be sure to check with  
your district for course  
approval.

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### Dear Teachers,

Are you and your students going slightly stir-crazy? Around this time of year, when weather limits physical activity, we sometimes crave unique activities. Here is a list of websites which hold dozens of fascinating indoor and outdoor activities for students, parents and teachers. Send them home in your class e-newsletter or reproduce them to tuck into your students' backpacks.

### Cold Weather Activities: Ideas for Kids, Parents and Teachers!

<http://www.exploreli.com/entertainment/localguide/kids/>. Don't miss this website for a wealth of activities for kids and families. Click on "Events for Kids" for a daily calendar of events in parks, museums, libraries, and theatres throughout Long Island. Click on "great family dining" for restaurant ideas, Click on "Photos: kid stuff" for a treasure trove of books, music, and games for kids and for the whole family. All this plus lots of parenting information can be accessed on this site.

#### Indoors

[http://www.bnl.gov/bnlweb/Museum/Science\\_museum.html](http://www.bnl.gov/bnlweb/Museum/Science_museum.html) The **Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Museum** offers free programs in the museum to students in the first through eighth grades.

<http://www.longislandmuseum.org/> The **Long Island Museum** in Stony Brook holds over 40,000 historical artifacts, chief among them the 200 carriages which fascinate viewers, plus other interesting rotating exhibits.

<http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org/home.php> There's plenty to do at the **Vanderbilt Museum** in Centerport. Click on Planetarium for a list of programs and show schedules, including Oceans in Space, Larry Cat in Space for K-3 kids, Hubble Vision 2, myriad Laser shows, and more. Teachers, click on Educational Programs for visiting schools. Parents, click on Children and Adult Workshops for a schedule of family programs.

<http://www.cradleofaviation.org/> Take a day to visit the home of Charles Lindberg's plane, Jenny, and an actual Lunar Excursion Module built on Long Island at the **Cradle of Aviation Museum**, which celebrates Long Island's contributions to American aviation. In addition to the exhibits, the museum holds an IMAX theater.

<http://www.ncfiremuseum.org/> The **Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center** provides a unique setting for visitors to learn about the heritage of our local volunteer fire services and, through a series of interactive exhibits, experience valuable lessons in fire safety and prevention.

<http://www.licm.org/> The 40,000-square-foot **Long Island Children's Museum** provides children and families with a wonderfully nurturing environment in which to enjoy hands-on exhibits; art, music and science workshops, and family-focused concerts and films.

<http://www.limsat.org/index.htm> The **Long Island Museum for Science and Technology** is still under construction, but when established on Museum Row, it will offer interactive science and technology exhibits to teach the importance of science in our lives.

#### Outdoors

<http://www.cresli.org/index.html> It's time to take a seal walk at the Coastal Research and Education Center of Long Island. Find out the dates and times on their website.

<http://www.atlantismarineworld.com/> There are always plenty of fun-filled indoor and outdoor activities at the Atlantis Marine World Aquarium in Riverhead.

<http://www.longislandexchange.com/articles/iceskating122305.html> Where to go ice skating on Long Island.

*Enjoy a lively, active February!*