

## Middle Country Library Celebrates 50 Years

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Middle Country Public Library (MCPL) celebrated its 50th anniversary, marking its growth from two storefronts to a national model library since its beginning in 1957. A centerpiece of the weekend of special programs and events was the premiere of the film documentary, *Beyond Books: The Middle Country Public Library*, by award-winning filmmaker, Ron Rudaitis.

The celebrations attracted more than 2,000 over the anniversary weekend in April, including *Cat In The Hat*, who is also celebrating his 50th anniversary this year. ■



Bruce Astrein, Americans for Libraries Council; Kathleen Deerr, Middle Country Public Library; Nathanael Berry, The Sandy River Charitable Foundation; Suzy Sonenberg, LI Community Foundation; Barbara Jordan, MCPL; Amy Hagedorn, the Horace Hagedorn Foundation and John D. Miller



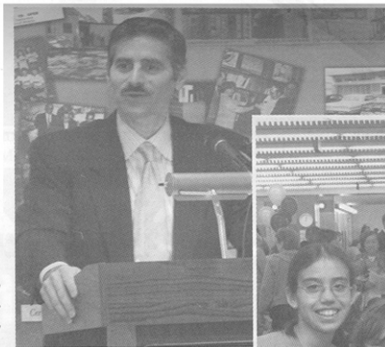
Above: MCPL assistant director Sharon Breen; NYS assembly persons Ginny Fields and Steve Englebright; Sandra Feinberg, director, MCPL and Barbara Jordan, assistant director, MCPL



US Congressman Tim Bishop; MCPL Library director Sandra Feinberg; MCPL board president Denise Haggerty and MCL Foundation John Delorenzo, Citibank area manager, Suffolk East



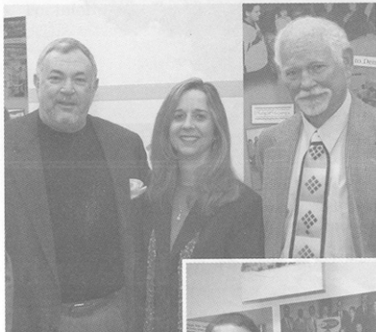
George Hochbrueckner, former US Congressman and MCL Foundation trustee; Lauren Montes, aide to US Senator Hillary Clinton; Library director Sandra Feinberg and United Way CEO Christopher Hahn



At right: Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy



Members of Middle Country Library's Flashing Fingers Sign Language Club with librarians Kristen Todd and Nancy Handy with *Cat In The Hat*



Roger Tilles, New York State Regent; with MCPL trustees Donna Kossack and Ed McMullin



MCL Foundation Trustees Lawrence Buscemi, Esq.; Sal LaLima; James Verdi; and Board Chair, John Ammerman, Esq.



At right: Lisa Mitnick, public relations manager, People's Alliance Federal Credit Union; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, MCPL's Miller Business Resource Center



Bill Martin, Community Affairs, Verizon with Janet Jones, MCPL Foundation trustee, director, Community Affairs, EAC

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