

PAST

CONFERENCES:

Deanna Pacelli presented our work admirably at the annual Bank Street Infancy Institute in June 2008.

MILESTONES:

Susan returned to Milwaukee in June for the 40th anniversary of the 1st Upward Bound Program in Wisconsin. The program was amazingly successful for students & for staff. Details available on request.

Deanna and Joel Blecha celebrated their 2nd anniversary in July. Joel was accepted to Fordham University for an MEd and awarded an Ennis Cosby fellowship.

Susan & Peter Straub's daughter Emma and Michael Fusco were married in the family dining room in September. It was gorgeous, moving and full of laughter.

PRESENT

Barack Obama Elected

Independence HS LYFE

RTM Leaders Kristen Lynch & Deanna Pacelli are offering RTM workshops sponsored by NYPL's Leslie Ederer. LYFE teacher Valerie Smith & her team energetically hope their teen mothers & their babies become involved.

While developing a 2nd NYPL sponsored program we are working with Teresa Tartaglione Teacher-Librarian at **Brandeis HS** with LYFE Moms. We love the Brandeis LYFE staff!

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FUTURE



CONFERENCES:

We will be at local and national conferences again next year. Susan will co-present with Andrea DeBruin-Parecki at the International Reading Association (IRA) conference in Phoenix in Feb. Deanna Pacelli will lead one of two sessions at the Brooklyn NYSAEYC Conference in late April-early May.

Surprises await us in 2009.

**Susan Straub,
Director**

**Deanna Pacelli,
Associate Director**



Pat Cummings, Susan, Pat's book *Pickin' Peas*, Deanna & Joel at Emma & Mike's wedding celebration. Photos of new bride & groom available.