

Joining our organization will help you build professional development connections and provide opportunities to meet and network with members in your area of expertise. Our programs and meetings will allow you to learn and share the latest information and trends and contribute to the future of the library profession.

RASD

Reference and Adult Services Division

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A regional chapter of the New York Library Association

Become a Member

The Reference and Adult Services Division of the Suffolk County Library Association is responsible for supporting the professional development of adult service librarians. RASD promotes this endeavor through a wide range of committees that concentrate on improving patron services. Through their efforts we provide professional growth, continuing education programs and networking opportunities to develop and improve our profession.

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At the heart of RASD are its many committees, each concentrating on a specific area of librarianship, with the express purpose of improving the field as a whole.

C.A.R.E. (Career and Resource Exchange)

The mission of the C.A.R.E. Committee is to share career information, resources and services and promote career development within public libraries.

Electronic Resources Committee

The committee provides a forum to share ideas and techniques in the rapidly changing world of electronic resources, and to promote the use, awareness, and understanding of all technology as it relates to the work of library.

Health Concerns

The purpose of this committee is to explore and exchange information about health related resources on topics of interest to public, school, academic and special library patrons. Its objectives are to produce a bibliography and arrange a program on a selected topic each year at a reference workshop at SCLS.

Long Island History

The mission of the Long Island History Committee is to promote awareness of the scope of resources available in public libraries, archives, museums, colleges and universities for the study of Long Island history, and to explore the ways in which these resources can be employed most effectively in a public library environment.

Long Island Reads

One Book is a project of the Nassau Library System and the Suffolk County Library System that brings Long Islanders together during National Library week every April to read the same book, participate in discussions, and enjoy related events in public libraries.

Media Committee

The Media Committee is dedicated to improving and publicizing media materials and services both within the library and community. The committee provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information, as well as a network of support for those involved in media collection development and processing.

M.O.S.A.I.C.

This committee discusses topics and ideas to better serve our growing, diverse communities.

New Adults

The New Adult Committee, or NAC, is dedicated to discovering and sharing innovative programming and materials to librarians in order to meet the needs of individuals just entering adulthood.

OARS (Outreach, Activities, Resources and Services)

The OARS Committee meets monthly at member libraries in order to support staff who serve senior citizens and the disabled community with information and programs.

Reader's Advisory Committee

This committee focuses on a different genre at each session. Members read books in advance and do a brief book talk and annotation at their meeting. An annotated bibliography is then printed on the RASD homepage.

Public Relations and Marketing Committee

This committee was created to advance knowledge in the best ways and means of marketing library programs and services. The committee sponsors roundtable discussions, along with workshops and speakers.