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### Quiz Time!

Hello Quizfans, Let's celebrate the return of the SCLA Newsletter!

The quiz is back with one minor alteration: while everyone who answers correctly will have their name in the next issue, a prize will be sent to the just first 20 people who answer correctly.

This issue's question: The Big Dipper is actually NOT a constellation. What is the correct astronomical term for this group of stars?

Scan the heavens and send your answers to:  
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## SCLA Suffolk County Library Association Fall 2010 Newsletter

Month Year

### 71st Annual Dinner



### Sachem Relay for Life

SCLA's Community Service Committee participated in the Sachem Relay For Life, June 5-6, 2010 at Sachem North High School in Ronkonkoma. We had two teams, aptly named "Librarians For Life" and "Librarians For Life Part Deux" who walked the track from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. We fundraised before the event and were able to raise over \$3,000 between the teams for the American Cancer Society.

The Relay began with a Survivors' Reception at 5:00 p.m., which included food, drinks and a cake to commemorate the number of birthdays Survivors have celebrated since their diagnosis. The Reception was followed by a Survivors' Lap at 6:00 p.m. and, after one lap, the Survivors were joined by caregivers and friends on the second lap. It was very emotional and gratifying to watch the survivors in purple shirts walk around the track and it put a more personal face on the fight against cancer. All teams were allowed to walk after the second Survivors' Lap.

There were 68 teams at the Relay and almost 700 people who participated. The event raised over \$62,000 for the American Cancer Society.

SCLA was well represented by Marsha Greenspan, Tom Gorman, Megan Sala-James, Celia Vollmer, Rona Dressler, Moira Flynn, Lissetty Thomas, Tracy Van Dyne, Paula Bornstein and myself. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow team members. I was lucky enough to have both my daughters, Caitlin and Michele, on my team and it was great to

spend some quality time with them - nothing like having a "captive audience" while you are walking the track.

We had a lot of fun during the Relay and had an overabundance of food, drinks, and toilet paper (for the port-a-potties). It was an exhausting night, but one of the most gratifying things I have ever done. You were able to really get to know your teammates during those 12 hours.

I am already looking forward to next year's Relay! Who wants to join the team for next year?

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#### **Brentwood Public Library Sponsors**

### **Olympic Village Booth at Annual Spring South 2010 Special Olympics**

Brentwood, NY - Brentwood Public Library staff members and their families sponsored an Olympic Village Booth at the Brentwood School District's Annual Spring South 2010 Special Olympics on Sunday, May 2, 2010.

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Team Leaders Celia Ann Vollmer and Mona Pierre-Louis organized karaoke singing and a beanbag toss game. Participants, including special needs students that work or volunteer at the Brentwood Public Library, received prizes and enthusiastic applause for their participation in the Olympic Games.



Back row (l-r) Mona Pierre-Louis & Celia Ann Vollmer  
Center row (l-r) Amelia Santiago & Lissetty Thomas  
Seated, Ms. Santiago's granddaughter Kristin Meurer

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## Cats News

The CATS division held a library tour on October 1 at The Middle Country Public Library and later moved on to the Suffolk County Community Library. A great time was had by all!!!



Our upcoming programs are:

Technical Services Roundtable - 11/9/10 at Elwood Public Library

Technology Information Forum - 11/4/10 A+ Technology Facility, Bay Shore

Annual Meeting -12/9/10 - Long Island University

## SSD News

by *Judith Romano, President*

The SSD committee has had another productive year, thanks to the time, creativity and effort and of our members, many of which are new to the board.

Our Annual Roundtable, Wednesday March 10, 2010 at Brentwood Library was a success. It was attended by 72 people who had the opportunity to sit with their colleagues with refreshments and discuss job related issues. Many received lovely centerpieces made by Anne Marie Hoffmann which were raffled off, and of course, the 50/50 raffle of which half the proceeds went to the Continuing Education Award scholarship fund.

On May 6, 2010, the SSD committee sponsored a program at the LILC titled "Solving Sticky People Problems"..... a necessary ingredient in your library's success recipe!" by Tim McHeffey. It was quite a success, especially considering it was the latest session and we had a turnout of 175 people. It was very enjoyable and laughs were had by all. Tim also gave out free autographed books.

We're also preparing for other wonderful programs such as the Annual Fall luncheon at West Islip Library on October 13, 2010, and computer classes in the fall which will be announced.

Along with new members, we have new ideas and some great new improvements. Before the end of the year you will see our new logo and trademark, as well as website. We're all very excited about it. With each group of new members, the SSD grows with new ideas and helpful programs to help staff.

Everyone has an essential ingredient to share. Join SSD and share yours! Check out the website <http://scla.net/ssd> and/or contact us at SSD at [ssd@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:ssd@suffolk.lib.ny.us).

## 2010 Long Island Library Conference

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Long Island Library Conference has come and gone. Thanks to all attendees, speakers, and vendors. Thanks to

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all those that arranged for the wonderful programs, and special thanks to a wonderful committee who put in endless hours both during meetings and on their own time to make this such a magnificent conference.

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It has been a great honor and privilege to have worked on the Long Island Library Conference committee since the 2004 conference. I have meet many amazing people in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties over the past seven years and look forward to what the library world has in store for me over the next few years. I wish Ken Bellafiore and his new committee all the best for a wonderful and successful 2011 Conference.



2010 Long Island Library Conference Committee: Back row: Kathleen Ray, Kathy Jones, Priya Bradley, Ken Bellafiore, Joanne Gramaglia, Catherine Overton, Jessica Tymecki, Francine Strober, Virginia Pfeifer, Tracy Van Dyne and Stephanie Kyle. Middle row: Amanda Harnos, Mona Pierre-Louis, Kitty Grinnell, Renee McGrath and Chris Bell. Front row: Robyn Gilloon, Debbie Antolini, Cathi Nashak and Emily Clasper.

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## DASL News

The Division of Academic and Special Libraries (DASL) of SCLA invite you to attend a roundtable panel discussion on Friday, November 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport, NY. The program will be moderated by Chris Kretz of Dowling College. The panelists are Helene Volat (Stony Brook University), Marjorie Fusco (Dowling College), MaryPat Takacs (Suffolk County Community College), and Sister Joan Ryan (St. Joseph's College). Light refreshments will be provided. Free and open to all.

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Please r.s.v.p. to Kristen Nyitray by November 10, 2010 at [kristen.nyitray@stonybrook.edu](mailto:kristen.nyitray@stonybrook.edu) or 631.632.7119.

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

*at the Smithtown Library - Commack Branch*

Some present and former staff members of the Commack Branch of the Smithtown Central Library District use their "golden" shovels to celebrate the commencement of the renovation and expansion project at the Commack Branch on April 27, 2010



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