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President's Message

I had the honor of attending and speaking at the Walt Whitman Birthplace Literary Landmark Designation Ceremony on September 4, 2014. Earlier this year, SCLA was contacted by Rocco Staino, the director of the Empire State Center for the Book, about giving financial assistance to make Mr. Whitman's birthplace a Literary Landmark. SCLA donated \$350 towards this effort along with the Lambda Literary Foundation, and the Suffolk School Library Media Association. The Walt Whitman Birthplace is the second Literary Landmark on Long Island and the third in New York State.



The event was attended by over 100 people and included local politicians, several SCLA members, lovers of poetry, and Walt Whitman himself! It was a wonderful occasion and it was a real honor to be a part of it.

There is now a bronze plaque that memorializes this event and SCLA is listed on it as a sponsor.

Jackie Narkiewicz
President, SCLA

Advocacy Day

Save the Date - Wednesday, February 25th is Advocacy Day 2015! Details about the SCLA sponsored bus and other travel options and opportunities will be forthcoming on the new SCLA listserv and in the mail!

Samantha Alberts
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Annual Dinner

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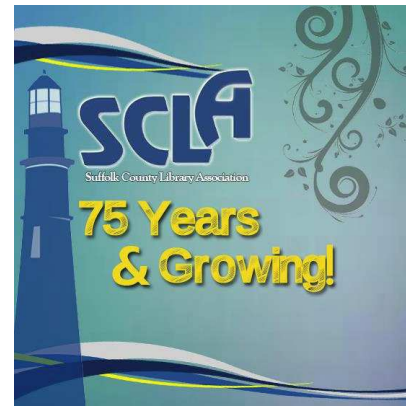
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The NYLA Suffolk County Library Association annual dinner and meeting will be held at Villa Lombardi's on Thursday, November 20, 2014 from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Cocktail hour for networking and mingling begins at 6:00pm followed by the annual meeting, awards presentation, and lots of fun.



The deadline for registering for the NYLA SCLA Annual Dinner is Monday, November 10, 2014.

Registration will be done online through the NYLA/SCLA webpage at www.nyla.org/scla . Click on the link at the top of the page to register. Payments will be accepted via credit card or library purchase order only.

The price is \$45 for members and students and \$55 for non-members and on-site registration.

Don't forget to bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

For questions please contact Laura Panter, Sachem Public Library at (631) 588-5024 ext 252 or Laura.Panter@SachemLibrary.org .

We hope staff from all libraries and their guests will join us for the evening.

*Laura Panter
Annual Dinner Chair*



Community Service



The Community Service Committee is extremely proud of its successful participation in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 5th. The team members raised nearly \$2200.00. A special thanks to Jackie Narkiewicz, Cathi Nashak, Tracy Geiser, Laura Panter, Julie Delaney, Julie's friend Liz Baialardo, and Kate Regina for your fundraising efforts and for participating in the walk!

Please be sure to bring a new, unwrapped toy with you to the SCLA dinner on November 20th for our Toys for Tots donation. If you are unable to attend the dinner but would still like to donate a toy, you can forward the toy to me at The Hampton Library in Bridgehampton.

We are also participating in Habitat for Humanity and will be collecting household items to go into baskets. Each SCLA division will be assembling a specific basket. If you would like to make a donation please contact me at kim@hamptonlibrary.org and I can tell you what items are needed. You can also make monetary donation as well. Your contributions will go towards helping a family in need.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Community Service Committee

*Kim Zettwoch
Community Service Committee Chair*

LILRC

Atomic Training: Online and On-Demand Computer Training

LILRC has partnered with RB Digital to provide staff members of Long Island libraries with high-level online and on-demand training opportunities.

Introduced in August 2013, LILRC offers an annual subscription to online training of software applications and social networking tools to all libraries through Atomic Training at a

highly discounted price of \$50 per subscription for LILRC member libraries and \$100 per subscription for non-member libraries. Each subscription will allow a library staff member (user) to have access to all Atomic Training's on-demand online tutorials for one year.

Atomic Training website currently offers over 700 courses on more than 150 products from Microsoft, Adobe, Apple, Google, and more. The video tutorials can be viewed from any web-connected computer. A list of available courses can be found [here](#). Support on the Atomic Training site includes an FAQ, an email form, a getting started guide, and a video guide to the site [here](#). For more information, please visit LILRC [website](#).

LILRC Workshop: The Transformation and Expansion of Library Buildings

Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library
December 9, 2014, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

What is transformation? This workshop will show how existing libraries can be transformed and expanded to respond to today's programming needs and the spaces required to accommodate them, while preserving the institution's important civic presence. Multiple examples of transformed libraries will be explored.

Peter Gisolfi is an architect, landscape architect, and teacher, whose built work reconciles the influences of context and program. He is a professor of architecture and landscape architecture at the Spitzer School of Architecture at the City College of New York, and until this year was chairman. He is also founding partner of Peter Gisolfi Associates, Architects and Landscape Architects of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and New Haven, Connecticut. His articles and essays have been widely published, and his book, ***Finding the Place of Architecture in the Landscape***, expresses his ideas about architecture and its relationship to setting.

Min Liu
Assistant Director, LILRC

Outreach Services

Please join us at NYLA on Friday, November 7th from 2:15 to 5:00pm for "Providing Outstanding Library Service with Assistive Technology." In Suffolk County alone there are more than 300,000 people who have a disability. Many of these people rely on some type of assistive technology in order to perform daily living tasks. In an effort to ensure that public libraries are providing full access to all of their wonderful

resources, many types of assistive technology must be available in the library. This program will provide presentations by librarians working with assistive technology and hands on demonstrations of various types of assistive technology.

If you are not able to join us at NYLA, please contact me at valerie@suffolknet.org to make an appointment to visit the Long Island Assistive Technology Center here at SCLS.

*Valerie Lewis
Administrator of Outreach Services*

Scholarships

There is still time to send in your raffle book donations for the SCLA Scholarship Fund! Tickets will also be available at the SCLA Annual Dinner.

Our Grand Prize this year is a ROKU streaming media device plus other prize donations from local theaters, NY Jets, NY Giants, LI Ducks, Stanley Steemer plus other baskets of goodies. **Now** is the time to plan on applying for the 2015 SCLA awards! Please be aware that you must be an **SCLA member for three (3) months** to be eligible to apply for the Scholarship Award and the Continuing Education Award for Support Staff.

Request forms for the award packets are available on the SCLA [website](#). Deadlines for applying are September 1, 2015 for the Scholarship Award and October 1, 2015 for the Continuing Education Award for Support Staff. We encourage all who are eligible to apply and ask that if you know someone you feel qualifies to apply to encourage them also!

*Teri Hatred
Scholarship Chair*

News from CATS

The CATS Executive board would like to thank all of the members (and non-members) who supported our programs this year. And special thanks to all of the libraries that hosted CATS programs.

Catch us at the NYLA Annual Conference on Saturday,

November 8 at 9:30 am for our SCLA sponsored *IT vs. Librarians* program. Library technology innovators Stephen Ingram, Bob Johnson, and Ellen Druda will present their views on the challenges we face.

The Technology Information Forum committee has two more meetings (on the first Thursdays of November and December), including its annual meeting in December. Look for more information from co-chair Bob Johnson on the listserv.

The Cataloging Roundtable underwent a successful transformation into the RDA Interest Group, and after another great meeting in October at Sachem (thank you to everyone at Sachem for hosting us so graciously), we're looking into ideas for our Spring 2015 meeting. Thanks to Tom Cohn and Lisa Bitran for organizing and facilitating these meetings, bringing much needed information and discussion to our county catalogers.

Finally, keep an eye out for more information on our annual meeting, which will take place in the SCLS auditorium on December 16. As always we hope to bring you exciting insight into how technology is shaping our lives and roles in the library.

I'd like to personally thank the 2014 Executive Boards of both CATS and SCLA for making my job feel easy with their support and friendship, I know we will be in good hands in 2015.

James Matias
President, CATS

News from DASL

On Friday, October 17, 2014, DASL and the Academic and Special Libraries Division (ASLD) of NCLA in conjunction with the SCC Grant Campus Library held our first joint conference titled ***Emerging Technologies in the Modern Academic Library.***



We selected guest speakers Prof. Kimberly Mullins of LIU Post, Prof. William Caniano of Hofstra University, and Prof. Laura Pope Robbins of Dowling College who are well versed and published in the use of technology in an academic setting. The presentations were very well received and all three speakers were asked numerous questions. Talk has already begun towards arranging next year's conference. Both DASL

and ASLD are looking forward to working together more often to support targeted programs for academic librarians on Long Island.



*Claudia McGivney
President, DASL*

News from RASD

Our annual dinner was held at Captain Bill's on September 17, 2014. Our speaker, Helen Harrison, was well received and the food was delicious. We hope to see all of you next year too. Check out more of our dinner photos on our [Facebook](#) page.



Our Annual Breakfast for Health Concerns was held at SCLS on October 29, 2014. The subject of this year's bibliography is heart disease.

The Long Island History Committee will be held in the Blue Room at SCLS on Thursday, November 13. Refreshments will be served at 9:30, and the meeting will open at 10:00 with speakers who will tell us about their traveling exhibits.

Our next meeting after the Health Concerns breakfast will take place on Tuesday November 4, 2014 at the Deer Park Library. Come for coffee at 9:30am and our official meeting will begin at 10:00am.

See you at the SCLA Dinner!

*Sara Bedell-Spataro
President, RASD*

News from SSD

The SCLA Support Staff Division wound down 2014 with the second presentation of *Social Networking Online* conducted by Sharper Training Solutions in September. We also offered *Microsoft Intermediate ACCESS* on October 22, 2014, again conducted by Sharper Training Solutions. To finish the year, on October 29, 2014 we held our annual membership meeting at the Brentwood Public Library. Our guest speaker was Celia Vollmer from the American Red Cross (she is also an employee of the Brentwood Public Library). Her topic was *Disaster Preparedness: Before, During and After*.

Keep up with SSD events and news on our [website](#). We welcome your ideas and comments so that we may serve you, our members, more effectively. So please feel free to comment on our blog!

Marcia Greenspan
President, SSD

News from YASD

YASD is happy to be holding its Annual Author Luncheon on Thursday, December 11 at the Irish Coffee Pub, from 1:00-4:00pm. Our guest speaker will be award-winning young adult author, Matt de la Peña, whose works include *The Living, Ball Don't Lie, Mexican Whiteboy* and *We Were Here*. He will discuss the importance of diverse books in the lives of young readers and the impact diversity has had on his own literary journey. Matt will also talk about his involvement on the Advisory Board of the We Need Diverse Books campaign. As always, the afternoon will include the Teen Librarian Awards, book sales & signing and raffles! We've already received some great prizes including a pair of tickets to The Gateway Playhouse and a pair of tickets to Theater Three. And there will be many more... Please [CLICK HERE](#) to print the registration form. We look forward to seeing you there.

We will also be asking our members to vote to approve an updated description of the YASD treasurer duties for the YASD bylaws. We appreciate your attending to take part in this important action.

Kim Zettwoch
President, YASD

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