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Suffolk County Library Association

*A Regional Chapter of the
New York Library Association*

President's Message

Dear Colleague:

Hello! I hope you're having a wonderful summer! While school closes for the summer, libraries remain open to receive children who need a safe, comfortable and educational environment. You help support our youth with educational programs, summer reading and free summer lunches. The library is also a place where youth can socialize with other students and maintain bonds within the community.

I ask everyone to take a step back and reflect: 'How have I helped my community?' You may surprise yourself! Do you help serve summer lunches? Have you participated in an outreach event? Do you know exactly what to say to a regular patron when they come in? Have you helped someone with a fine? As the summer goes by, make sure to think about what a difference you are making in the lives of others.

We want to collect your achievements and make them known to everyone. Rev. Jesse Jackson once said, "Children need all school workers. A person is not 'just' a janitor, not 'just' a custodian...they're partners in education. We need each other to make this work." This goes for all who work in a public library. We are all library workers who play an integral part in the education of a person and the strength of the community. You may not think about it, but your work in the library is instrumental in keeping the community strong. Thank you for everything you do!

Jose Hernandez, SCLA President



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2018 SCLA Board Members

We are happy to announce the following appointments to the SCLA Board for 2018:

Vice-President/President Elect:

Brian Schwartz

Treasurer:

Elaine Perez

Secretary:

Joyce Thompson-Haas

Members at Large:

Alexandra Mercado, Lissetty Thomas



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We're bringing the 'ol trivia questions back, friends! This edition's question comes from Peter Ward, of the Brentwood Public Library.

In a piece of Library Journal science fiction, C.A. Cutter once described a futuristic library from the year:

- (a) 1999
- (b) 2000
- (c) 1983
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2000

Submit your answers to Jennifer Rocco- jrocco@brookhavenfreelibrary.org.

National Library Week Trivia

From April 10th -14th library staff duked it out in a battle of wits for notoriety and a hot cup of coffee. Every day that week a trivia question was posted on the SCLA Facebook page and members answered it for their chance to win.

Our winners are:

Dakota Vincent- Hauppauge Public Library
(Had the quickest fingers and answered two questions)

Joanne Albano- Commack Public Library
(Knew her stuff; her question was hard!)

Jessica Oelcher- Patchogue-Medford Library
(Keanu Reeves hasn't made a movie this smarty doesn't know about)

Theresa Maritato- Patchogue-New Suffolk Free Library
(Michael Jackson would be proud)

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Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD)

2018 Announcements

Lauren Bernat, 2017 President, is pleased to announce that the 2018 Secretary will be Rachel Cecchini of the Comsewogue Public Library and Middle Country Public Library, and the Vice President/President Elect will be Alexander Blend of the Middle Country Public Library. Thank you to all who voted and participated in elections this spring!

Please also note that RASD's website has moved to: <http://scla.net/rasd/>

Annual Luncheon

Please save the date for our Annual Luncheon: Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 12:00-3:00 p.m., at Painters' Restaurant in Brookhaven. The speaker will be Antonia Petrash, who will speak about Long Island's participants in the Women's Suffrage movement.

Got a great marketing campaign?

The RASD PR & Marketing Committee is seeking submissions for the 4th Annual **SLMA** - Suffolk Library Marketing Award, recognizing the best public relations marketing campaign by a public or academic library in Suffolk County. Any department of a public or academic library in Suffolk County may submit an application with the details about a library marketing campaign that occurred entirely between September 16, 2016 and September 15, 2017. Applications can be found on the RASD PR & Marketing Committee's [webpage](#). The deadline for submission is **September 15, 2017**.

Summer/Fall CEU opportunities with RASD

The Media Committee met on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at SCLS. Topics included media shelving issues: storage space, where your non-fiction materials live, high fine rates for media (helping or hurting) and more.

The Electronic Resources Committee will meet on Friday, September 8, 2017 for a demo on [Lynda.com](#).

The CARE Committee will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at SCLS from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The New Adult Committee will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the [Sachem Public Library](#) (9:30 a.m. networking, 10:00 a.m. start). The meeting will be on the topic of new adult collections, and the speakers will be Jessica Oelcher & Rebecca Goldstein.

The Reader's Advisory Committee will next meet on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at SCLS and the topic is Mystery (regular, not cozy). Coffee/tea at 9:30 a.m., meeting 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Computer and Technical Services (CATS)



Check out this great article co-authored by Chris DeCristofaro and Ellen Druda in *Library Journal*!

[The Chatty Librarians: Podcasting](#)

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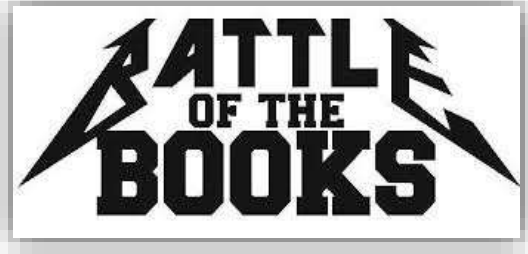
Save the Date!

Annual Safety Conference and Annual Membership Meeting October 18, 2017 Brentwood Public Library

Among the presentations: Suffolk County Police Department Commissioner Timothy Sini will be our keynote speaker, Homeland Security and SCPD will be in attendance and there will be a program on autism. We will also host volunteer groups for participants to visit with during breaks. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Young Adult Services Division (YASD)

On Thursday, June 8, 2017, the YASD hosted a panel of YA librarians that discussed the best methods for building a strong Battle of the Books team, sharing tips for running Battle meetings, and sharing how they make Battle fun not just for the teens, but for the librarians too. The panel consisting of Cara Perry, Michele Cayea, Brian Schwartz, Kathleen Kellenberger and Nanette Feder, had some great ideas that they shared with the audience including games that they play with their team members and that they even talk to their team members in a foreign accent just to make them laugh! They explained how they ran their meetings and it showed that there is more than one way to run a successful meeting. It was great for Battle coaches to see that they are not alone in some of the struggles that they face. If you are interested in the notes from the meeting, please contact Casey Fehn at Casey@myrml.org.



The next YASD meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at SCLS. The meeting is a Summer Recap Meeting that will be accompanied by inexpensive program ideas. This is an opportunity for YA librarians to gather and discuss what worked for them over the summer and what they would not do again. It is a great way to network and gain new program ideas. With budgets being tight at the end of the year, the YASD will also provide a packet of inexpensive program ideas that can be implemented. If you have any extraordinary programs that can be done on the cheap that you would like included in this packet, please send them to Casey@myrml.org.

In October, the YASD will be teaming up with SCLS to host a two-part Graphic Novel Program!



On Tuesday, October 17, 2017, SCLS will be hosting a meeting where you will discover the history and current trends of graphic novels in libraries with Dr. Lucia Cedeira Serantes.

On Thursday, October 26, 2017, the YASD will be hosting a meeting at Huntington Public Library where Michael Buono and Khan will discuss how to decide the best graphic novels to purchase for your library and how to keep up with what is trending in the world of comics. After that, we will take a walk to Escape Pod Comics to see first-hand what this comic book store has to offer.

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Annual Dinner

Save the Date!

**SCLA Annual Dinner
Brentwood Country Club**

**Friday, November 17, 2017
6:00-10:00 p.m.**

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Committee is keeping a database of attendance at SCLA programs for members based on attendance sheets the committee receives from sponsor groups. To be listed in the database make sure you sign the attendance sheet for the program you are attending or email sclshr@suffolknet.org to be added to the database. When you need your personal listing of attended programs just send an email to the address above. A report will be sent back to you via email. Please be aware that the database may be incomplete, as it only has data from submitted attendance sheets.

You may also use the email address for questions/concerns/programming ideas.

Excellence in Library Service (ELSA) Award

Know an outstanding library worker? Someone who goes above and beyond to benefit their library and the community that it serves? Think they deserve a nice plaque and gift card reward?

Then why don't you nominate them for the Excellence in Library Service Award to show you appreciate them and all their hard work! Whether they work at the library you work, the one where you live, or even at SCLS, it doesn't matter. Just fill out the [application](#) and collect two or more letters of recommendation containing at least 300 words explaining just what makes them so excellent. That's it! If they are chosen by our committee, they'll be honored at this year's SCLA Annual Dinner in November.

Please send applications to Kate Regina, ELSA Chair, care of West Babylon Public Library by August 31, 2017. Questions can be emailed to elsacommittee@gmail.com.

Can't wait to hear all the wonderful stories from around the county!

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Fandom Outreach



The Fandom Outreach Committee had a busy couple of months!

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, we promoted STEAM in the library at [SLIME](#). Children got to play with gears and Snap Circuits with us!

On Sunday, May 28, 2017, we traveled to Queens to play Geeky Mini Golf at [BoroughCon](#). BoroughCon is a brand new comic book convention and we hope to do more with them next year.

Then on Thursday, July 27, 2017, we headed to Barnes and Noble in Lake Grove for their Pop Culture Day. We did fandom panels such as How to Cosplay and a TARDIS Tissue Box Workshop. We also had a storytime with one of our cosplay wearing librarians!

The Fandom Outreach Committee is starting to prepare for Long Island Doctor Who, November 10-12, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering in this or any other future events, email Stefanie Gangone at Sgangone@copiaquelibrary.org.

Legislative

Save the Date!

31st Legislative Breakfast at Sachem Public Library

September 15, 2017

Details coming!

Scholarship Awards

SCLA offers two scholarship awards per year for library support staff and for library school students. Deadlines to apply are approaching so click the links below for full information!

[Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff](#)

[Scholarship Award Supporting Librarian Students](#)

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Suffolk County Library Access Committee

Join us at Suffolk Cooperative Library System for these informational programs!

All programs are free and do not require registration.

Suffolk County Gang Intelligence Unit

Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

As a follow up to the Gang Information Seminar in April, the Gang Intelligence Unit will be presenting a three hour seminar on the issue of gang violence. This issue affects many of your communities. Please join us to learn about the efforts of both the Suffolk County Sheriff and Police Departments, and the things you can do to address this issue in your community. This presentation will be followed by a virtual presentation on Rave Mobile Safety. This company provides various types of security options.

Healthcare Awareness through Library Outreach (HATLO) Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The HATLO group brings together staff members from Suffolk County public libraries, representatives from healthcare organizations and service providers from across Long Island. This partnership is designed to provide library staff with current healthcare resources for collection development and contacts for programming and planning. All are welcome.

Veterans Resource Fair

Monday, November 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Visit SCLS to speak with representatives from various Veterans organizations and service providers. Take this opportunity to gather information and schedule speakers for programming at your library. Please note: this event is NOT open to the public. This is geared towards library administration and staff.

Web Page

Make sure to visit SCLA's [events page](#) for the latest in meeting and programs for the Divisions and Committees of SCLA.

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News from SCLA Liaisons

Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC)



26th Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future

October 26th & 27th, 2017
Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park

For 26 years, the LILRC Annual conference on Libraries and the Future has showcased topics relevant to the interest of Long Island Libraries. This year's conference is going to be another can't-miss event. The theme, **Design the Experience: Risk and Reward**, came about after much discussion. What are the challenges facing libraries *today*? What might those challenges look like *five years from now*? These are questions that the conference has grappled with since its inception. To help us navigate these choppy waters, customer relationship management (CRM) influencer, Marshall Lager, will kick things off Thursday evening. We have also invited Emily Drabinski, Long Island University professor and a *Library Journal* *Mover & Shaker*, as well as David Favalcro, director of cultural Affairs at the Tenement Museum, and a representative from the Blue Sea Development company, recipient of the Center for Active Design Award. Make sure you mark it on your calendar! For more details visit the LILRC Training and Events Calendar online at: <http://www.lilrc.org/event/26annconf/>



22nd Annual Archives Month Conference

1917: Long Island in Transition

Friday, October 13, 2017
9:00AM-1:00PM
Mill Neck Manor House

The LILRC Local History Committee is proud to announce that the 22nd Annual Archives Month Conference will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at the Mill Neck Manor House, in Mill Neck, New York. Attendees include archivists, historians, and librarians from historical societies, house museums, and special libraries in both Nassau and Suffolk counties. Speakers and topics include Women's Suffrage with Antonia Petrash, Immigration patterns on Long Island with NARA's Dorothy Dougherty, and the history of Camp Mills with Cyril Smith. \$25 per person (includes hot breakfast buffet). Docent-assisted self-guided tours will be open to attendees. Non LILRC members are welcome. For more details visit the LILRC Training and Events Calendar online at: <http://www.lilrc.org/event/22nd-annual-archives-month-conference>.

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Public Library Directors Association (PLDA)

Fundraiser for New Yorkers for Better Libraries
Golf Outing, North Fork Tour and Banquet Dinner

Great Rock Golf Course, Wading River
Thursday, September 28, 2017

New Yorkers for Better Libraries (NYLIBS-PAC) is a political action committee formed in 2003 by New York library advocates who believe that increased state aid for libraries and library systems is essential so that library and information services can be sustained and improved for the people of New York.

Who Should Attend?

- Aspiring Library Leaders
- Friends of the Library and Library Foundation Members
- Library Trustees and Trustees Emeritus
- Library Clerks, Paraprofessional and Librarians and Administrators!
- Library Lovers

Why Attend?

- Network in a relaxed setting with your colleagues, directors, trustees and vendors.
- Support Library Legislation by raising funds for NYLIBS-PAC.
- Enjoy golf, wine, dinner with your colleagues, AND support library legislation.
What a great way to spend the day!

Thanks to your support, NYLIBS-PAC succeeded in securing increased NYS Construction Aid for libraries (over 2,000% in Suffolk County), over \$7.6M of additional Library State Aid since 2011 and Library Exemption of the MTA Payroll Tax.

For more information/registration form, click [here!](#)

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SCLA Fundraiser 5k
Holtsville Wildlife & Ecology Center

October 2017

Keep an eye out for future emails
regarding specifics!



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