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## Suffolk County Library Association

*A Regional Chapter of the  
New York Library Association*

*Spring 2016*

### **President's Message**

It is a privilege to serve as president of SCLA this year. My involvement with this organization began when I was a brand new librarian. Over the years, I have learned a lot and met wonderful people who have improved my life in more ways than I can hope to thank them for.

SCLA provides many opportunities for continuing education as well as avenues to improve our profession and enrich our work lives. Being active in your professional organization offers a variety of benefits, including:

- *Professional development:* SCLA offers many free and discounted professional development workshops to members.
- *Communication:* The SCLA Members Listserv allows for posting of meetings, training sessions and job announcements. The SCLA newsletter with information about division activities is distributed quarterly by email to all members, and is available on the SCLA website.
- *Scholarships and Awards:* SCLA awards two monetary scholarships each year, one for a library school student and one for support staff furthering their education. Professional awards include the SCLA President's Award, Excellence in Library Services Award and the Suffolk Library Marketing Award.
- *Leadership Opportunities:* SCLA members who run for leadership positions gain management experience, make a difference in their coworkers professional lives, improve the organization and receive credit on upper-level civil service exams.
- *Networking:* Meetings, workshops, networking opportunities and the online membership directory available to SCLA members help build relationships with fellow SCLA members and members of other library organizations.
- *Advocacy:* SCLA works with other local library organizations to arrange advocacy opportunities and meetings with state and local legislators.
- *Community Service:* SCLA sponsors a variety of fundraising and charitable activities each year. In addition to supporting worthy organizations, this outreach publicizes the work of libraries and forms partnerships with other groups.

Thank you all for your continuing membership and support. Take advantage of all of the benefits of membership, and encourage your coworkers to join SCLA and do the same. As a professional organization, we grow stronger with every new member.

On behalf of the entire SCLA Board, we look forward to another busy and productive year. Watch for announcements of upcoming events, including Advocacy Day, the Long Island Library Conference, SCLA Division meetings, educational opportunities and more.

Regards,  
Jeri Cohen

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## **NYLA Annual Conference**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2016 Annual Conference & Trade Show:  
Strong. Strategic. Sustainable.**

Click [here](#) for more information!

## **Long Island Library Conference**

**At the Melville Marriott  
May 5, 2016**

The Long Island Library Conference is an educational forum for all those who work in and for libraries. Held annually to provide innovative and informational programs as well as networking opportunities to improve the quality of the public, special, school and university libraries of Long Island, the Conference is organized and sponsored by the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) and the Nassau County Library Association (NCLA).

**Early Bird Registration: January 1-February 29, 2016**

**\$40 for SCLA & NCLA members, \$50 for non-members, \$25 for students**

**Registration continues through May 2, 2016**

**\$50 for SCLA & NCLA members, \$60 for non-members**

**On-site registration will be \$70 per attendee**

**\*Please note the new website address: [libconference.org](http://libconference.org)\***

## **News from SCLA Divisions**

### **RASD**

There is an old saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." The mission of the Reference and Adult Services Division is to help our peers do their job well and to help the field of librarianship.

Our division is comprised of eight committees that serve the various needs of people who serve the public in the library field, whether or not they are reference librarians. Career advice, technology questions, health information, historical knowledge, readers advisory, media questions, multicultural concerns, senior services, library members and public relations questions- these are some of the topics that we strive to cover with our peers to help improve our profession.

No matter what position you hold in your library, your participation in our committees and others makes for a stronger profession. Look at the listservs, monthly SCLA calendar and RASD blog for further information of upcoming events.

RASD looks forward to seeing you this year.

### **New Adult Committee of RASD**

The New Adult Committee of RASD will be sponsoring a program at the 2016 Long Island Library Conference. H2M Architects and Engineers will present Reimagining Library Design to Foster the Millennial Experience. Presenters will discuss unique opportunities for sustainable retrofits and expansions that will enhance the experience of seniors and children, while the design approach will capture millennial patrons.

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## **YASD**

Welcome to the 2016 YASD Board- Casey Fehn, Mike Buono, Dana Amarosa, Deborah Hempe, Vicky Urbelis, and Donna Brown. The YASD is looking forward to an exciting year of dynamic programming. Please like our [Facebook](#) page and subscribe to the [YASD Blog!](#)

On Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, the YASD will hold its joint Annual Suffolk/Nassau Meeting at SCLS. A panel of librarians will be discussing successful Tween Programming that they have completed at their library and a question and answer session will follow. A light breakfast will be provided and CEU's will be awarded. This is a great opportunity to connect with librarians from both Suffolk and Nassau counties. To register, please click [here](#).

On Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, join the YASD at the Brentwood Library for the Fran Romer Book-talk Workshop. The theme of the workshop is going to be "Diversity." We are excited to announce that our speaker this year is Jason Reynolds! Jason recently received two 2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Awards for *Boy in the Black Suit* and *All American Boys*, which he co-authored with Brendan Kiely. He also received the 2015 John Steptoe Award for New Talent with his book *When I Was the Greatest*. Breakout book discussion groups will take place after Jason speaks. CEU's will be awarded and lunch will be served. Please look for the Save the Date coming soon!

## **News from SCLA Committees**

### **SCLA Annual Dinner**

The SCLA Annual Dinner and meeting took place on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. 140 of our colleagues and friends joined us for an evening of dinner, dancing and mingling.

Several awards were also given that evening; Liz Stokes from the Riverhead Free Library won the ELSA Award, Emily Warren from the Patchogue-Medford Library won the SCLA Scholarship, Brittany LaValle won the Continuing Education Award and the Patchogue-Medford Public Library won the PR and Marketing Award for their patron appreciation "We Love You Too" campaign. Two marines were also present at the dinner to accept the donations that were made to the Toys for Tots Foundation. There was a 50/50 raffle that raised money for Doctors Without Borders. After a generous donation from PLDA, we as "Librarians Without Barriers" raised \$558 for the charity. It was a fantastic evening and a wonderful time was had by all.



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## **ELSA**

Pictured left to right are Liz Stokes and  
ELSA Committee Chair, Kate Regina.



The 2015 Excellence in Library Service Award (ELSA) was presented to Elizabeth Stokes of Riverhead Free Library at the SCLA's Annual Dinner on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. She was one of the five library workers from around the county who were nominated to win this award, all of which give their all and then some. Ms. Stokes was honored by all those in attendance at the Dinner as well as her director, co-workers and local government officials who couldn't say enough about her commitment to serving her patrons. Whether it's the teens of her community or the prisoners of the local jail that appreciate a good read too, this Circulation Head makes sure everyone gets the chance to make the most of the library's various services.

Be on the lookout for this year's nomination forms which will be available at your local academic and public library starting the end of April, 2016. If you know and/or work with someone who goes above and beyond in the library world, be sure to nominate them so they have the chance to be our winner in 2016.

## **Fandom Outreach**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**From Marvel, to Doctor Who and Star Wars!  
How to Bring the Fandom Community into your Library**

February 18, 2016  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
9:30 a.m. coffee  
Location: SCLS Auditorium

Pop culture has become very main stream in the last few years. With the success of comic book and science fiction movies such as Star Wars, it has become essential for libraries to be in touch with these fandom communities. Ken Deep, Showrunner of LIGeek and LIWho, has been running successful conventions on Long Island for many years. Mr. Deep will talk about how he started, how he promotes his conventions to attendees and volunteers and what we can do as libraries to bring this community to our libraries. We will also talk about getting in touch with trends and fandoms and how you can incorporate them into your programming.

## **LDA Award**

The Library Directory Associates (LDA) Award provides recognition to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to libraries on Long Island, be they librarians, trustees, support staff, friends of the library, vendors or publishers. The award is sponsored by SCLA and NCLA and was founded by LDA Publishers in 1978.

We invite all SCLA members to consider nominating an individual for this award. For a copy of an application and brochure, please visit the SCLA website. Copies of the brochure also will be sent to SCLA members.

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Applications may be submitted beginning Monday, February 1, 2016 and must be received no later than Monday, March 21, 2016. Please send them to:

Marcia Olsen  
Levittown Public Library  
1 Bluegrass Lane  
Levittown, New York 11756  
516-731-5728

The LDA Award will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

## **Legislative**

### **Library Advocacy Day**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

This year, Library Advocacy Day has the potential to be a historically good year for Library Aid in Albany but it will require a significant effort by library supporters and leaders from around the State and Suffolk County. Join us on the bus and visit one-on-one with your legislators to share stories of how libraries serve their constituents.

To register for the bus, please fill out [this form](#) and email [samantha@suffolknet.org](mailto:samantha@suffolknet.org) or send in the SCLS system delivery to attention: Samantha Alberts.

**Space is limited so sign-up early!**

#### **Library Advocacy Day Bus Information**

#### **March 1st – March 2<sup>nd</sup> TWO day bus sponsored by PLDA**

- Click [here](#) for the flyer.
- Cost \$50.00.
- Checks are to be made out to PLDA by February 12, 2016. Send to Lauren Nichols (see flyer sending information).
- Reservations for the hotel must be made by the attendee. Details are on the flyer.
- Hilton Albany: 1-518-462-6611 Link to website is [here](#).
- **Group Code: 1NYLIB — May be SOLD OUT.**
- Hampton Inn & Suites - Downtown Albany and Holiday Inn Express - Downtown Albany are both also within walking distance.

Have questions? Contact [lnichols@pmlib.org](mailto:lnichols@pmlib.org)

#### **March 2<sup>nd</sup> ONE day bus sponsored by SCLA**

- Click [here](#) for the flyer.
- No Charge.
- Form must be returned by February 10, 2016 to Samantha Alberts.

Have questions? Contact [samantha@suffolknet.org](mailto:samantha@suffolknet.org)

**Space is limited on both buses. Those interested should register early!**

#### **Sign up for Advocacy Day 101**

February 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. or February 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at SCLS

To register, visit the Library System's [Calendar](#).

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## **Scholarship**

Congratulations to both winners of the 2015 SCLA Awards! The SCLA Scholarship Fund received \$1,092.00 in support from our members. Thank you to our generous members and raffle prize donors. Celia Vollmer of the Brentwood Public Library won the Grand Prize of a wine country limo tour from First Glass Wine Tours. First Glass Wine tours also added a basket of wine and a Restaurant.com gift card to the limo tour prize.

**Now** is the time to plan on applying for the 2016 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, 2016 for the Scholarship Award and October 1, 2016 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 for an award, to encourage them to apply!

Scholarship award winner Emily Warren,  
Patchogue-Medford Library



Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff  
winner Brittany LaValle, Brookhaven Free Library

## **SCLS Outreach Services**

**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.:**

### **SCLS Outreach Services Advisory Council Presentation and Meeting**

The Outreach Services Advisory Council Presentation and Meetings are held twice a year, one in April and one in October. The meetings highlight the many outreach programs that are available to member libraries and their patrons.

The speakers for April will be Katherine Anastasia from the Alzheimer's Association and Julie Broihier from the World Trade Center Project. Please bring handouts about your library's **OUTREACH** programs and services to share with the group. Also, please feel free to bring colleagues from your library and from organizations in your community. The Advisory Council meeting is designed to bring together public library staff with outside agencies and organizations in order to better serve your entire library community. We look forward to your input.

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## **April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.:**

### **Emergency Preparedness Training**

SCLS Outreach Services has invited representatives from the Office of Emergency Management, Suffolk County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, Suffolk County Police Department, Suffolk County Department of Health Services and other county agencies to provide member library administration and staff with resources that will help to prepare and protect library staff and the library's community in the event of a natural or man-made disaster/emergency. The April 13<sup>th</sup> program will be held at the Riverhead Free Library. The April 20<sup>th</sup> program will be held at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. We have planned these two "identical" workshops to be held at the two locations in hopes that this will give everyone an opportunity to attend one of the workshops. All of the details have not been finalized at this time, so please watch for emails that will contain more specific information. The workshops are open to library administration and staff and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:**

### **Mental Health First Aid Training**

SCLS Outreach Services has invited two representatives from the Association for Mental Health and Wellness to provide a unique training opportunity for library administration and staff. The program is Mental Health First Aid Training.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! To register, click [here](#).

Please note: You **MUST** attend both four hour sessions to receive the Mental Health First Aid Training Certification.

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack even if you have no clinical training, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health related crisis. In the Mental Health First Aid course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations and where to turn for help. Before you can know how to help, you need to know when to help. We call this *mental health literacy* – or a basic understanding of what different mental illnesses and addictions are, how they can affect a person's daily life and what helps individuals experiencing these challenges get well.

You learn about:

- Depression and mood disorders
- Anxiety disorders
- Trauma
- Psychosis
- Substance Use disorders

Mental Health First Aid teaches about *recovery* and *resiliency* – the belief that individuals experiencing these challenges can and do get better, and use their strengths to stay well.

The course is an eight hour course (which will be offered at SCLS in two hour sessions) and when completed, the participants receive a certificate of completion. You **MUST** attend both sessions (the TWO four hour Mental Health First Aid Trainings) for a total of eight hours of training in order to receive the training's certificate of completion. There will be an hour break for lunch (on your own).

The presenters will be Alexis Rodgers and Tara Fredericks. You are welcome to contact them to get a better understanding of the Mental Health First Aid Training program.

Alexis Rodgers     [arodgers@mhaw.org](mailto:arodgers@mhaw.org)  
Tara Fredericks     [tfredericks@mhaw.org](mailto:tfredericks@mhaw.org)

Please watch your emails over the next few weeks for more information about the trainings.

Seating is limited so register today!

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Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**SEE FOR YOURSELF 2016:**

**An Assistive Technology and Resource Fair for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired.**

Join us for our annual low vision assistive technology and resource fair. This year, along with our exhibitors, we are inviting member libraries who would like to promote their assistive technology and program accessibility, to have a table at the fair. This will give you an opportunity to meet members of your community and tell them about your library's accessible programs and services. If you are interested at having a table, email [valerie@suffolknet.org](mailto:valerie@suffolknet.org). The Fair is open to the public and to all library administration and staff. We hope you will stop by to learn about the most up-to-date resources and technologies that will help to make your library accessible to patrons and employees who are living with vision loss. Please watch your emails for more details about this year's event.

If you have questions about any of the programs mentioned here or other resources available through SCLS Outreach Services, please contact Valerie Lewis at [631-286-1600 Ext. 1354](tel:631-286-1600) or by email at [valerie@suffolknet.org](mailto:valerie@suffolknet.org).

## **News from SCLA Liaisons**

### **PLDA**

The Public Library Directors Association will be sponsoring the following program at the 2016 Long Island Library Conference:

**The Morning After:  
The Budget Passed - Now What?**

Library Advocacy is more than just getting the budget passed. Join John Chrastka, founder and director of the nationwide library PAC EveryLibrary, as he shares how to turn voters into constituents and donors throughout the year.



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***Interested in getting involved in SCLA committees?  
Here is your opportunity!***

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### ***ARCHIVES COMMITTEE***

***is seeking members:***

The Archives Committee is responsible for the organization, storage and management of the records of the Association. These records document the history of SCLA. This includes the records of the Divisions and Committees. The archives are currently stored in space provided by SCLS.

**If interested, please contact Jeri Cohen- [jcohen@pmlib.org](mailto:jcohen@pmlib.org).**

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### ***INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE***

***is seeking new members:***

The charge of the Intellectual Freedom Committee is to:

1. Keep abreast of intellectual freedom issues on the county, state and national level.
2. Inform members and general public of issues concerning intellectual freedom, and the scope of activities of the committee.
3. Provide advisory and educational support to librarians in Suffolk County who find themselves under the attack of censor.
4. Actively participate as a representative of SCLA in county, state and national activities which foster the cause of intellectual freedom.

**If interested, please contact Kevin McCoy- [mccoykj@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:mccoykj@sunysuffolk.edu).**

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