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Suffolk County Library Association

*A Regional Chapter of the
New York Library Association*

Summer 2016

President's Message

Interested in running for office? As a volunteer organization, SCLA relies on the abilities, commitment and hard work of all our members to make things happen. SCLA and all its divisions are currently finalizing the election slates for the June elections. To run for the SCLA Board, you must be a member in good standing and have worked in a Suffolk County library for at least two years. Most elected officers serve for a January-December calendar year. Some positions are for a two-year term. If you are interested in running for the SCLA Board, contact Jose Hernandez, SCLA Vice President and Nominating Chair at jhernandez@pmlib.org. If you are interested in running for a board seat on one of the SCLA Divisions, contact your Division President. For more information on the responsibilities of each board position, visit our [webpage](#) and look at the links on the bottom of our home page.

On Thursday, May 5, 2016, the Long Island Library Conference is being held at the Melville Marriott. The Conference is organized by the Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations and is a great educational and networking opportunity. A variety of innovative and informational programs of interest to people working in every kind of library are being offered. The keynote speaker is children's book author Tad Hills. The complete program list is online [here](#).

It's time for our Annual Networking Night! On Friday, May 13, 2016, join SCLA and the Public Library Directors Association (PLDA) at the Patchogue-Medford Library for refreshments and good company. Learn about your local library association and meet people from a variety of Suffolk County libraries. The event is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Look for more information in your email.

Help Wanted:

Working on an SCLA committee is a great way to be involved in your local organization. There are committees for every interest. A full list is on our [webpage](#).

Right now we are looking for someone to head our Civil Service Committee. The committee is tasked with keeping the Executive Board and membership informed of all Civil Service test dates, requirements and changes to exams and organizing workshops to assist in strategies to increase performance on Civil Service exams.

Regards,
Jeri Cohen

SCLA has a new email address!

scla1939@gmail.com

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Long Island Library Conference

**At the Melville Marriott
Thursday, 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).

Register 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

News from SCLA Divisions

RASD

The Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of the Suffolk County Library Association will be hosting the following programs for the 2016 Long Island Library Conference:

SCLA NEW ADULT COMMITTEE

Reimagining Library Design to Foster the Millennial Experience

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Salons 11, 12

NCLA & SCLA RASD

Guerrilla Outreach: 10 Tips for Connecting to your Local Community

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Vanderbilt Room

SCLA OARS

How Librarians can assist U.S. Military Vets and their Families

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Whitman Room

NCLA & SCLA RASD

Forecast: It's a Cloudy Day at Reference

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Vanderbilt Room

SSD

The Support Staff Division is offering the following upcoming Training classes to be held at SCLS from 2:00-4:00 p.m.:

Monday, May 16, 2016 – Intro to OneDrive

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – Intermediate Excel

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – Intermediate Excel

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – Advanced Excel

Register soon as seats are filling fast!

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The Support Staff Division would like to announce their:

Fall Safety Conference at the Brentwood Public Library!

Preliminary program features:

- SCPD Active Weapons Training
- Narcan Certification
- Board of Health Guidelines for Program Departments
- Communication and coordination of safety notifications with your school district and local businesses
- Meet local volunteer organizations
- More to come...

Continental breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. Details coming soon!

YASD

We would like to welcome Kristen Brewi back to the YASD Board as Secretary for the remainder of the year. She graciously agreed to temporarily fill the vacant position when our previous secretary had to step down. Thank you to everyone who sent in nominations for the 2017 YASD Board. We look forward to working with you in the future.

The YASD will be having Michael Hynes, Superintendent of Patchogue-Medford School District, speak at the Long Island Library Conference about the challenges of Common Core and what librarians can do to help. He will also be speaking about effective partnerships libraries and schools can form to best assist both the teachers and the students in today's learning environment. YASD will have a booth set up with giveaways and a raffle, so be sure to look for us!

On Wednesday, May 11, the YASD will hold a Town Hall style meeting at SCLS. Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn more about the 2016 YASD Board, to ask any questions that they might have and to share their ideas for future programs. We want everyone to be able to have a say in what the YASD does, even if they are unable to commit the time to be on the Board.

On Thursday, June 16 at the Sachem Public Library, the YASD will be holding a joint meeting with the Community Service Roundtable of SCLS. Laura Panter and Cara Perry will be giving a presentation on volunteer opportunities at the library. Keep a look out for the flyer that will be sent out soon with more information.

Help Wanted!

The YASD is looking for volunteers to join the December Luncheon Committee. If you want to get involved, but are not able to commit to an entire year, this is a great opportunity to do so. Help make this year's December YASD Luncheon the best one yet! For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please email Casey Fehn at casey@myrml.org.

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News from SCLA Committees

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

Fandom Outreach

LIGeek was a huge success this year! We spent the weekend reaching out to all ages of fandom with Harry Potter trivia, literary inspired crafts (Percy Jackson themed beading, life size Minecraft paper torch and more!) and STEAM demos. With the help of SCLS's lending library and a presenter from CATechnologies, we showed how Suffolk County Libraries have embraced the future of technology during our Kids Tech Camp! LIGeek attendees were able to see our 3D printer in action and saw a demonstration of Tinkercad's 3D modeling design software.

We also made air powered cars to show what libraries can offer in terms of STEAM enhanced programming. During our lightsaber workshop the kids were thrilled to meet Greg Grunberg who plays Snap Wexley in Star Wars: The Force Awakens and is also an upcoming tween author! You can view his book [here](#).

Our next event will be at Barnes and Noble in Lake Grove on Wednesday, May 4 for their Star Wars night! Please send me an email- sgangone@copiaguemlibrary.org if you'd like to help and May the Fourth be with you!



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Scholarship

Now is the time to plan on applying for the 2016 SCLA awards!

SCLA Scholarship Award (\$2,000)

SCLA Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff (\$1,000)

Please be aware that you must be an SCLA member for three months to be eligible to apply for the Scholarship Award and the Continuing Education Award for Library 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 Library 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!

Contact Teri Hatred at SCLS with any questions or concerns: sclshr@suffolknet.org or 631-286-1600 Ext. 1314.

Student Outreach

Thanks to the efforts of committee member Sue Ketcham (LIU Post), the SCLA Student Outreach Committee is creating new materials for distribution to library school students and others. The brochures will provide information about employment in public, academic, school, and special libraries and highlight the benefits of membership in SCLA. Once complete, PDF's of the brochures will be available on the SCLA website to download and distribute as needed. Watch for the announcement in a future issue of the newsletter!

Outreach Services

SCLS Outreach Services will be hosting the following programs/events:

Email Valerie Lewis valerie@suffolknet.org or call Outreach Services at 631-286-1600 Ext. 1355 with any questions about these programs.

Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make the event accessible to you.

Energy Assistance Forum Training for Advocates

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All library staff are welcome to join us to learn about the many programs and services from various utility companies that service Long Island. PSEG and National Grid will lead the discussion and share information about programs for customers with low income and customers with disabilities. Registration is required. Please watch for the email with the registration information.

ADA Basics

Friday, May 13, 2016 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Valerie Lewis will present a webinar on this topic. Please watch for the email with the link to the webinar. No registration required.

SEE FOR YOURSELF 2016: An Assistive Technology and Resource Fair for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Friday, May 20, 2016 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Admission is free! This event is geared to the public and library administration and staff. Learn about the newest technologies that can make your library materials and programs accessible for people living with vision and hearing loss. No registration is required.

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If your library has technology that it makes accessible to people with visual or hearing disabilities, please contact Valerie Lewis about having a table at this event. Space is limited.

Immigration Coalition Ambassador Training

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Please watch your email for further information.

Health Science Library and Public Library Collaboration

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This program will highlight resources available to the public through the Health Science Library at Stony Brook Hospital. Health Science librarians Jamie Sarragossi and Jennifer Lyons will provide an overview of their resources and services. The meeting will be hosted by the Health Concerns Committee and SCLS Outreach Services. No registration is required.

Music and Memory Customized Music Therapy for People Living with Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia and other Degenerative Neurologic Diseases

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:00 a.m.12:00 p.m.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for libraries who are already providing a Music and Memory program, to talk with one another and share strategies to grow this program in their community. It is also a chance for libraries who are interested in learning more about the Music and Memory program to see how to get started. We invite any and all who are interested to learn more about this unique program. Suffolk County Public Libraries were the first in the nation to bring customized music therapy to their patrons (who are still living at home) with these degenerative diseases. The Music and Memory program gives libraries an opportunity to provide a service to people who are homebound, who cannot enjoy or benefit from the wonderful resources that are inside the library. No registration is required.

News from SCLA Liaisons

LILRC

The Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) Celebrates 50 Years of Service to the Library Community

We were thrilled to celebrate LILRC's 50th anniversary in Bethpage, N.Y. last week with more than 140 library staff, directors, trustees, friends and supporters.

To mark this momentous occasion, the Council hosted a special gala celebration on April 14, 2016 during National Library Week. The beautiful Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park was an ideal venue for early-arriving and late-staying attendees to network with colleagues and enjoy the evening's events. As attendees sat down for dinner, Janis Schoen, Gala Co-Chair, graciously welcomed attendees and kicked-off the event. Shortly after, LILRC Director, Herbert Biblo took to the stage to present the awards to our honorees: New York State Senator John J. Flanagan (accepted by Assemblymember Chad A. Lupinacci), Gerald D. Nichols and Joseph P. Price for their leadership and enduring support of the library community.

In recognition of five decades of dedicated service to the Long Island library community, Huntington Town Clerk Jo-Ann Raia presented a Certificate of Congratulations to the Council and commended and congratulated Herbert Biblo and staff on 50 years of service.

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Following the awards ceremony, Gala attendees were treated to a video montage of LILRC's honorees, staff, advocacy efforts and events over the past decades, which was created by Gala Committee member Joseph Latini. With laughter still in the air, dinner was served and accompanied by a live performance by musician Jack Licitra.

The 50th Anniversary Gala culminated in a presentation by guest speaker Lawrence Levy, Executive Director at National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University. Mr. Levy spoke to the changing demographics on Long Island and offered some ideas on how libraries can reach these diverse population groups. While he offered much food for thought, it would not be celebration without a cake! And so, the event concluded with a sweet treat and best wishes for continued success and services to the library community. Thanks to all who joined in the celebration!

LILRC's 50th Anniversary Gala was made possible by the support of our silver sponsors: H2M architects + engineers, Joseph P. Price Agency Inc. and Peter Gisolfi Associates and other sponsors including the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA).



NYLA

SAVE THE DATE!

2016 NYLA Annual Conference and Trade Show
Strong. Strategic. Sustainable.

November 2 - 5, 2016
Saratoga Springs, NY
The Saratoga Hilton

The Annual Conference and Trade Show, held each fall around the state, is the largest state library association conference held on the East Coast. Offering a wide variety of programs, special events, networking opportunities, and vendor displays, the NYLA Annual Conference and Trade Show offers educational opportunities for all segments of the library community from library staff to trustees. The Suffolk County Library Association will be sponsoring several programs throughout the Conference. Be on the lookout for the brochure soon!

For more information about the SCLA sponsored programs at the annual NYLA Conference, please contact Julie DeLaney at jdelaney@smithlib.org.

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Library Networking Night

Friday, May 13, 2016
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Patchogue-Medford Library
54-60 East Main St.
Patchogue, NY 11772

Join us at our Library Networking Night where you can meet staff, students, professionals and directors in the library field in a casual and festive atmosphere. There will be live music from Joe Latini along with refreshments and beverages so be sure to mark your calendar for a fun night of networking.

For more information, please contact Sara Fade, fadesara@mcplibrary.org or Susan Goldberg, sgoldberg@elwoodlibrary.org. Free registration for all attending.

PLDA

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, September 22, 2016

PLDA's Annual Golf Outing and Wine Tour at
Great Neck Country Club

SAVE THE DATE!

Second Annual SCLA vs. NCLA Bowling Night

Friday, June 10, 2016
7:30-10:30 p.m.

Farmingdale Lanes
999 Conklin St.
Farmingdale, NY 11735

\$20 a person includes one pizza per lane, bowling shoes, three hours of bowling and soft drinks!
All proceeds will go to respective scholarship funds!

Food and alcohol will be available for purchase!

Friends and family are welcome!

Please RSVP by Friday, June 3, 2016 to Jackie Narkiewicz jackienark@gmail.com.

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

Deadline for nomination submissions is **Thursday, May 12, 2016, midnight EST.**

All current SCLA members are eligible for nomination. Nominations from colleagues and self-nominations are both welcomed.

Serving on the SCLA Board is a unique volunteer opportunity. As an SCLA Board member, you will gain skills and expertise beyond the scope of your past and present work commitments. Local leadership, project management, and networking are a few of the key benefits. Most importantly, you are serving as a representative for your colleagues and all librarians of Suffolk County.

The following positions are open:

- *Vice President (1 Year Term: 1 year Vice President/President Elect, 1 Year President)*
- *Secretary (1 Year Term)*
- *Treasurer (2 Year Term)*
- *Member-at-Large position (2 Year Term)*
- *Member-at-Large position / NYLA Continuing Education Committee Rep (2 Year Term)*

The Member-at-Large position / Continuing Education Committee Rep role of the NYLA Continuing Education (CE) Committee is to encourage professional development on an ongoing basis. The CE Committee will develop opportunities to be provided at the Annual NYLA Conference, regionally across New York State, and via webinar.

Information about Board responsibilities can be found in the Constitution and bylaws, found [here](#).

After the nominations period closes, each candidate confirming acceptance of the nomination will be required to provide a short biography and headshot for the ballot. Send nominations to jhernandez@pmlib.org or call me at 631-654-4700 Ext. 257.

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2. Hold workshops to assist in strategies to increase performance on Civil Service exams.

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YASD DECEMBER LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

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