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Suffolk County Library Association

*A Regional Chapter of the
New York Library Association*

President's Message

Dear Colleague:

Our SCLA members have many excellent programs available to you these next few months. Make sure to check our [SCLA Facebook page](#), our newly renovated [SCLA website](#) and the listserv to see what programs we have on offer.

Did you know that we now take memberships year round? Print out a membership form [here](#) and be a part of our organization today! Not sure if you're a member? Check online through [nyla.org](#) with your login information and click on Personal Record Details, then Active Committee Roles. Feel free to reach out to our membership liaisons Myrna Velez (Brentwood Public Library) and Steven Alcalde (Rogers Memorial Library) with any questions.

In fact, signing up for a SCLA membership now would be a great way to get a discount on the SCLA Annual Dinner coming up November 17th at the Brentwood Country Club. The night will be full of excitement and bonhomie as we introduce our new board members, present awards and share in the camaraderie of being in the best profession on Long Island. Of course, networking opportunities and our guests of honor, the U.S. Marines will be present at our gala event. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program and cash for our many raffles.

As always, I thank you for your leadership and support throughout this year. I hope that the programs you have attended have motivated you to get involved. Do it! There are always opportunities to be engage yourself. Just reach out to any member and keep an eye for our events throughout the year.

Jose Hernandez, SCLA President



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Suffolk County Library Association advises its membership to vote *NO* (on the back of your ballot) to a NYS Constitutional Convention this November 7, 2017.

A constitutional convention could allow for the weakening of:

- NYS Pension Funds
- Collective Bargaining Rules
- Benefits for injured workers and social welfare programs

Additional reasons SCLA supports a No Vote:

- The cost to tax payers.
 - It took about \$6.5 million to stage the last Constitutional Convention in 1967. The estimated price tag for a Constitutional Convention in 2017 ranges from a conservative \$30-\$100 million.
- Sitting Legislators and Judges may serve as elected delegates.
 - Many delegates will receive double salaries from the State.
 - Delegates must engage in political campaigns that can be financed by wealthy special interests.
 - Three delegates from each state senatorial district will be elected in November 2018, along with 15 at-large delegates who will be elected statewide. In 1967, of the 186 delegates to the Convention, 154 held public office.
- Lawmakers can amend the Constitution without a Constitutional Convention.
 - The NYS Constitution has been amended over 200 times.
 - Most recently in 2015, an amendment was made to the New York State Constitution to create an independent commission on redistricting, and to allow the Legislature to save money by going paperless for proposed bills.

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TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

Congrats to Azuree Agnello, West Babylon Public Library, on winning last newsletter's trivia question!

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- CORRECT ANSWER!**
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2000



Thank you to all who participated!

This edition's question comes from Peter Ward, of the Brentwood Public Library.

Who was the first to claim to have created a catalog of all the books in the world?

- (a.) Gutenberg
- (b.) Conrad Gessner
- (c.) Jorge of Burgos
- (d.) Ptolemy

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

Winners will be announced in our next newsletter. Good luck!

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Division of Academic and Special Libraries (DASL)

Mark your calendar and join us for the upcoming DASL meeting! We're going to be planning our upcoming events, including the 2017 Annual Luncheon. Bring your ideas!

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

*Location: Suffolk County Community College, Grant Campus
Learning Resource Center (LRC), Room 139*

Please email DASL President (daslpresident@gmail.com) if you plan on attending. We want everyone to get involved! Can't make it? No worries! Email us your ideas.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Bruce Seger, DASL President

Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD)

Annual Luncheon & Meeting

RASD's first annual Luncheon & Meeting on October 3rd, at Painter's Restaurant in Brookhaven was a success. Thank you to all who attended! Antonia Petrash, a retired library director and member of the [Long Island Woman Suffrage Association](#), gave a presentation on women suffragists, focusing on Long Island women who were vital to obtaining the right to vote for New York State women and then women across the United States. RASD intends to host the annual meeting as a luncheon again in 2018. Look for information by July 2018!

CARE Committee

The CARE Committee has a new website! Click [here](#).

The CARE (Career and Resource Exchange) Committee's next meeting will be held on November 16th at SCLS. Dave Sullivan from the [Family Service League](#) will speak about the Flexible Employment Program. This program provides vocational services to individuals with disabilities and is sponsored by the NY State Department of Education ACCES-VR. The program offers diagnostic evaluations and teaches computer skills, interviewing, job search skills, development skills and placement. The organization also offers aftercare support and vocational counseling. The Family Service League serves people with mental health conditions, developmental disabilities, substance abuse issues, legal histories and physical disabilities. Please join us for coffee at 2:00 p.m., followed by the presentation at 2:30 p.m.

Health Concerns Committee

The Health Concerns Committee will host the Annual Health Concerns Breakfast on Monday, November 6th at SCLS from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The 2017 topic is cardiovascular disease. Speakers will include Dr. Gasparis, Director of the Stony Brook Vascular Center and Dr. Tassiopoulos, Director of the Stony Brook Center for Vein Care. *Each attendee will earn two CEU's.*

Media Committee

The Media Committee met on October 16th at SCLS. Melanie Cardon-Leathers presented her digitization project at Longwood Library and its extensive online local history collections. She offered suggestions for those looking to create a digital project, and how to obtain new additions to a local history collection from members of the public. Ellen Nasto from Suffolk Cooperative Library System also discussed their work with digitization projects and their new Story Corp lending bundle. Following there was a discussion of ways to successfully handle spacing issues for media storage and media fine rates.

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MOSAIC Committee

The MOSAIC Committee met on September 19th at SCLS. Tracy Speelman of Literacy Suffolk spoke on available services and tutoring.

New Adult Committee

The New Adult Committee's next meeting will be on November 20th at SCLS. Jessica Oelcher will be the presenter, and will speak about drop-in maker programs intended for the new adult audience. The December meeting will take place at the Brentwood Public Library on Monday, December 18th and will feature social media advertising.

PR and Marketing Committee

The PR and Marketing Committee looks forward to awarding its 4th Annual Suffolk Library Marketing Award at the SCLA Annual Dinner on November 17th. Many thanks to all those who submitted applications for the award.

Computer and Technical Services (CATS)

CATS is holding a Technical Services Round Table discussion on Tuesday, November 7th at 9:30 a.m. The discussion is an open forum for anyone working in Tech Services to share techniques or materials that help make their job easier.

TIF Committee

TIF is hosting a joint Nassau/Suffolk technology meeting at Smithtown Library's Kings Park Branch on Thursday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m. The topic of technology in libraries will be discussed.

On December 7th, CATS and TIF will have their Annual Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the SCLS auditorium. There will be a light breakfast served. Guest speaker Rebecca Stavick from DoSpace Omaha will be appearing via video teleconference. She will talk about DoSpace, a privately funded public makerspace, successful things they're doing and will even give a walking tour with their "Dual Robot". There is no fee to attend.

Support Staff Division (SSD)

SSD held their Annual Safety Conference and Membership meeting on October 18th at Brentwood Public Library. Suffolk County Police Department Commissioner Timothy Sini was the keynote speaker. Homeland Security and SCPD were in attendance and there was a program on autism. SSD also hosted volunteer groups for participants to visit with during breaks.

Young Adult Services Division (YASD)

In October, the YASD teamed up with SCLS to host a two-part program on Graphic Novels in the Library. Attendees discovered the history and current trends of graphic novels in libraries with Dr. Lucia Cedeira Serantes in the first class. The second class was held at the Huntington Public Library and Michael Buono and Khan DeRenzo spoke about graphic novel trends and the best ways to select graphic novels. Following the meeting attendees walked to Escape Pod Comics for a tour.

In November, the YASD will be hosting a meeting called "Dealing with Teens in Difficult Situations."

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A representative from [Long Island LGBT Network](#) and a representative from the [Response Crisis Center Hotline](#) will be discussing ways that you can help teens who are going through a rough time. They will also provide local resources that librarians can use to assist these teens.

The YASD will host their Annual Luncheon on Thursday, December 7th at Lombardi's on the Bay in Patchogue from 12:00-3:00 p.m. We will be enjoying a delicious lunch as we learn from YA author Gae Polisner. Her books will be for sale and she will be available for autographs following lunch. There will be raffles, the winners of the 2017 Librarian Awards will be announced and the 2018 YASD Board will be introduced. Registration and nomination forms will be sent out via email and they can also be found on the [YASD Blog](#).

News from SCLA Committees

Annual Dinner



**SCLA
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Dinner**

The Brentwood Country Club
100 Pennsylvania Ave, Brentwood, NY 11717
Friday, November 17, 2017
6:00p.m. -10:00p.m.

Join your colleagues for dinner, dancing and mingling!
\$45 for members and students
\$55 for non-members and on-site registration
Kindly register no later than Monday, November 6th
Please bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

Register online at:
www.nyla.org/scla

Payments will be accepted by credit card, check made payable to
NYLA/SCLA or library
purchase order.
All fees are non-refundable.

For questions or special accommodations contact: Lisetty Thomas at
lthomas@pmlib.org or calling 631-654-4700 ext.224

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Civil Service

Are you taking the Librarian 3 and 4 Exams? Are you taking the Assistant Director or Director Exams? SCLA will be offering a workshop on how to enter your experience for the exam. Information will be emailed to you. For more information contact Kristen Todd-Wurm at todd-wurmkristen@mcplib.org

Legislative

The 31st Legislative Breakfast, held at Sachem Public Library on September 15th was a success! The Committee thanks the membership for their support and the Sachem Public Library for hosting.



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Suffolk County Library Access Committee

Join us at Suffolk Cooperative Library System for this informational program!

Programs are free and do not require registration.

Veterans Resource Fair for Library Staff

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

Each Veterans organization will have an informational table. The goal of this event is for you to come and meet with representatives from various Veterans service providers. All of these organizations and agencies will have information on the types of programs and services they offer and would like to have a presence in your library in order to better serve your community. While gathering information for your patrons, please talk with the organization/agency representatives about programming ideas for your library.

Please note: This event is NOT open to the public. It is geared toward library staff so please share with your colleagues. No registration is required and two CEU's will be given to attendees!

Web Page

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

News from SCLA Liaisons

Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC)



Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP) 3rd Annual Conference

December 1, 2017 at Stony Brook University

Keynote speaker Nancy Tomes, Ph.D.

"Nuisance or Necessity? Historical Perspectives on the 'Informed' Patient"



Today it is widely accepted that patients need to be more actively engaged in their own treatment, but the extent to which they can and should participate in medical decision making is a matter of debate. In particular, the "Medical Googler" who arrives at the doctor's office with information acquired from the internet may be greeted with suspicion. In this talk, Professor and Historian Nancy Tomes will put current debates over these "e-patients" into historical perspective. Drawing from her book, *Remaking the American Patient: How Madison Avenue and Modern Medicine Turned Patients into Consumers* (University of North Carolina Press, 2016), Nancy will show that the fundamental issues involved in today's debates over how patients use the internet are by no means new.

All are welcome to attend!

This conference is particularly relevant to medical, community outreach and reference librarians. For more information please click [here](#) or contact Mark Navins at 631-675-1570 Ext. 207.

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Dear colleagues,

We just wrapped up our 11th Annual Public Library Director's Association (PLDA) Golf Outing, East-End Tour and Banquet Dinner. Participant support has helped us raise almost \$15,000 for New Yorkers for Better Libraries. Through dedication and continued efforts of sponsors and library professionals, PLDA is able to sponsor activities that give a voice to libraries all over New York State.

This annual event is a unique networking opportunity to bring together library professionals, the vendors we do business with, local legislators and community leaders who love their Long Island libraries. Save the date for next year's Golf Outing, East-End Tour and Banquet Dinner tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018, at the Great Rock Golf Club. Please join us to play the course, tour the vineyards or just join us for dinner next year.

If you have any questions about the work we do or additional ways to support public libraries, email me at: mike@bbplibrary.org or call 631-363-6133, Ext. 12.

With kindest regards,

Mike Firestone & Kelly Harris
Co-Chairs, PLDA Golf Committee