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Suffolk County Library Association

*A Regional Chapter of the
New York Library Association*

Spring 2015

President's Message

SCLA is moving full speed ahead in accomplishing our 2015 agenda. Our SCLA by-laws vote is active until May 2, 2015. We encourage every member of SCLA to log into the NYLA site with their username and password to cast your vote approving the SCLA and all Division by-laws. After our merger with NYLA as a regional chapter in 2012, we have been combining our practices with those of NYLA, which is reflected in the newly revised by-laws. We need a majority vote of the membership to pass these by-laws, so please lend us your support as an active member.

We have finished updating our *Handbook of Committee Charges* to reflect general committee chair responsibilities and current job responsibilities. The revised *Handbook of Committee Charges* will be added to the SCLA website in the coming months. If interested in becoming a committee chair, please contact our Vice President, [Jeri Cohen](#), to inquire about open positions.

The writing of a new five-year Long Range Plan for SCLA is underway and a draft has been written for 2016-2020, which we hope to finalize at the June 19, 2015 Executive Board meeting. The Long Range Plan will put into action goals for the future growth and well-being of the Suffolk County Library Association including continuous strengthening of association membership. Current membership numbers are approximately 500 and we are committed to continuing our efforts to further increase that number. We hope our members continue to support SCLA and their professional careers by attending SCLA sponsored events and encouraging others to be a part of our association. If you have questions about your SCLA membership, please contact our Membership Chair, [Lauren Bernat](#).

SCLA will have a table at the Long Island Library Conference so stop by, say hello, and don't forget to pick up your free gift. If you haven't registered for the LILC there is still time to be a part of this fantastic day of professional development.

Our Networking Night on Thursday, April 23, 2015 held in partnership with PLDA at Babylon Public Library was a great success with over 50 individuals in attendance. A large thank you goes to the hard work of Robert Johnson, SCLA Member at Large; Jennifer Fowler, Director of the Patchogue-New Suffolk Free Library and Neely McCahey, Director of the Babylon Public Library for putting this night together.

As summer approaches, SCLA officers will be working to educate members and inform potential members of the added benefits of belonging to SCLA. This will involve a new FAQs page on the SCLA homepage, a tutorial video explaining the benefits of individual and joint memberships in NYLA SCLA, and adding an instructional page on how to join or renew membership complete with screenshots. We look forward to helping members add value to their SCLA membership and welcome your suggestions on possible future SCLA initiatives.

*kindest regards,
Laura Panter
SCLA President*

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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 [Teri Hatred](mailto:Teri.Hatred@scla.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.

Teri Hatred
Continuing Education Chair

ELSA Award

ELSA Award applications are now available!

The *Excellence in Library Service Award* (ELSA) is designed to recognize dedication to public service by any staff member of a public, school, special, or academic library. We welcome nominations submitted by any employee of a Suffolk County library or any Suffolk County library patron. Pages, clerks, librarians and trainees, as well as office, custodial and security staff from any Suffolk County library are eligible. Outstanding public service may be demonstrated by fostering team spirit, exemplary job performance, promoting good will among patrons and staff, or an innovative approach to one's work. ELSA Award Applications are being sent to all SCLA members and the Library Directors at the beginning of May and will also be on the SCLA [website](http://www.scla.org).

All applications must be submitted by August 31, 2015. If you have any questions about the ELSA Award, please email [Kate Regina](mailto:kate.regina@scla.org).

Kate Regina
ELSA Chair

NYLA Annual Conference

2015 NYLA Annual Conference and Trade Show

NYLA125: Explore. Learn. Grow.

October 21-24, 2015
Lake Placid, NY
The Conference Center at Lake Placid

Join us for NYLA's 125th Anniversary! 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 has 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! There will be information about transportation to the NYLA Conference coming out too.

For more information about the SCLA sponsored programs at the annual NYLA conference, please contact [Julie DeLaney](mailto:julie.delaney@scla.org).

Julie DeLaney
SCLA Member-at-Large

[WANT TO JOIN SCLA? CLICK HERE!](#)

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Long Island PopCon

The Long Island Popular Culture Conference (LI PopCon) on April 16th, 2015 was a success! Keynote speaker and *NY Times* Bestselling author of **Smile** and **Drama**, Raina Telgemeier, delivered a poignant speech about her journey towards becoming a graphic novelist and her appreciation of librarians who engage with their communities in innovative ways.

Over 150 attendees participated in various workshops and panels on topics which included trends in fan fiction, creating comics, graphic novels for English Language Learners (ELLs) and portrayals of librarians in popular media. It was a pleasure co-chairing the SCLA 2015 LI PopCon committee along with Claudia McGivney and seeing this event become a reality over the past year. Both of us also enjoyed our roles as presenters: Claudia spoke on the "Librarian's Image" panel and I spoke on the panel concerning using graphic novels with ELLs.

On a personal note, I was given the opportunity to become the Suffolk Community College delegate to the SUNY Library Association. Due to responsibilities expected of me for that role, I will be stepping down as SCLA PopCon co-chair and would like to offer this position to a librarian who would like more experience in conference planning, and have fun while doing it!

If anyone is interested in taking the lead to coordinate and oversee operations for LI PopCon 2016, feel free to contact [Dawn Wing](#).

Dawn Wing
LI PopCon Co-Chair



Long Island Library Conference

The LILC is an educational forum sponsored by NCLA & SCLA/NYLA. Invitation to attend the LILC is open to individuals with interest in librarianship and library services. The LILC is held annually at a mutually convenient location for attendees traveling from both Nassau and Suffolk. The LILC committee seeks to provide the highest quality programs and speakers in a broad range of relevant topics for educational and networking opportunities for librarians, educators, support staff and trustees. The committee also arranges a trade show of library equipment and materials from reputable vendors.

The conference this year will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Melville Marriott from 8:00am - 4:00pm. The committee members and I hope that you will take the opportunity to join us.

Deidre Goode
2015 LILC Chair

SCLA vs. NCLA Bowling Night

Join your colleagues on Friday, June 5th at 7:30pm at Farmingdale Lanes for a friendly game or two! For more information, contact [Jackie Narkiewicz](#).

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LILRC

LILRC Annual Membership Meeting at the Farmingdale Public Library
June 16 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Free of charge, and all are welcome. A light breakfast will be available at 9:00AM.

“Hacking Strategies for Library Innovation”

Mary Lee Kennedy, Chief Library Officer, New York Public Library
In a world filled with turbulent change, are libraries keeping pace? Are they innovating and engaging their communities with all the opportunities available? Are they choosing the right focus and priorities? Hear from an innovative library practitioner with experience in special, academic, and public libraries and a reputation for hacking and creating new environments and experiences for community audiences. Get insights, ideas, tips, and challenges for hacking and transforming your library!

Lightning Rounds:

Media Consumption and Libraries: How Libraries are Keeping Up with the Supply and Demand of Social Media and Giving People What They Want

-Sara Bedell-Spataro, Adult Reference Librarian, Patchogue-Medford Library

Confessions of a Library Podcaster

-Chris Kretz, Assistant Professor/Reference Librarian, Dowling College Library

Collaborations and Partnerships: Building Communities to Support Families

-Tracy LaStella, Coordinator for Youth Services, Middle Country Public Library

An Experiment on the Wire: Nassau BOCES School Library System's Adventure on Twitter

-Carl Vitevitch, Supervisor, Nassau BOCES School Library Services

“Embedded and Empowered: Making an Impact with Embedded Librarianship”

Farmingdale Public Library

May 29 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

FEE: \$35 LILRC Member,

\$75 Nonmember

\$30 Retired Member/Student/Unemployed

Do you want to be where all the action is? The role of the embedded librarian takes many forms—in higher education, community health organizations, support groups and businesses. Embedded librarianship can include team teaching a course, becoming an important part of an annual health event, integrating library resources into a course curriculum or even becoming a member of a medical research team.

This 6 hour face-to-face course will discuss best practices and tools for embedded librarianship. We will explore how to initiate a collaborative relationship with faculty, medical teams or community organizations, and also teach you how to partner with them for better outcomes. Participants will learn how to improve or build new relationships and become an integral part of the curriculum, event, or program of study. We will also learn how to use emerging technology tools in embedded librarianship for communication and collaboration.

Min Liu

LILRC Assistant Director

PLDA Golf Outing/Wine Tour

SAVE THE DATE! This year's PLDA Golf Outing and Wine Tour will be on Thursday, September 24th at Great Rock Golf Course in Wading River. Golfers will tee off and wine tour guests will depart at 1:00pm and return to Great Rock for a dinner reception. All proceeds support the *New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC*.

Mike Firestone

PLDA Golf Outing Committee Chair

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Scholarship

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. This year's Scholarship Fund Raffle Grand Prize is a limo tour of the Long Island Wine Country! Keep an eye out in early October for your raffle books.

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 for an award to encourage them to apply!

Teri Hatred
Scholarship Chair

News from RASD

We are looking forward to this year's LILC. – if you are attending, don't miss these programs sponsored by RASD: "Assisting Job Seekers on the Front Line" (co-sponsored with NCLA), "Self-Published Books in Libraries: A Way Forward," "From Latin America to Long Island: We are all Immigrants," and "A Fair to Remember: Learn Best Practices and Techniques for Hosting a Fair at your Public Library."

Other upcoming RASD events are:

The annual MOSAIC Breakfast, Tuesday, May 19; 9:30am-12pm at SCLS "Two Generations, One Goal" with guest speaker Silvana Diaz. MS Diaz will share her journey from immigrant to co-owner and publisher of *Noticia* and her mission to inform and educate the Hispanic Long Island Community.

And... Mitch Tobol from the New York State Department of Urban Development will be the presenter at a program sponsored by both our PR & Marketing and Electronic Resources Committees on "Search Engine Optimization," June 11th – Half Hollow Hills Community Library, at 10 a.m., (coffee at 9:30).

And...keep an eye on the listserv and our [website](#) for information on an upcoming trip hosted by our Long Island History Committee.

RASD is actively seeking new members. Take a look at the committees that comprise RASD – we have something for every palate! Interested? For more information contact names and emails have been provided.

- **C.A.R.E.** (Suffolk Libraries Career and Resource Exchange) –Linda Knel lsknel@gmail.com or Nicole Berroyer nicole@connetquotlibrary.org
- **Electronic Resources** – Ellen Druda edruda@suffolk.lib.ny.us
- **Health Concerns** – Rona Dressler rdressler@pmlib.org
- **Long Island History** – Inez Foster ifoster@suffolk.lib.ny.us
- **Long Island Reads** – Therese Purcell Nielsen Therese_Nielsen@huntlib.org
- **M.O.S.A.I.C.** (Multicultural Outreach Services And Information) - Amber Sroka srokaamber@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org / Elma Lugo el@longwoodlibrary.org
- **Media** – Sara Bedell-Spataro sbedell@pmlib.org / Steven Spataro steven@easthamptonlibrary.org
- **New Adults** (the 20 & 30 somethings) - Mike Buono mbuono@pmlib.org
- **O.A.R.S.** (Outreach, Activities, Resources and Services) – Cindy Miller cmiller@suffolk.lib.ny.us
- **PR/Marketing** - Jo-Ann Carhart jcarhart@suffolk.lib.ny.us
- **Reader's Advisory** – Azuree Agnello aagnello@wbpl.us

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News from SSD

The SCLA Support Staff Division's Long Island Library Conference program will be "Disaster Preparedness: Before, During, and After" presented by Celia Vollmer of the Brentwood Public Library and the American Red Cross in conjunction with representatives from Gov. Cuomo's NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps regional office. Please plan on joining us at LILC, May 7, 2015, for all the valuable information on this most important topic with a first aid kit giveaway to all participants. We are also planning "Office Programs Tips & Tricks" plus "Publisher Intro and Intermediate" computer classes for the spring and fall – check our website for updates. As always we encourage your feedback on programs, concerns or questions you are interested in. We can be reached via our [website](#).

Terri Hunter
SSD President

Important News about Suffolk Web Email

As you probably have heard, the suffolk.lib.ny.us email server will be taken off line on December 31, 2015. Thank you to Suffolk Cooperative Library System for providing this service for nearly two decades. SCLS was one of the first library systems to offer email service to their member libraries and introduced email to thousands of Suffolk residents.

For those of you that are subscribed to the LI-LIB listserv with a suffolk.lib.ny.us email, you will need to migrate your LI-LIB subscription to another email account. There are two ways to do this. The first way is to email [Kevin McCoy](mailto:Kevin.McCoy@sunysuffolk.edu) and tell me your suffolk.lib.ny.us email address and the email address that you would like use for the li-lib listserv.

You also can unsubscribe/subscribe to the LI-LIB listserv yourself.

To unsubscribe from the LI-LIB listserv:

1. Open up your suffolk.lib.ny.us account.
2. Address an email message to majordomo@sunysuffolk.edu
3. Leave the subject line blank.
4. In the body of your message, type: unsubscribe li-lib

To subscribe to the LI-LIB listserv:

1. Open up your email account that you would like to use for the listserv.
2. Address an email message to majordomo@sunysuffolk.edu
3. Leave the subject line blank.
4. In the body of your message, type: subscribe li-lib

Please feel free to email [Kevin McCoy](mailto:Kevin.McCoy@sunysuffolk.edu) if you have questions. Also, please feel free to share the li-lib subscription information with people who you think would be interested in subscribing.

SCLS Outreach Services

Book Donations

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System (SCLS) receives state aid that is specifically designated for County Jail Library Aid. The funding is used to provide various types of reading material, including leisure and educational, to county jail inmates. For our purposes, SCLS Outreach Services, which oversees and implements services related to the County Jail Library Aid, purchases a yearly package of leisure reading materials from Baker & Taylor. These books include books for inmates of all ages, both male and female.

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The package also includes books for Spanish readers and books specifically chosen for the Youth Tier Teen Library that we have helped to establish at the Riverhead facility. In addition to the yearly Baker & Taylor package, we purchase "inspirational" materials that are used by the jail's chaplain, when working with inmates who are going to be released. Books have also been purchased for use with a Women's Group at the Riverhead Facility. These books, including Occupational Directories and GED Prep materials, are used to provide guidance for inmates who will be looking for a new career path, once they are released.

The County Jails also rely on the donated books from our member libraries. Paperback books that are no longer needed are generously donated to the two county correctional facilities. In addition, SCLS Outreach Services has been working with Beacon House, a supervised residence for veterans living with mental illness. A portion of the donated books will now be given to this organization in order to provide reading materials to their residents.

SCLS Outreach Services welcomes all book donations. If you plan to donate books for the two county jails, please label the boxes "Books for County Jails". The books for the county jails MUST be paperback books. If you plan to donate books for the veterans of Beacon House, please label the boxes "Books for Veterans". We are grateful for all of your help with providing reading materials to people who may not be able to visit and access the wonderful resources in their public library directly.

Energy Assistance

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 2nd, to join us here at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. SCLS Outreach Services will be hosting an Energy Assistance Advocacy Workshop. This workshop is NOT open to the public. It is geared toward professionals who will provide information to Long Island residents. The workshop will provide information on the various energy assistance programs. The workshop will be held in the SCLS auditorium from 10:00am to noon. More details and registration will be sent out through the SCLA and LI-LIB listservs. If you have questions, please contact Valerie Lewis at 631-286-1600, x1354 or by [email](#).

Mental Illness Awareness

Public Libraries and National Mental Illness Awareness Week
October 4th through October 10th

National Mental Illness Awareness Week (from *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*):
"Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) (also known as Mental Health Awareness Week) was established in 1990[1] by the U.S. Congress in recognition of efforts by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to educate and increase awareness about mental illness. It takes place every year during the first full week of October. During this week, mental health advocates and organizations across the U.S. join together to sponsor a variety of events to promote community outreach and public education concerning mental illnesses such as major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. Examples of activities held during the week include art/music events, educational sessions provided by healthcare professionals, advertising campaigns, health fairs, movie nights, candlelight vigils, and benefit runs.

An estimated 26.2 percent of Americans ages 18 and older - about one in four adults - suffer from a diagnosable mental illness in any given year. However, stigma surrounding mental illness is a major barrier that prevents people from seeking the mental health treatment that they need. Programs during Mental Illness Awareness Week are designed to create community awareness and discussion in an effort to put an end to stigma and advocate for treatment and recovery.

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SCLS Outreach Services (continued)

Mental Illness Awareness Week also coincides with similar organizational campaigns in early October such as World Mental Health Day¹ (World Federation for Mental Health), National Depression Screening Day (Screening for Mental Health), and National Day Without Stigma (Active Minds).”

In an effort to provide resources to people living with mental illness and the families and loved ones who are also living with and dealing with the effects of mental illness, the Association for Mental Health and Wellness and SCLS Outreach Services, has compiled a list of books and videos that would be appropriate for all public library collections. These resources can be used to promote a program or event that will highlight and bring attention to Mental Illness Awareness Week...and of course, these resources can be of great value to any community, 365 days a year.

We are providing this list to you at this time, so that you will have it early in the year and you will be able to include it in your newsletters and programming plans.

If you would like to schedule a speaker or program to promote/highlight Mental Illness Awareness Week, please contact [Michael Stoltz](#) or [Alexis Rodgers](#) at the Association for Mental Health and Wellness.

Books:

1. **Breaking Free**- Hershel Walker
2. **Crazy**- Pete Earley
3. **Stumbling on Happiness**- Daniel Gilbert
4. **The Center Cannot Hold** – Elyn Saks
5. **Within Our Reach: Ending the Mental Health Crisis**- Rosalynn Carter
6. **Helping Someone with Mental Illness: A Compassionate Guide for Family, Friends, and Caregivers**- Rosalynn Carter
7. **Surviving Manic Depression: A Manual on Bipolar Disorder for Patients, Families, and Providers** by E. Fuller Torrey M.D. and Michael B. Knable D.O.
8. **The Noonday Demon**- Andrew Soloman
9. **Losing Tim**- Paul Gionfriddo
10. **Sanity and Grace**- Judy Collins
11. **Just Like Someone Without Mental Illness Only More So: A Memoir** - Mark Vonnegut, M.D.
12. **Manic Depressive Illness**- Frederick K. Goodwin, Kay Redfield Jamison
13. **An Unquiet Mind**- Kay Redfield Jamison
14. **Night Falls Fast: Understanding Suicide** - Kay Redfield Jamison
15. **I Can't Get Over It: A Handbook for Trauma Survivors** - Aphrodite Matsakis
16. **Waking the Tiger: Healing Trauma; The Innate Capacity to Transform Overwhelming Experiences** - Peter A. Levine, Ann Frederick
17. **A Fractured Mind: My Life with Multiple Personality Disorder** - Robert B. Oxnam

Films:

1. *Fisher King*
2. *The Soloist*
3. *As Good as it Gets*
4. *Girl Interrupted*
5. *Silver Linings Playbook*
6. *A Beautiful Mind*
7. *Born on the Fourth of July*

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SEE FOR YOURSELF 2015 AT SCLS

SEE FOR YOURSELF 2015: An Assistive Technology and Resource Fair for People who are blind or visually impaired has been held at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System (SCLS) for the past 20 years. It is the only event on all of Long Island where people can come to learn about assistive technology and other various daily living resources that enable them to live independent and productive lives. Our event includes vendors of low and high tech equipment and organizations and service providers who are working with people who are visually impaired or blind.

Millions of Americans are living with vision loss. There are many eye diseases that are causing vision loss, macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts and of course diabetes (the leading cause of adult onset blindness in our country) just to name a few. As a result of vision loss, many people lose their independence, many seniors end up having to live in a supervised living environment or institutionalized setting, and many people living with vision loss, are unemployed, living on social services, and living in poverty.

The fair has become particularly important because there are very few services left on Long Island for people living with vision loss. The Lighthouse no longer has an office on the island. Catholic Charities no longer has Low Vision Services on the island and Helen Keller Services for the Blind has one location in Suffolk and two in Nassau, one of which only serves the needs of people who are deaf/blind. Additionally, there are virtually no resources available in accessible formats for people with print disabilities.

SCLS Outreach Services invites you to join us on Friday, May 15, 2015. Come visit any time between 10:00am and 4:00pm for *SEE FOR YOURSELF 2015*.

The "FAIR" is open to the public and **ADMISSION IS FREE!!!!** We need your help to promote this event to your patrons. The "FAIR" is also geared to member library administration and staff. All are encouraged to come and learn about the many assistive devices that can make library materials accessible, useful and enjoyable to patrons who have a print disability. These devices will help to make your library compliant with various disability-related legislation.

Vendors will provide "hands-on" demonstrations of assistive technology, while representatives from several non-profit organizations, county agencies and service providers will offer information that will enhance the lives of people living with vision loss. These organizations and service providers are eager to do presentations in the public library. Take this opportunity to talk with them to schedule programs for your library.

SEE FOR YOURSELF flyers have been delivered to all of the public libraries on Long Island. Please make these flyers available to your patrons. Please place them in your literature racks, place them in your large print book area and hand them out at programs. Additionally, we will be emailing flyers that you can place on the circulation desk and post on your bulletin board. Do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional flyers. We can provide the flyers in hard copy, electronic, Braille and Audio formats.

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System is also the home of the Long Island Assistive Technology Center. This area of the library system is dedicated to assistive technology for individuals who cannot use traditional print materials. The "Center" offers demonstrations of adaptive hardware and software for people living with a visual or a learning disability. Demonstrations are by appointment only. Please call 631-286-1600, x1354 or email [Valerie Lewis](mailto:Valerie.Lewis@scls.org). Of course, The Assistive Technology Center is available to library administration and staff for demonstrations of and training for assistive hardware and software. Please contact Valerie Lewis to schedule an appointment.

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