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President's Message:

Happy Summer! We had another successful Networking Night last week at Cold Spring Harbor Library. Thank you so much Bob Johnson for all of your hard work and effort putting this evening together. A great time was had by all!

Another thank you to Kim Zettwoch, our Community Service Chair, for putting together several fundraisers for our Making Strides Against Breast Cancer team at Swirls & Twirls in Patchogue and also at Ruby Tuesday in Sayville. We had our first Swirls & Twirls date this past Saturday, July 26th and it was very successful. Upcoming dates at Swirls & Twirls are August 12th and September 20th and Ruby Tuesday August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

SCLA has been invited to the dedication ceremony at the Walt Whitman Birthplace for sponsoring the Literary Landmark application. The ceremony will be Friday, September 5th, at 2:00 p.m. The Walt Whitman Birthplace is located at 246 Old Walt Whitman Road, Huntington. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

We have a busy fall coming up:

The Suffolk County Legislative Breakfast will be Friday, September 12th, 8:30am at the South Huntington Public Library. Join Director Joe Latini, local elected officials, and your Suffolk county colleagues at this important event. The monthly SCLA Board Meeting will immediately follow the breakfast.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is Sunday, October 5th, at 7:00am at Dowling College in Shirley. The name of our team is *SCLA Librarians for Life* if you would like to join us in the walk or make a donation.

The Annual PLDA Golf Outing, Wine Tour and Banquet Dinner will be Monday, October 6th at the Baiting Hollow Club.

I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Kindest regards,
Jackie Narkiewicz

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CONTACT US**SCLA CALENDAR**

Annual Dinner

SAVE THE DATE!

SCLA's Annual Dinner will take place on Thursday, November 20th from 6pm-10pm at Villa Lombardi's, 877 Main Street in Holbrook. More information to follow.

Any questions, please contact Laura Panter at (631) 585-9393 ext. 227.

Community Service

Just a reminder that SCLA will be walking in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk event on Sunday, October 5th at Dowling College, Brookhaven campus. We will be holding a fundraising event at Swirls & Twirls in Patchogue on August 12th and September 20th. To receive a discount and have a percentage of your order goes towards our team, click [HERE](#) to print the coupon.

We will also be holding an event at Ruby Tuesday's in Sayville. Dine there on August 22nd, 23rd or 24th and have 20% of your bill be donated to our team. Click [HERE](#) to print the coupon.

And of course please consider walking as a member of the SCLA Librarians for Life Team. Visit our [DASHBOARD](#) to join the team, or to make a donation.

If you're interested in working on the Community Service Committee please contact Committee Chair, Kim Zettwoch at kim@hamptonlibrary.org.

Kimberly Zettwoch
Community Service Chair

ELSA Award

Nominations are still open!

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.

Click [HERE](#) for the ELSA Award application. All applications must be submitted by August 31, 2014.

If you have any questions about the ELSA Award, please contact Julie DeLaney, ELSA Chair at jdelaney@smithlib.org.

Julie DeLaney
ELSA Chair

Legislative Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE!

The 28th Suffolk County Legislative Breakfast will be on Friday, September 12th at the South Huntington Library. Details will be available soon.

Samantha Alberts
SCLS

LILRC

New Additions to LILRC Equipment Loan Program

Streaming media is on the rise in library collections as well as in the classroom. To help librarians to get familiar with this new digital content delivery platform and explore the possibility of integrating library collection on it, LILRC has just added two streaming media players to the Equipment Loan Program - Google Chromecast and Roku Streaming Stick.

The Equipment Loan Program is a free service available to staff of LILRC member libraries. Please visit <http://www.lilrc.org/member-services/equipment/> for details.

Upcoming LILRC Continuing Education programs:

The July-December 2014 LILRC sponsored continuing education programs are now available online by clicking [HERE](#).

Guest speakers include:

- Jason Casden, Lead Librarian for the Digital Services Development, North Carolina State University Libraries, presenting "Preserving Community Voices with Social

Media."

- Johannes Neuer, Acting Director of Engagement at The New York Public Library, presenting "Measuring and Optimizing Social Media."
- Dorothy Pawlowski, Head of Adult Services, Ridgefield Library, presenting "MOOCs: A Programming Opportunity for Public Libraries."
- Much more...

Min Liu
Assistant Director
LILRC

PLDA Golf Outing



The PLDA Golf Outing & Banquet Dinner has been planned for Monday, October 6th at the Baiting Hollow Club in Baiting Hollow. The proceeds from your participation support ***New Yorkers for Better Libraries***. If you don't golf, the wine tour will be offered again this year.

Click [HERE](#) for the registration form.

Todd Schlitt
SCLA Member-at-Large

SCLS Outreach Services

Talking Books for Your Patrons

Within the next few weeks, SCLS Outreach Services will be doing a mailing of Talking Book brochures and applications to all of the public libraries on Long Island. We hope that you will make these materials available to your patrons and co-workers.

Overview of the Talking Book Program:

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) a Division of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., provides library books in Audio and Braille formats for people with visual, learning and physical disabilities. NLS distributes these library materials through a network of Libraries for the Blind around the country. Each state, except for Wyoming, has at least one Regional Library. Many of the states have Sub-Regional Libraries. New York State has two Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This network of Libraries distributes books in

cassette, digital cartridges, Braille and books in a digital downloadable format. Materials are delivered FREE OF CHARGE TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS. Registered patrons will also receive a Talking Book machine and any accessories that are needed to make these reading materials accessible, such as a breath switch (that can enable a person to breathe into a device that will turn the machine on and off) or a pillow speaker that can be used by someone who cannot sit up or get out of a bed.

An individual is eligible to receive Talking Books if they are visually impaired, blind, have a physical disability that prevents them from holding a book or turning a page or if a person has a learning disability that prevents them from reading print materials.

Eligible patrons DO NOT HAVE TO BE BLIND. In fact, any of your patrons who use large print books are eligible to register for Talking Books.

Often we hear about the limited number of large print books that are available. Print books are costly to produce. Large print is even more costly. Additionally, large print means different things to different people, so it is difficult to determine what size print will work best for an individual living with vision loss. Many public libraries have audiobooks. These are also available in limited quantities. There are tens of thousands of titles available through the National Library Service. While the four track cassette tape is still available to patrons, they are no longer produced by NLS. The current digital cartridge and digital downloadable formats are crisp and clear. The sound quality is outstanding and the ease of use makes them more desirable than the older cassette formats. The cartridges are delivered FREE OF CHARGE through the United States Postal Service, directly to the patron's home and returned the same way. The digital downloadable format is done through the BARD (Braille and Reading Download) site. The books are downloaded onto a flash drive which can be placed into the Digital Talking Book Machine (that is provided free of charge through the local Library for the Blind).

Long Island patrons receive their Talking Books from the Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library, located in New York City. Patrons can call the library toll-free at 1-855-697-6975. Patrons can also browse for and order their own books on the library's website at: <http://www.nypl.org/locations/heiskell>. Library staff is also welcome to contact The Andrew Heiskell Library.

SCLS Outreach Services works directly with the Andrew Heiskell Library and maintains a connection to the Talking Book database. We have access to patron records and can order books and machines. We are available to library staff and their patrons for any Talking Book related questions. We have applications in the Outreach Services department and

would welcome the opportunity to meet with library staff to demonstrate the Talking Book machine and provide information to patrons through library programs. Library staff is welcome to visit the SCLS Outreach Services department to learn more about the Talking Book program and how to promote this library service to your community.

Please feel free to contact the SCLS Outreach Services department to request an updated list of Talking Book patrons in your community.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Librarians are eligible to certify a Talking Book application for a patron who has a visual or physical disability. If you have a patron who is currently using large print materials, if you know of a patron who has difficulty seeing as a result of an eye disease or a health condition or if you know of a patron who has difficulty holding a book or turning a page because of a condition such as arthritis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, or any other health condition that is affecting someone's ability to comfortably read a library book, please assist your patron with filling out the application and then feel free to certify that application.

You will most certainly have patrons in your community who can benefit from and will greatly enjoy the Talking Book program. Many seniors are dealing with eye conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy or cataracts. These and other eye conditions prohibit people from enjoying the ability to read a book. Keep in mind that most people do not "look" like they are visually impaired, however, you can easily determine which of your patrons may wish to try this specialized library service. The Talking Books are FREE to use. You can assure your patron that if they do not enjoy listening to the books, that the books and materials can easily be returned and that they can try them again at any time. Often a patron will feel overwhelmed with living with vision loss and trying this new way of reading. It is always good to sit with your patron and review the application so that they can more clearly define what types of books they would like to receive. SCLS Outreach Services is always available to assist you and your patron with this process.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A librarian CANNOT certify an application for a patron with a learning disability. This must be done by a Medical Doctor or a Doctor of Osteopathy.

Children (and adults) with a physical or learning disability that prevent them from using a traditional print book, are also eligible to receive Talking Books. There are thousands of titles available for readers of all ages. The books are easy to find and cataloged with age and grade related recommendations. The books are in an audio or Braille format and are available on the Andrew Heiskell and National Library Service database. Books are available in various formats, such as a digital cartridge, digital downloadable and hard copy and

digital downloadable Braille. Books can be played on the Talking Book machine which is provided FREE of charge through the National Library Service. Commercial playback equipment is also available for purchase through a variety of manufacturers who design playback devices for materials in accessible formats. The National Library Service also offers an app for the iPhone and iPad that will enable your Talking Book patrons to access their reading materials on the i-devices.

Several public libraries have a Talking Book machine and a digital cartridge (book) in the library for demonstration purposes. Please contact SCLS Outreach Services if you would like to have a Talking Book machine in your library. Of course, we will show you how to use the machine and how to access the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) website. This will enable you to assist your Talking Books patrons with downloading a book.

If you have questions about the Talking Book program or you would like to make an appointment to visit the SCLS Outreach Services department, please contact me at 631-286-1600, x1354 or email me at valerie@suffolknet.org.

Valerie Lewis
SCLS Outreach Services

Scholarship Committee

Deadlines are fast approaching for submitting applications for the SCLA Scholarship and the Continuing Education Award for Support Staff!

Our Grand Prize this year is a ROKU streaming media device plus donations from local theaters, NY Jets, NY giants, LI Ducks, Stanley Steamer plus other baskets of goodies. 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 by clicking [HERE](#).

Deadlines for applying are September 1, 2014 for the Scholarship Award and October 1, 2014 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 to apply to encourage them also!

Teri Hatred
Scholarship Committee Chair

News from CATS

The CATS Division has had an extremely successful spring of programming thanks to the knowledge and dedication of our membership. The CATS Executive Board would like to extend its thanks to all who visited our division table at the Long Island Library Conference and to all who attended our programs: "IT v. Librarians" and "RDA." On behalf of the Long Island library community, we would also like to extend our thanks for our speakers: Stephen Ingram, Bob Johnson, Ellen Druda, Ted Gutmann, and Natalia Tomlin.



Erin Schaarschmidt from Port Jefferson Library won our iPad Mini raffle, thank you to everyone who entered and supported us.

We'll be back in the fall with more great programming. On September 4, the Technology Information Forum will meet at Brentwood Library with a focus on hardware virtualization technology. On October 22, the RDA Interest Group will meet at Sachem Library to discuss issues in Resource Description and Access. We welcome all to attend our programs. And make sure to look out for more information about our Annual Meeting in December. We will be raffling off a prize to one lucky CATS member. Not a member? Join today!

James Matias
CATS President

News from DASL

DASL presents "Demystifying Statistics"

DASL is continuing our series of publishing workshops with a session on working with statistics. Join us on August 13th for a workshop on working with statistics with Dr. Amy Catalano of Hofstra University.

Whether you're already published, or just starting, statistics are a wonderful way to enhance your articles. However, it

isn't always easy to know how to work with the data and incorporate it into your work.

Dr. Catalano has published studies in both the field of library science and education. She has experience in both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Register online [HERE](#). Once registered, checks made payable to "NYLA/SCLA" can be sent to: Christina Rivera/LILRC, 627 N. Sunrise Service Road, Bellport, NY 11713.

Claudia McGivney
DASL President

News from RASD

Greetings to All! Hope everyone is having a great summer. Our division is proud to announce that our annual dinner will be held at Captain Bill's on Wednesday September 17, 2014. We are looking forward to seeing you there. We will be sending out a flier with all the information very soon, so keep an eye out!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the East Islip Library. Those who wish to attend can come at 9:30 for coffee and our official meeting starts at 10am.

Sara Bedell
RASD President

News from SSD

SSD enjoyed another successful Long Island Library Conference! The SSD program, "Workplace Safety in the Library," was well attended with over 50 participants. We want to thank Matthew Setteducati of the NYS Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau (PESH) for providing valuable information and resources for the attendees to bring back to their libraries. The audience was very engaged and asked pertinent questions during the presentation. All the information is available on the PESH website [HERE](#).

The SSD table had numerous visitors during the course of the Conference resulting in all giveaways being dispersed! Our lucky winner of the **Go Bag & Teddy Bear**, donated by the American Red Cross, was Adele Fitz of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library. Our thanks go to Celia Vollmer of the Brentwood Public Library for arranging the American Red Cross donation.

The SCLA Support Staff Division has several offerings still ahead in 2014. The second session of "Social Networking Online" is scheduled for September 24, 2014, so keep an eye out for the information flyer. We are also offering "Microsoft Intermediate ACCESS" on October 22, 2014. Seating is limited to 24 for this hands-on training, so be sure to register early. Another way to keep up with SSD events and news is at our website [HERE](#).

We welcome your ideas and comments so that we may serve you, our members, more effectively. So please feel free to comment on our blog!

Marsha Greenspan
SSD President

News from YASD

YASD is looking forward to collaborating with SCLS Youth Services and CLASC on September 11th for a joint meeting, "Book Committee Confidential." Hear from experienced librarians about what it takes to be on a book review committee. Watch your email, the YASD blog and our Facebook page for more details and registration information.

Are you looking to get more involved with YASD? Why not run for a place on the 2015 YASD Board? The following positions are available Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Member at Large: Membership and Fran Romer Annual Workshop Committee, Member at Large: Teen Talk Newsletter and Webmaster. For additional information please contact Vice President, Mike Buono at mbuono@pmlib.org.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Kimberly Zettwoch
YASD President

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