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New York Library Association*

Summer 2015

President's Message

The SCLA Handbook of Committee Charges reflecting general committee chair responsibilities and current job responsibilities has been posted to our SCLA webpage. If any SCLA members are interested in becoming a committee chair or working on a committee, read through our Handbook online for a description of responsibilities and contact our Vice President, Jeri Cohen, to inquire about open positions.

The Long Range Plan of SCLA Goals and Objectives for 2016-2020 has been approved and is posted on the SCLA webpage. The Goals and Objectives will put into action goals for the future growth and well-being of the Suffolk County Library Association including continuous strengthening of association membership. Our membership numbers remain steady at approximately 500. We encourage our active members to continue to support SCLA and their professional careers by attending SCLA sponsored events.

On Friday, June 5, 2015, SCLA held its first ever SCLA vs. NCLA Bowling Night at Farmingdale Lanes as a scholarship fundraiser. SCLA offers an academic scholarship to assist an outstanding library school student in subsidizing the cost of their library school education, and to promote the profession by supporting an excellent student pursuing a Library or Information Science Master's Degree in Suffolk County. Scholarship eligibility guidelines and further information can be found on the SCLA Awards webpage. A special thanks goes out to SCLA Past President Jackie Narkiewicz for organizing this successful event that had approximately 40 people in attendance.

SCLA is on hiatus until September 2015. On Friday, September 18, 2015, LILRC and SCLA will present Suffolk County's 29th Annual Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Comsewogue Public Library. Please join Library Trustees, Directors, staff and friends to thank hometown legislators for their support of Long Island Libraries.

As fall approaches SCLA officers will be unveiling an SCLA welcome packet for new members to educate and inform these members of the added benefits of belonging to SCLA. A tutorial video explaining the benefits of individual and joint memberships in NYLA SCLA is still in the production stages. SCLA will be adding their instructional page on how to join or renew membership complete with screenshots over the next several weeks. An upcoming fall meeting between SCLA presidents will discuss revamping monthly workshop offerings for division members. Decided upon initiatives will be instituted in 2016 to add increased value to SCLA membership benefits.

For individuals planning to attend the NYLA Annual Conference in Lake Placid, early bird registration ends on August 14, 2015. SCLA is sponsoring and co-sponsoring some wonderfully informative programs including Mentoring and Coaching Demystified, Outreach to Schools and Community Groups, Explore Early Literacy for Public Libraries, Not Just Another Concert Series, The Digital Services Conundrum, and Transforming Your Library through Pop Culture.

We hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer season and we look forward to having our members participate in all of our upcoming fall events.

Kindest regards,
Laura Panter
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News from SCLA Committees

SCLA Annual Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

Annual SCLA Dinner
Thursday, November 19, 2015
6:30pm-10:30pm

Villa Lombardi's

877 Main Street
Holbrook, NY 11741

More Information to Follow

For Questions Contact Michele Cayea (631) 654-4700 ext. 270

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, please 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.

ELSA Award

As Summer Reading draws to a close and thoughts of fall start to develop, remember one thing- the deadline for nominations for the Excellence in Library Service Award is quickly coming around the bend. If you or someone you know works in a library, whether as a librarian or support staff, director or custodian, and you would like to honor their service to your library, please do so now.

Submissions of two letters of recommendation for nomination are due by August 31st. The winner will be announced and congratulated at the annual SCLA Dinner in November. You can send the submissions through system or mail to Kate Regina: West Babylon Public Library, 211 Route 109, West Babylon. Thank you, and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Kate Regina
ELSA Chairman

LDA Library Award Winner

Congratulations are in order for Judith Willner, the recipient of the 2015 LDA Library Award. Ms. Willner, currently the director of Sachem Public Library in Suffolk County, has had a successful career providing for the evolving needs of her community, which includes providing superior resources and services and adapting to changing technology. Also, she has encouraged the advancement of librarianship, and actively communicated with the New York State Legislature in regard to library needs.

The award was presented to Ms. Willner at the Long Island Library Conference on May 7th by Arthur Friedman of the Nassau County Library Association. The award consists of a plaque plus a year's membership to both the Suffolk County and Nassau County Library Associations.

The LDA Library Award was founded by LDA Publishers in 1978 and is sponsored by both Nassau County and Suffolk County Library Associations.

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Legislative Breakfast

Suffolk County's 29th Legislative Breakfast is September 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Please join Library Trustees, Directors, Staff and Friends to thank hometown legislators for their support of Long Island Libraries at the Comsewogue Public Library. RSVP with your name and library affiliation at rsvp@suffolknet.org.

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 [here](#). The deadlines to apply 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. If you know someone who would qualify for these awards, please encourage them to apply!

News from SCLA Divisions

CATS

Computer and Technical Services Division was happy to present, "The Digital Services Conundrum: Focusing on discussing the tools that librarians need and the staff that libraries will need to provide meaningful and relevant digital services to our patrons" at the Long Island Library Conference. Stephan Ingram and Nick Tanzi had a great turn out and will have the opportunity to present this discussion at NYLA.

Also in the fall, look forward to a Technical Services Realia program at the Middle Country Public Library on September 17 and a tour of the Brookhaven National Lab in October.

RASD

The deadline to apply for the 2nd annual **Suffolk Library Marketing Award** is September 15th. The SLMA Award was designed by the RASD PR & Marketing Committee of SCLA to reward the best public relations marketing campaign done by a public or academic library in Suffolk County over a one year period of time. For more information contact Jo-Ann Carhart at the East Islip Public Library.

The RASD PR & Marketing Committee invites all who are interested to participate in a two-hour roundtable September 29, 2015 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., coffee at 9:30 a.m., at SCLS. Attendees are asked to introduce a successful program from 2013/2014 and discuss how it was planned and marketed. The more people that attend, the more great programs and marketing ideas we will get to take back to our libraries. Please bring a supply of handouts about the program you plan to share.

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RASD (continued)

Please join us for good food and comradery at our

Annual Dinner

Wednesday September 30th; 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Gallo Restaurant in Patchogue

Meet our guest speaker **Kimberly Rae Miller**, author of **Coming Clean**, an Amazon best book of the month July 2013! Kimberly is a writer and actress living in New York City. Her writing on healthy living has been published on Conde Nast's blog network, Social Workout, Yahoo's women's network Shine, and in various magazines. Her memoir **Coming Clean** recounts her family's painful struggle with hoarding. From the book jacket: "Kimberly Rae Miller is an immaculately put-together woman with a great career, a loving boyfriend, and a beautifully tidy apartment in Brooklyn. You would never guess that behind the closed doors of her family's idyllic Long Island house hid teetering stacks of aging newspaper, broken computers, and boxes upon boxes of unused junk festering in every room — the product of her father's painful and unending struggle with hoarding."

Join us for our Annual Breakfast Wednesday, October 28th at SCLS- featuring our Health Concerns presentation on **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**. Breakfast meeting at 9:00 a.m., presentation at 10:00 a.m.

Megan-Sala James, RASD President

YASD

SAVE THE DATE

YASD Family BBQ!

August 15

Introduce your real family to your professional family, or just come to "network" over some good food at the YASD Family BBQ. There will be food, games and fun. A small fee will cover costs.

News from SCLA Liaisons

CLASC

CLASC Inc. is a professional organization devoted to providing leadership in public library service to children and to promoting the profession of children's librarianship. Our programs provide professional development and contact hours for Youth Services librarians. Click [here](#) if interested in joining or finding out about upcoming programs.

NYLA Annual Conference

SAVE THE DATE

2015 NYLA Annual Conference and Trade Show

NYLA125: Explore. Learn. Grow.

October 21-24, 2015

Lake Placid, NY

The Conference Center at Lake Placid

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The Annual Conference and Trade Show, held each fall around the state, is the largest state library association conference held on the East Coast. Join us for NYLA's 125th Anniversary. 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. For conference information and to see the brochure, click [here](#). Information on the bus LILRC is sponsoring to Lake Placid is available [here](#).

Contact Julie DeLaney at jdelaney@smithlib.org for more information about the SCLA sponsored programs at the annual NYLA conference.

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 1:00 p.m. and return to Great Rock for a dinner reception. All proceeds support the *New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC*. A full brochure can be found [here](#). All are welcome to attend!

Mike Firestone

PLDA Golf Outing Committee Chair

SCLA vs. NCLA Bowling Night

On Friday, June 5, the first ever SCLA vs. NCLA Bowling Night was held at Farmingdale Lanes to raise money for our scholarship funds. Forty people were in attendance and there was much laughter, fun and really bad bowling (except for the team from East Islip – they were great and actually knew what they were doing!). It was a chance for both counties to meet and mingle in a non-work, relaxed setting and have a blast. We were able to raise \$280 (\$140 for each scholarship fund). Thank you to all who participated and we will definitely do it again next year!

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.

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.

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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

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.

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 films and books 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.

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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.

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*

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

Alexis Rodgers, LMSW
Coordinator for Community Outreach & Education
Association for Mental Health & Wellness
631-226-3900 ext.1315
arodgers@mhaw.org

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](#). 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.

Valerie Lewis
SCLS Outreach Services

[Suffolk County Library Association](#)
c/o Suffolk Cooperative Library System
627 N. Sunrise Service Rd., Bellport NY 11713

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Membership

Please contact Lauren Bernat with any membership questions regarding SCLA or joint SCLA-NYLA membership: The Smithtown Special Library District - Kings Park Branch 631-360-2480 x421 or by email, lbernat@smithlib.org.

Suffolk Web Email Reminder

As a reminder, 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), making him aware of 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

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