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SCLA Presidential Welcome:

Hello & Happy New Year,

My name is Jackie Narkiewicz and I am the 2014 SCLA President. I currently work as the Head of Children's Services at the Copiague Memorial Public Library, where I have been for almost seven years. I became a librarian in 2003 because it brought together my love of reading and working with children.

One of my main goals this year is to increase our membership. We lost a lot of members last year and we will hopefully gain them back (and then some) this year by promoting the benefits of belonging to SCLA.

I wanted to give a huge thank you again to Joanne Albano and Celia Vollmer for all of their hard work and effort to make the NYLA-SCLA transition as smooth as they could last year. It was a bumpy road, but these two ladies persevered and got us on the right track.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. SCLA is such a dynamic, wonderful organization that is filled with the most amazing people trying to promote and support libraries in Suffolk County. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (631) 691-1111 x24 or at jackienark@gmail.com.

Kindest regards,

Jackie Narkiewicz

Advocacy Day

Visit with your legislators on Wednesday, February 26th (*note date change*) to share stories of how libraries serve their constituents. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

Advocacy Day 101 will be offered at SCLS on February 5th at

Library

11am and February 6th at 2pm. To register, contact Samantha Alberts at samantha@suffolknet.org.

Division Presidents

The PLDA bus is leaving from SCLS at 6am on Wednesday, February 26 returning Thursday, February 27, leaving the Albany Hilton at approximately 11am.

CATS

James Matias
Middle Country
Public Library

To reserve your spot on the PLDA bus and submit your \$75 fee please contact Neely McCahey at the Babylon Library at (631)669-1624. Seats are filling fast!

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For information about hotel reservations and the PAC Dinner please visit [NYLA](#) and click on the Advocacy Day [link](#).

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Sara Bedell
Patchogue-Medford
Library

Civil Service Workshop

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Marsha Greenspan
Brentwood Public
Library

The Brentwood Public Library hosted a well-attended program titled "Civil Service Employment Workshop." James Moore, a Personnel Analyst for Suffolk County explained the process of applying online for a civil service job and even mentioned a few positions that do not require taking an exam. Did you know that laborers, school districts that hire part-time employees, and security guards do not have to take a civil service exam? Or that the Department of Health Services, Public Works and Parks request that prospective applicants send civil service applications directly to their departments? 32 people attended this informative event!

YASD

Kim Zettwoch
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SCLA CALENDAR

ELSA (Excellence in Library Service Award)

2013 ELSA Winner:

Kelli Edwards, Head of Circulation Dept., Brookhaven Free Library. She was nominated by Kathleen DuPointe (Board President) and Judith Bird (Board Member).

2013 ELSA Nominees:

Celeste Hessler, Assistant Head, Music Library, Stony Brook University Libraries, nominated by Gisele Schierhorst (Supervisor/Head of Music Library).

Earlene O'Hare, Reference Librarian, Port Jefferson Free Library, nominated by Robert Maggio (former Supervisor).

Carmen Navarro-Gao, Literacy Volunteer Program Assistant, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, nominated by Beth Donovan (Supervisor).

Joyce Rienzo, Librarian, Riverhead Free Library, nominated by Paulette H. Sherman and Laurie Harrison (Co-workers).



Congratulations to the winner and nominees!

Min Liu
ELSA Committee

LDA Library Award 2014

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to libraries on Long Island? He or she may be the ideal person to nominate for the position of *LDA Library Award* winner for 2014. The LDA Award, founded in 1978 by LDA Publishers, is sponsored jointly by NCLA and SCLA. It will be presented at the 2014 Long Island Library Conference, to be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the Melville Marriott.

Who is eligible to be nominated for this prestigious award? Librarians, trustees, support staff, Friends of the Library, vendors and publishers. All that is required to nominate an individual is a completed nomination form, a statement of approximately 500 words describing the accomplishments of your candidate, and three letters of support from colleagues. A panel of judges from NCLA and SCLA will select a winner based on several criteria. Entries are to be submitted by March 24, 2014.

Copies of the brochure, containing more information and a nomination form, will be sent to SCLA members in February.

Thank you for helping to foster and recognize outstanding achievement and contributions to Long Island libraries.

Paula Bornstein
LDA Library Award Committee Co-Chairperson

Long Island Library Conference

The 2014 Long Island Library Conference will be held at the Melville Marriott on Thursday, May 1st. This year's keynote speaker is Sarah Vowell, the New York Times bestselling author of six nonfiction books on American history and culture. A sneak peek at this year's programs has been posted on the Long Island Library Conference [website](#).

Tracy Geiser
LILC Chair

LILRC

Please join Jeff Metz from Recorded Books for a training session for Atomic Training. Jeff will cover the features of the service, going over what programs are available, how to use the service, and address any questions that you may have about Atomic Training. For more information, please click [here](#). A list of available tutorials can be viewed [here](#).

LILRC is proud to announce that we have once again arranged with Information Today, Inc. to offer a reduced rate for the 29th Annual Computers in Libraries conference, to be held on April 7-9, 2014 at the Hilton Washington in Washington, DC.

By registering through LILRC, you are eligible for the special rate of \$299 for the 3-day event (regular rate is \$499 before 3/7; \$549 after 3/7). That's a \$250 savings! (No discount rates are available for pre-conference and post-conference seminars and workshops). Click [here](#) to register and use the priority code LILRC14.

LILRC will be sponsoring a program at the Long Island Library Conference on May 1st, Session II (10:30 am to 11:30 am) in the Vanderbilt Room: "Creating Authentic Teen Spaces in Public Libraries." The speaker will be Shari Lee from St. John's University.

Min Liu
LILRC Assistant Director

SCLA Community Service

This year SCLA will be forming a team to participate in the Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk held in October. Place and date are still to be determined so be on the lookout for further details. 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

SCLA Dinner

The SCLA Annual Fall Dinner was held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook on Thursday, November 14, 2013. Over 100 SCLA members and library staff from across Long





Island shared a great night of celebration, awards and camaraderie. The 2014 officers were announced for each division and our ELSA and Scholarship award winners were also acknowledged. Kelli Edwards, Head of Circulation for the Brookhaven Free Library, was the ELSA award winner with Gilda Ramos, Library Assistant at the Patchogue-Medford Library, taking home the Scholarship award and Linda Guterres, Principal Account Clerk at the Longwood Public Library, being presented with the Continuing Education award.

Each of the SCLA divisions generously contributed toward beautiful baskets for a Habitat for Humanity family. The family will be given these baskets upon moving into their new home.

The Marines joined us for the evening in support of their "Toys for Tots" initiative. The array of toys donated extended the length of several overflowing tables thanks to the generosity of our library community. Special recognition goes to the SCLA Dinner Committee of Marsha Greenspan and Jamie Papandrea as well as Brian Adams, Sheila Doherty and Lisa Kropp for a fabulously successful dinner. The 2014 annual dinner committee is already hard at work planning for next year's dinner which will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

*Laura Panter
Dinner Committee*

News from SCLS Outreach Services

SEE FOR YOURSELF 2014: AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE FAIR FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

On Saturday, May 17, 2014 (10:00am - 4:00pm) the Outreach Services Department of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System (SCLS) will host ***SEE FOR YOURSELF 2014***. This event is designed to focus on organizations, resources, services and the most current low-tech and hi-tech devices for people living with vision loss. SCLS Outreach Services has been hosting this event since 1994. Our previous fair, ***SEE FOR YOURSELF 2012*** attracted approximately 400 attendees. We hope that this year's event will be even more successful, as it is the first time the event will be held on a weekend. As you know, this event is also a library event, a place where library administration and staff can come to learn about the technologies that should be available to their residents who are learning disabled, visually impaired or blind. Many of the devices, software and hardware can enable patrons to participate in all that their library has to offer, once the library has programs, services and technologies that make it accessible to everyone in the community.

Over the next few months we will be sending information to all of the public libraries on Long Island, as well as local organizations, service providers and county agencies. We hope that you will make the *SEE FOR YOURSELF 2014* information available to your patrons and colleagues. If you have questions about this event or about how to make your library accessible to people with disabilities, please contact SCLS at 631-286-1600 and ask for Outreach Services. We appreciate your assistance in promoting this important event and we look forward to seeing you at the FAIR!!!!

Valerie Lewis
SCLS Outreach

News from DASL

SAVE THE DATE

The Division of Academic and Special Libraries will be hosting the first workshop on publishing, in what we hope to be a series, this spring. "Publish or perish" has been heard by many academic librarians over the course of their careers and in the digital age it's even more important to remain current with academic scholarship. DASL hopes these workshops will support academic librarians' professional development and provide a forum to discuss their research.

Calling all academic librarians! Whether you're on the tenure-track, tenured or considering working in academic libraries, publishing comes with the territory. However, the road from idea to design to published article is not always clear. Join us for a free workshop on the basic elements of publishing with Dr. Amy Catalano of Hofstra University. Dr. Catalano has published studies in both the field of library science and education. She has experience in both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Dr. Catalano will cover identifying a topic, designing a study, working with statistics and submitting to peer-reviewed journals. The workshop will be held on Friday, March 7, 2014, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Dowling College. The event will be hosted in Room 110 in Fortunoff Hall. The workshop, which includes lunch, is free. In an effort to promote discussion and facilitate Q&A, come prepared to discuss your own ideas for publication. Participation is limited to 30 people so register early. Click [here](#) to register.

For more information, email DASL: daslpresident@gmail.com

Claudia McGivney
Dowling College

News from RASD

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Sara Bedell and I will be serving as the RASD President in 2014. I currently work as a Reference Librarian at both the Patchogue-Medford and the Northport-East Northport Public Libraries. Please join me in welcoming our new officers for 2014:

- Vice President/President-Elect: Eileen DeSimone
- Secretary: Joan Cook
- Treasurer: Megan Sala-James

Cathi Nashak will remain with us and serve as our Past President and I'd like to thank her for her outstanding leadership and guidance through the SCLA/NYLA transition. Our division has a multitude of events happening with our committees and we look forward to meeting and greeting all of you in the future.

RASD has a new committee! The "New Adults" committee, chaired by Michael Buono of the Patchogue-Medford Library, is made up of librarians that will target services to better the lives of people in their late teens and 20's. They believe in taking an active approach through direct collaboration.

If you're in the mood for beautiful music, please consider this free concert at the Patchogue-Medford Library:

FROM JAZZ TO SOUL:

Sunday, February 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with Rhonda Denet and her Silver Fox Songs Duo and enjoy this performance of jazz standards and soul classics featuring the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin and Gladys Knight.

Fondly,
Sara Bedell
RASD President

News from YASD

2014 has already been an exciting year for YASD members. Our first meeting in January included New York Times and international best selling YA author, Tonya Hurley, who series include *Ghost Girl* and *The Blessed*. She spoke about the Horror Writers Association and their connection with teens and public libraries.

On Thursday, February 13 we will be hosting the annual joint meeting with Nassau YASD at the West Islip Public Library. Our workshop is entitled "Ahead of the Game: Strengthening Information Literacy in Young Adults with Game Based

Learning." Registration for this and all YASD events can be found on the [YASD blog](#), as well as on the [YASD Facebook page](#).

You don't have to be a member of YASD to attend any of our meetings.

Kimberly Zettwoch
YASD President

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