

**SCLA:**  
***Your Professional  
Organization***

Established in 1939, SCLA is a professional association serving all types of library staff in Suffolk County on Long Island, New York.

Through the exchange of ideas, expertise and support through workshops, seminars, publications, conferences and electronic media this Association takes a leadership role in the community it serves.



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***A Regional Chapter of the  
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***Why  
Join ?***

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## What SCLA Offers Members

*Being an active member of your professional organization shows your peers, employers and prospective employers that you are serious about your profession and your career. It helps you stay up-to-date and inspired about the work you do every day.*

*For more information on the various Divisions and Committees of SCLA, please visit [www.nyla.org/scla](http://www.nyla.org/scla) and select "Committees" or "Divisions" on the left-hand menu.*

**Professional Development:** SCLA offers many free and discounted continuing education programs and professional development workshops to members. These quality trainings on relevant topics help to keep members current in the profession, and are facilitated by Divisions and Committees of SCLA.

**Communication:** The SCLA Listserv is accessible to all members, and allows for the posting of meetings and training sessions, as well as job announcements.

**Newsletter:** The quarterly digital publication is sent to all members and is available on SCLA's website. This allows for direct transmission from the SCLA President and Division Chairs to the general SCLA membership on current and upcoming events throughout SCLA and in the field of library science.

**Scholarships & Awards:** SCLA awards two monetary Scholarships each year, one for an active library student and another for support staff to further their education and career. There are also honors awarded annually: Excellence in Library Services Award, Library Director Associations Award and the Suffolk Library Marketing Award.

**Leadership Opportunities:** SCLA members who run for leadership positions have the opportunity to gain management experience, improve the professional organization, and gain points on upper-level civil service exams.

**Networking:** Being an active member in your local professional association helps you make contacts, build relationships and reach professional goals. The SCLA membership directory is updated annually and is available on-line. Your fellow members are a ready-made support system.

**Advocacy:** SCLA works with other local library organizations including the Long Island Library Resources Council, Nassau County Library Association and the Public Library Directors' Association to arrange advocacy opportunities and meetings with legislators locally on Long Island and in Albany. You can have a say in the future of your profession.

**Contribute to the Community:** SCLA sponsors a variety of fundraising and charitable activities each year. These include Walk for Life, Habitat for Humanity, fund-raisers for scholarships, community clean-ups and more. SCLA also participates in the Annual Golf and Wine Outing organized by the Public Library Directors' Association. This outreach publicizes the work of libraries and forms partnerships with other organizations.