

JANUARY 2022

SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A Regional Chapter of the New York Library Association



Carisse Mitchell, SCLA President

Greetings, members!

My name is Carisse Mitchell and I'd like to introduce myself as the 2022 SCLA President. I am currently the Youth Services Coordinator for the West Babylon Public Library. This is also my third consecutive year on the SCLA Board, previously serving as the President of YASD. Additionally, I am a dog mom to 4 fur babies with my husband Patrick.

I truly believe in the importance of this organization and am committed to continuing to help SCLA be a resource to all Library staff members. I look forward to a year of new and exciting programs from our talented Divisions, and truly value all of your dedication to Suffolk County and our Organization. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions or just to say hello! at cmitchell@wbpl.us

Please remember to keep an eye on our Listserv and Facebook Page for upcoming professional development opportunities and updates.

Cheers to a happy and healthy 2022!
Carisse Mitchell,
SCLA President



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Lauren Strong, Riverhead Free Library

Reference and Adult Services Division

Rachel Cecchini, RASD President

While this year was a tumultuous one, your 2021 RASD Board has enjoyed bringing a plethora of programs and resources to Suffolk County librarians. I would like to thank all of the Board members for their assiduous efforts this year. It has been a pleasure working with everyone!

Congratulations to the 2021 SLMA Winners!

The Public Relations & Marketing committee presented the 2021 annual SLMA (Suffolk Library Marketing Award) at the SCLA dinner in October. This award recognizes the best public relations campaign done by a public or academic library in Suffolk County.



Hauppauge Public Library took home the first-place plaque and trophy for their jungle-themed Tails & Tales Summer Reading Club campaign. Sachem Public Library was awarded second place for their patron engaging 31 Ways in 31 Days campaign, and third place went to Sayville Public Library for their local history-based Discover Sayville: A Scavenger Hunt campaign. Honorable mention was given to The Smithtown Library for their Discover Smithtown campaign that helped the library reach a new audience.

We also extend our thanks to Alisa Fogel, Head of Programming at the Syosset Public Library, Roseanne Dorfman, Program Coordinator at the West Hempstead Public Library and Jaci Clement, CEO & Executive Director of the Fair Media Council, who volunteered their time to judge the entries. Visit our website to view the 2022 campaigns at rasdpr.wordpress.com/2021-campaigns.

For those of you who were unable to attend our Health Concerns Committee Breakfast on November 16, 2021, we were able to record the Zoom for our program. The presentation, TakeCHARGE: 5 Steps to Safer Health Care, was approximately 40 minutes long, followed by a Q&A (which is not part of the recording). Follow the link below to view the main presentation. You will be brought to a registration page which will ask for your name and email address before you can enter the access code provided below.

Topic: TakeCHARGE: 5 Steps to Safer Health Care

Meeting Recording:

Access Passcode: ##WYZW0?

We hosted our annual luncheon on Tuesday, December 7th at the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library. We're incredibly appreciative of the staff at Bayport-Blue Point for allowing us to have our event at their facility. Our guest speaker, Tricia Foley, regaled attendees with the story of Mary L. Booth, an accomplished writer, historian, editor, suffragist, and abolitionist on Long Island in the 19th century.

Congratulations to the Brentwood Public Library for receiving the second annual Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award. The 2021 SLEOA recognizes exceptional achievement in library outreach services in Suffolk County, a commission of the Outreach Committee of the Reference and Adult Services Division of the Suffolk County Library Association.

For more information about all RASD happenings, check out our [website](#). See you in 2022!



(L-R: Olivia Branigan, Brentwood Public Library; Xibe Solis, Assistant Director, Brentwood Public Library; Catherine Montazem, RASD Outreach Committee Co-Chair; Adriana LoDolce, RASD Outreach Committee Co-Chair; Rachel Cecchini, RASD President)

Continuing Education Committee

Teri Hatred



The Continuing Education Committee keeps a record of programs hosted by SCLA and its divisions. If you need a report of the programs you have attended you can request a report by emailing sclshr@suffolknet.org.

The report is dependent on receiving attendance sheets from the hosting group and may not be complete at the time of your request. Please remember to keep track of all programs you've attended, and simply use the report as a tool.

If you have ideas for future programming please email them to sclshr@suffolknet.org for consideration.

Scholarship Committee

Emma Lodato, Bayport -Bluepoint Public Library



2021 SCLA Scholarship Recipient: Eva Vizcarra

As the committee and I reviewed her application, it became clear that Eva is dedicated and passionate about her work in libraries and above all, passionate about serving and meeting the needs of her community. As an employee at Brentwood Public Library, she has demonstrated this commitment over and over, working with multicultural and multilingual patrons with noted patience, empathy and excellence. She has been described by her co-workers, as someone who always goes "above and beyond," and "a real advocate and asset to the community." Her work in Brentwood's Career and Business Center is an invaluable service to the patrons and public she serves.

She is an excellent student and clearly has a promising career ahead of her. It is evident from her experience and the glowing letters of recommendation that we received that she will contribute much to library services.



2021 Continuing Education Award Recipient: Brooke Peritore

Brooke worked her way from library page, to circulation clerk, to her current role as a Teen Department Clerk at the Longwood Public Library. Her reliability, initiative, kindness, and work ethic has made her an indispensable asset to her department and her co-workers have credited their ability to offer "more multifaceted, large scale programs" requiring more preparation, directly to her.

It is clear from her glowing letters of recommendation that she has made a significant impact on her department and library community and that she has a promising future, whatever career path she chooses.

ELSA Committee

Kate Regina- West Babylon Public Library



At the SCLA Annual Dinner, held Thursday October 21st, the Excellence in Library Service Award was presented to Kelly Hurtada-Lopez from Central Islip Public Library who goes above and beyond to support her equally supportive library and coworkers.

Fellow nominees also celebrated at the dinner were:

- Terry Lucas, Director, Shelter Island Public Library
- Dianne Cyrus, Serials and Continuation Assistant, Stony Brook University Library
- Jen Bagliavio, Children's and Teen Services Librarian, Comsewogue Public Library
- Cynthia Dougherty, Library Clerk, Brentwood Public Library

Another year and another group of wonderful library workers who make our county proud.

Annual Dinner

Michele Cayea, Patchogue-Medford Public Library

We were thrilled to be reunited in person again this year for the SCLA Annual Dinner on October 21, 2020. 80 of our colleagues from libraries across Suffolk County were in attendance for awards, networking, dinner and some dancing at the Meadowedge at West Sayville County Club. Thanks to your generosity we made a large donation to Toys for Tots for the holiday season!



Support Staff Division

Roni Rouch, SSD President

Last year proved to be a very interesting year. Unfortunately, we could not meet in person, but still held our monthly meetings virtually. We were able to organize a very successful Safety Conference, and our program on Elder Care proved to be very informative. We also sponsored a program with VIPES about setting boundaries on topics we deal with daily. Thank you everyone for all of your help throughout the year!

Legislative Committee

Samantha Alberts

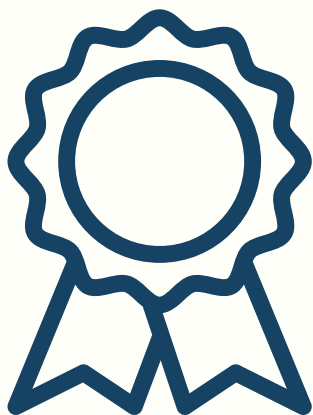
After much consideration and discussion, the decision has been made to change the format of Library Advocacy Day 2022 from a hybrid to an all-virtual event on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Please Save the Date and we look forward to seeing you online at our Virtual Advocacy Day event.



Library Directory Associates Award

Paula Bornstein, LDA Award Chair

Call for Nominations: LDA Library Award 2022



Recognize that individual who performs outstanding work in the library field! Nominate him or her for the LDA Library Award. It's easy to do! Simply complete the application that will be mailed and e-mailed to all SCLA and NCLA members in January. Each application must be accompanied by a nominating statement of approximately 500 words and three letters of support. Then return the nominees' information packets by the date listed on the application. LDA Library Award Committee members will select the best candidate, and the award will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference on May 14, 2020.

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

JANUARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Peter Ward, Brentwood Public Library

Library Hand was a type of extremely legible handwriting once used by librarians especially for the purpose of writing on:

- A. Catalog cards
- B. Checkout slips
- C. Book labels
- D. The backs of library cards

Please submit your answers to Lauren Strong
lauren.strong@riverheadlibrary.org
Winners will be announced in the next newsletter



October Winner

Young Adult Services Division

Charlotte Buckleman, Lindenhurst Memorial Library

It has been a busy year for YASD! This past year we've hosted programs on how to adapt our programs during COVID, how to help teens cope with mental health issues, how to use TikTok, and we had our first ever virtual Fran Romer Memorial Booktalk Workshop with author Ryan La Sala!

Thank you to the 2021 YASD and SCLA boards and thank you to everyone who attended our meetings throughout the year, we hope to see you in 2022!

2022 Board:

Past President: Charlotte Buckleman

President: Erika Irish

Vice President: Lauren Strong

Treasurer: Kyle Fichtner

Secretary: Katie Brand

Webmaster: Emily Spizzirri

Fran Romer: Andrea Roberts

Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Erin Kanelos, CLASC President

Thank you to everyone who came to our virtual Fall Annual Meeting. We had a wonderful presentation on Cricuts in the Library. Thank you to Angela Breslin, Allison Mirabella, and Renee McGrath - on your informative presentations. We truly appreciate your collective wealth of knowledge!

Election season is gearing up for CLASC. We will be accepting nominations through February 2nd for the positions of President, Vice President - Programming, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Historian (Member-at-Large) and Literature Committee (Member-at-Large). Nominees must be a member of CLASC. For more information, contact Caitlin Sempowich at csempowich@lindenhurstlibrary.org.

Save the Date for our Spring Annual Meeting, which will be held on April 6th.

Thank you again, and happy holidays!

Long Island Library Pride Alliance Committee

Co-Chairs/NCLA: Valerie Acklin and Jody Ruggiero

Co-Chairs/SCLA: Derek Ivie and Nola Thacker



The Long Island Library Pride Alliance held their first live Mock Stonewall Award Workshop virtually on Thursday, December 16th. The eight titles discussed consisted of two picture books, two middle grade novels, two young adult novels, and two adult titles. The group shared thoughts on various aspects of the titles including their LGBTQIA+ representation. The fourteen attendees chose one winner in the young readers category and one in the older readers category. In the young readers category the winning title was Hazel Bly and the Deep Blue Sea by Ashley Herring Blake. In the older readers category the winning title was This Poison Heart by Kalynn Bayron. An honor in each category was also named. They were Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope by Jodie Patterson & illustrated by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow (young readers) and ¡Hola Papi!: How to Come Out in a Walmart Parking Lot and Other Life Lessons by John Paul Brammer (older readers). LILPA thanks all of the Mock Stonewall participants who read and shared their thoughts so openly!

Long Island Library Resources Council

LILRC wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year! We are kicking off 2022 with more great CE programs....please check our website lilrc.org regularly to see new events, including some highlighted, below:

LGBTQ Cultural Competency Training

January 13, 1pm-3pm

The Right to Loan Books: CDL, Copyright & Digital Access to Collections

January 14, 10am-12pm

Tax Preparation Programs and Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA)

January 19, 10am-11:30am

Preventive Conservation of Taxidermy at the American Natural History Museum with Marisa Surovy

January 21, 10am-11:15am

Play in the Classroom: Active Learning and Gamification Ideas for Academic Librarians

January 26, 1pm-2pm

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving for the 21st Century: A Manager's Guide to Better Decision Making

January 28, 10am-12pm

Dear William: A Father's Memoir of Addiction, Recovery, Love, and Loss - With Author David Magee

February 2 11am-12pm

Transforming Teen Services in Your Library

February 3, 2pm-3pm

Animals and Their Young

February 6, 11am-12pm

Barrier Busting: Designing Truly Accessible Services for Youth

February 10, 2pm-3pm

Just Pursuit: A Black Prosecutor's Fight for Fairness - With Laura Coates

February 17, 2pm-3pm

The Development of Race and Racism

February 28, 10am-12pm

Growing Healthy Passions at Your Library

March 8, 11am-12pm

Structural Racism on Long Island

March 14, 10am-12pm

Accessibility and Hidden Disabilities

March 15, 2pm-3pm

Animal Classifications & Amazing Adaptations

March 18, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Implicit Bias, Microaggressions, and Next Steps to Address Racism

March 28, 10am-12pm

The Nassau County Library Association installation of officers took place on December 2, 2021. Our 2022 Executive Board is:

President: Kaysha Watson-Phillips (Baldwin Public Library)

Vice-President/President-Elect: Stacey Mencher (Syosset Public Library)

Recording Secretary: Melanie Davidoff (Port Washington Public Library)

Directors:

Roseanne Dorfman (West Hempstead Public Library)

Priya Bradley (Levittown Public Library)

Erin Goldberg (Wantagh Public Library)

Cathi Nashak (Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library)

Michelle Samuel (Oceanside Library)

Syntychia Kendrick-Samuel (Uniondale Public Library)

Tracy Van Dyne (Westbury Memorial Public Library)

