



Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. meeting

Location: SCLS – Blue Room

Attendees: Nicole Malley-Romagnolo, Dave Jones, Steve Alcalde, Mary O'Grady, Dan Costa, Stephen Burg, Alison Mirabella, Anthony Giansante, Cindy Ilardi, Nicole Parisi Eberle, Alex Cranshaw, Sara Fade

Non-Attendees: Bob Johnson, Roseann Mammina, Rebecca Goldstein, Andrew Tarantowicz, Tory Young

Call To Order: 10:02 a.m.

Approval of May minutes:

- Corrections: none
 - o Approved by: Steve B.
 - o Seconded by: Anthony G.

President's Report: Nicole M. reported.

- Thank you to everyone who assisted at the LILC CATS table!
- CATS Spring Mixer at Blue Point Brewery in Patchogue, May 28 had 15 attendees.
- Maker Faire Long Island at Stony Brook University, June 6, CATS will not be attending this year.

Treasurer's Report: Dan reported.

- Current balance is \$2,686.51. \$299.50 raffle income from LILC.

Archives: No update

Technology Information Forum (TIF): Alison reported.

- There was no May meeting due to the LILC. The next meeting is June 11th at 2:30pm, joint with Nassau County via zoom.

East End Tech Coalition (EETC):

- Anthony G. reported. Details are being finalized on 2 upcoming programs.
- Steve A. reported that 6 of his programs have been accepted for NYLA presentations.

Congratulations Steve!

- o Judged by the Covers: Organize, Advocate, Overcome - Wednesday, November 4, 2026 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
- o From Closure to Comeback: Rebuilding Library Technology Services After Renovation - Friday, November 6, 2026 from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM.

- Intro to AI: The Good, the Bad, and the Weird - Friday, November 6, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM. (with Anthony G. and Bob Johnson)
- Technology Burnout: When Everyone Becomes the Tech Librarian - Friday, November 6, 2026 from 2:15 PM to 3:30 PM.
- Is the Traditional Computer Lab Dead? - Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM.

Tech Services Roundtable (TSR): Cindy reported.

- Future programs are being worked on.

Hospitality: Bagels. Thank you, Anthony!

Membership:

- Anthony G. reported. 143 members, up 5 members from last month.

Newsletter: Cindy reported.

- Next CATS newsletter is planned for April/May/June. Submit items to Cindy by June 25th.

Publicity: Nicole reported.

- Instagram, 27 followers; Facebook, 142 followers
- Posted CATS Mixer flyer, created CATS flyer for LILC table
- New CATS logo to be voted on over the summer

Programs:

- Program ideas discussed: Makerspace Policies; Alex suggested an AI policy program, possibly 2-3 programs in total, possible mid-September/October start date.

Emerging Tech: Alex reported.

- Sayville Library AI FAQ document created and their AI policy was updated. Alex will email documents to CATS board members.

Web Site: Stephen B. reported.

- Updated website with meeting minutes and posted CATS Mixer flyer.

Old Business:

- Annual speaker discussed, AI topic. Nicole P. suggested Josh Varon of Varon Consulting located in West Hempstead. He presents "Intro to AI" as well as other AI related topics. His fee is \$300-\$350 plus travel mileage reimbursement. Nicole P. will send his info to Nicole M.
Motion to approve \$500 for annual speaker fee:
 - approved by Alison
 - seconded by Cindy
- Bob is submitting \$500 donation for "Tell Your Story" program. Details to be determined.

New Business:

- CATS upcoming meeting dates:
September 2nd
October 7th
November 10th (Tuesday)
December Annual Meeting, December 2nd, room to be booked
- CATS 2027 Slate: Dave discussed. Board members needed: Vice-President (3-year commitment), Treasurer & Member-at-Large. Alex stepped forward for Vice-President position. Please send brief bio and head shots to Dave.
- CATS/RASD Emerging Tech Joint Committee under SCLA discussed. Details to be finalized.
 - Money for emerging tech programs will be funded by SCLA. What are the steps for doing this and receiving funds? How often will funding be established/replaced?
 - Discussed options regarding committee, number of representatives and coordination and communication between CATS, RASD & SCLA. CATS is the main technology committee under SCLA. Board members change annually which complicates committee representative appointments and communication.
 - Conclusion was reached that a new committee would likely not be needed for this endeavor. The president of CATS will communicate with the president of RASD to determine joint emerging tech programs to be funded by SCLA.

Division Highlights:

- none

Next Meeting:

- September 2nd, 10am, SCLS

Adjournment: 10:43 a.m.

- Approved by Alex
- Seconded by Alison

Respectfully submitted,

Mary O'Grady, Recording Secretary