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President's Message

Lauren Scottaline

Thank you to all who attended the 42nd Annual Luncheon of the Reference and Adult Services Division of SCLA. Please review more information below as provided by Member at Large Laurel Scalera, as well as some photos from the event. Many thanks to the efforts of Laurel, our Members at Large, and Secretary Rachel Cecchini for all of their efforts for making it a wonderful event; and many thanks to our sponsors for their splendid and generous donations. I'd also like to thank all who attended the Local History Committee's trip to the Three Village Historical Society History Center.

Now that Fall is in full swing, I would like to invite all of our members and potential members to check out the events and services provided to all SCLA members. There are numerous upcoming workshops this Fall and additional opportunities for Development Hours available on RASD's webpage: <http://scla.net/rasd/>

Committee News

Long Island Reads

Beth Gates



The Long Island Reads committee is thrilled to announce that the pick is in! Meg Wolitzer's *The Female Persuasion* is our 2019 Long Island Reads book. The author will speak at an award ceremony on April 7, 2019, during National Library Week, and we hope that libraries across Nassau and Suffolk take part by hosting book discussions of *The Female Persuasion*, hosting related programming, and encouraging your patrons to attend Meg Wolitzer's talk. Keep an eye out for our yearly Reader's Guide, Programming Guide, and

more information about the author event in April. Contact Beth Gates, the Suffolk chair, with any questions at beth@myrml.org.

Reader's Advisory

Azuree Agnello

The Reader's Advisory Committee would like to welcome new members Wendy Ambrozewicz and Jessica Brown from Patchogue-Medford Library, Norah Gillman from Cold Spring Harbor Library, Candace Reeder from Northport-East Northport Public Library, and Mara Zonderman from Westhampton Free Library. September's meeting found us discussing books with "Male Protagonists," while the topic for our meeting on January 24, 2019, will be "Family Sagas." We'll be meeting at SCLS from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with coffee/tea at 9:30 a.m. If you're interested in joining our committee, please email aagnello@wbpl.us for more information. Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://rasdreadersadvisory.blogspot.com/> to read our reviews.

Media

Tim Sicurella & Nicole Rambo

The Media Committee met on September 19 and had a great roundtable discussion about starting a zine collection and circulating lawn and board games. Zines can be an exciting addition to your teen or adult collection. You can find them at zine fests all across the country or on zine distro websites, such as Microcosm Publishing. Consider starting a board game collection with great titles like *Chutes and Ladders*, *Hoot Owl Hoot*, *Twister*, *Risk*, *Settlers of Catan*, *Ticket to Ride*, and many more. A lawn game collection includes bocce ball, kan jam, corn hole, Molky, ring toss, and more! The Media Committee will next meet on Wednesday, November 28, in the morning, at SCLS. Nicole Rambo will be talking about the Piper Computers at Middle Country Public Library. Tim Sicurella of the Sayville Library will present on memory kits that some libraries are offering for patrons with memory impairment. Contact Tim Sicurella with any questions: tsicurella@sayvillelibrary.org.

Health Concerns

Sal Filosa & Sara Fade

Health Concerns Committee

Reference and Adult Services Division of SCLA



Welcome Sara Fade as the Health Concerns Committee's New Co-Chair!

The Health Concerns Committee will be hosting its Annual Breakfast on Kidney Disease featuring speaker Sandeep Mallipattu, MD, Chief of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension at Stony Brook University School of Medicine. Learn about the Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS). By earning your

CHIS, you can acquire skills and knowledge needed to become a confident, expert provider of health information to your community. Free for RASD members, \$5 for non-RASD members. 2 Professional Development Hours will be awarded. [Register here](#). Date: Tuesday, November 6. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Place: SCLS Auditorium.

Contact Sal Filosa sfilosa@portjefflibrary.org with questions. Stay healthy!

Suffolk Libraries CARE (Career and Resource Exchange)

Nicole Berroyer

The CARE (Career and Resource Exchange) Committee will host speakers from Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults and Helen Keller Services for the Blind on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport.

The Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults is a U.S. foundation that provides services for individuals who are both blind and deaf. Services include onsite training at HKNC headquarters with experts in assistive technology, vocational services, communication, orientation and mobility, independent living, and more.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind serves the New York City/Long Island area, with training facilities in Brooklyn, Hempstead, and Ronkonkoma, and a low vision eye service in Sands Point. HKSB also provides services in home, work, and community settings throughout the region. Services include training with experts in orientation and mobility, daily living skills, low vision, assistive technology, employment/placement, and more. From information about career possibilities to tips about free services, HKSB can help you find what you need.

Please join us for coffee at 2:00 p.m. and the presentation at 2:30 p.m. RSVP to Nicole Berroyer at nicole@connetquotlibrary.org. Professional development hours will be awarded.

New Adults

Michael Buono & Rachel Cecchini

The New Adult Committee will host a Programming Round Table on Monday, November 19, at SCLS. Join us as we connect with fellow librarians about programming ideas to develop this growing sector of library patrons. Any programs or services that your library has offered in the past for New Adults, as well as ideas for the future, are up for discussion. Coffee/tea will be at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please email Rachel Cecchini at rachelrcecchini@gmail.com. The committee is in the process of planning meetings and workshops for 2019. Look out for our events on the RASD Facebook page and website.

Long Island History

Inez Foster & Emily Guerrero

The Local History Committee visited the Three Village Historical Society in Setauket on September 20. We went on a tour of the *SPIES!* exhibit and learned about George Washington's spy campaign on Long Island.

The next meeting of the Long Island History Committee will take place on November 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at SCLS. The topic will be a discussion on the April 2019 Showcase and happenings in our local history rooms. All attendees are welcome to bring questions and share their upcoming programs and events.

Electronic Resources

David Jones

The Electronic Resources Committee, along with CATS and SCLS hosted a workshop on Digital Privacy on September 12, 2018. "Tactics for Increasing Privacy and Security" provided attendees with tools for increasing privacy and security for both staff and the public. Led by Bex Hong Hurwitz, the program focused on helping trainers understand how to identify which privacy and security risks patrons are most likely to encounter at the library, and how to respond with appropriate steps to help.

The next committee meeting will be on December 19, at SCLS, 9:30 a.m. coffee, 10:00 a.m. meeting. Building on the lessons learned at the Sept. 12 meeting, we will have a roundtable discussion on how Suffolk County libraries provide digital literacy training online and in person. Stephen Burg of Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library and Brian Adams of Harborfields Public Library will speak of their experiences providing digital literacy training. Lastly, an SCLS representative will talk about a new upcoming digital training platform using the free and open-source learning management system Moodle. Contact Dave Jones with any questions or suggestions at dave@westhamptonlibrary.org.

Public Relations & Marketing

Jo-Ann Carhart, Joan Cook, and Sharron McDevitt



Recognizing the Best PR & Marketing Campaign

Pictured left: PR & Marketing Campaign Chairperson Jo-Ann Carhart presents the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library with the 2017 First Prize Award during the annual SCLA dinner at the Brentwood Country Club.

It's time to announce the winner for the **2018 Best Public Relations & Marketing Campaign by a Public or Academic Library**. The winner will be announced on November 15 at the annual SCLA dinner at the Long Island Aquarium. A plaque will be presented to the winning library, and certificates will be awarded to second and third place winners.

Last year's first place winner was Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library for their *Hand Challenge: Build a Prosthetic Hand* campaign.

Other recognized 2017 campaigns included the *Live-brary on Facebook* campaign from the Lindenhurst Memorial Library, the *I Heart the Library* campaign from the Northport-East Northport Public

Library, and the *Save With Your Library Card* campaign from the Sachem Public Library.

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, January 17, 2019**, for the Suffolk Library Marketing Award review meeting in the SCLS Blue Room in Bellport. Winners will participate in a roundtable to share how they promoted their library marketing campaigns.

Member-at-Large

Laurel Scalera

The 2018 Annual Luncheon was held at That Meetball Place in Patchogue. Our guest speaker was Ann Marie Chapman from the Elizabeth A. Morton Foundation. She spoke about all of the different sanctuaries being preserved on Long Island as well as their importance to us now and to future generations. There are ten National Wildlife Refuge Complexes on Long Island and 565 units in the National Wildlife Refuge system. The ten on Long Island are Morton, Conscience Point, Amagansett, Wertheim, Sayville, Seatuck, Lido Beach, Oyster Bay, Target Rock, and Gardiners Point Island. It is noteworthy to point out that Gardiners Point is closed to the public because unexploded ordnance is present on the island and is a major safety concern.

Link to the foundation: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/elizabeth_a_morton/



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