



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION
A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021
Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11719**

Members Present: Passive Meeting

President's Report:

Rachel Cecchini reported that Emily Trezza is the Nassau County liaison. If anyone has any questions that involve NCLA, please email Emily at etrezza@whplibrary.org

The 2021 Long Island Library Conference has been cancelled. SCLA President, Ally Mercado, would like to host a professional development series in April or May. She has asked that all of the divisions begin to brainstorm ideas for this endeavor. More information about the logistics is forthcoming.

Rachel mentioned that one of her goals is to expand professional outreach beyond Long Island library science schools. This would include city schools and schools upstate.

Reminder that Advocacy Day is on February 26th. Pre-Advocacy Day is on February 22nd. Points that Kevin Verbessy reiterated regarding Advocacy Day are:

1. Mandate library trustee training
2. Construction access for small and rural libraries
3. 45M in overall construction aid
4. Require all schools, not just secondary, to have a school media specialist

Rachel encourages everyone to go onto NYLA's website and check out more information on their Advocacy Page.

The SCLA Annual Dinner is scheduled for October 21st. This is of course tentative and will be adjusted depending on the pandemic.

Steve Alcalde reached out to Civil Service and he hasn't heard back from anyone.

SCLA will be hosting more networking events this year. Please encourage your colleagues to attend.

Treasurer's Report:

Wendy Bennett reported

The opening balance was \$4,911.35. **Total revenues** was \$0.00. **Total expenses** were \$0.00. The **closing balance** as of February 4, 2021 was \$4,911.35.

Outstanding: (submitted to NYLA)

Outreach Award for \$112.00

Total: \$112.00

Approved Expenses: (NOT YET submitted to NYLA)

PR & Marketing Award not to exceed \$100.00

Career & Business Reference Services Committee (C&B): Nicole Berroyer and Alex Blend reported: The next meeting is Thursday, February 11 at 2:30pm. Michael W. Haynes and Lisa Owens from Long Island Cares will be speaking about the different programs available, including veteran and job development programs, as well as their COVID efforts.

Electronic Resources: No Report.

Health Concerns: No Report.

Historian: Robert Cognato reported: Minutes are updated. Please send me any flyers related to your committees.

Long Island History: Caren Zatyk and Kelly Filippone reported: The Long Island History Committee held a virtual meeting on Thursday, January 7th. We started discussing plans for the committee for this year and beyond. Another meeting will be held in the beginning of March. We are looking into the possibility of having a virtual programmers showcase at some point this year.

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported:

Registration for the 2021 Long Island Reads event will open on March 1. The event will be held virtually on CrowdCast and sponsored by the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library. Coordinated order forms are available and are due 1/20.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi and Michelle Athanas reported: MOSAIC has created a Share Google Sheet where English/Literacy Classes will be listed. Since most libraries are using Zoom (other online platforms), we can now cross promote programs. Anyone who would like to add their library's literacy programs, should use the following link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b74gEcYOWAj00AVdFGYpxLzLhWOY_tNUEIXTRuLOGwg/edit?usp=sharing

The next MOSAIC Meeting will be March 9th. Topic to be determined.

Media: No Report.

Member-at-Large: No Report.

Membership: Kelly Filippone reported: Currently, RASD has 68 members. I spoke with Rachel last month in regards to SCLA membership and how we can get a more accurate count. I am still waiting to hear back from NYLA about that. I will reach out to them again soon.

New Adults: Morgan Brett, Alex Cranshaw and Andrew Mihopoulos reported: The second episode of the New Adult Committee podcast went live on Jan 19th. The topic was "Better Serving LGBTQ Patrons" and featured interviews with members of the LGBT Network and the Long Island Crisis Center's Pride for Youth program.

If you (or someone/organization you know) may be interested in appearing as a guest on our podcast, please reach out to us!

Outreach Committee: Adriana LoDolce and Catherine Montazem reported: The next Outreach Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, March 3 at 10:00 am.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with Nassau County's Outreach Specialist, Shakeema Miller, and librarians from Nassau County. We have also invited representatives from *NY Project Hope* to discuss the services they have available for patrons throughout Long Island in both English and Spanish.

PR & Marketing: Jo-ann Carhart and Joan Cook reported: The PR & Marketing Committee is grateful to Ms. Alisa Fogel, Head of Programming at the Syosset Public Library and Ms. Roseanne Dorfman, Program Coordinator at the West Hempstead Public Library for reviewing and judging the six entries that were received for the 2020 PR & Marketing award.

Winners were selected and are as follows:

- First place: Sachem Public Library for their
Winter Wonderland: Garden of Lights campaign
- Second place: Northport-East Northport Public Library for their
Ink Stories: Symbols of Service campaign
- Third place: Connetquot Public Library for their
PPE 3D Printed by the Learning Commons campaign
- Honorable Mention: The Smithtown Library for their
Curbside Pickup campaign

Certificate of participation was awarded to the John Jermaine Memorial Library for their *The Building is Closed; The Library Still Serves: Reimagining a Library Website for the Covid-19 Era* campaign

The SLMA plaque was retrieved from last year's winner (Smithtown) and Sachem was added to the plaque. Ribbons will be presented to first, second, third and honorable mention winners. Certificates also be presented to all entries and the judges as well.

Due to inclement weather the awards could not be presented during the February 2, 2021 RASD Board Meeting. Instead the awards will be presented during the February 25, 2021 PR & Marketing Roundtable, where we will also review and discuss the campaigns that were submitted for the 2020 SLMA award. All are welcome to participate via Zoom. The meeting information is: zoom.us Meeting ID: 874 9825 4987 Passcode: 432918

Programs: Alicia Collumbell reported:

At their last meeting, SCLA has decided to postpone the LILC until 2022. However, they are looking to hold a Professional Development type event in the Spring with each division presenting a program. I am placing a call to our board and committee members, to submit ideas to me for a professional development program. This can be any style program you think might be helpful or offer something new to our fellow librarians.

Rachel Cecchini has expressed the interest in doing more to reach out to future library students, current library students and new librarians on the island, city and upstate who may be looking for guidance or ways to get involved in the library world. We may want to brainstorm programs that could go along with this thinking. However, ALL ideas, notions or thoughts are welcome on any topic that one feels may be useful!

Please, send programming ideas to me at: acollumbell@smithlib.org

Ramblings: No Report.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported:

The Reader's Advisory committee met on Thursday, January 28 to discuss Gentle Reads. 8 members attended. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29 at 10 am via Zoom. The topic is - Oldies You May Have Missed: Books Published Between 2000-2010. The idea is to choose books that were published during this time period but weren't as popular as their best seller counterparts.

Web Page: Wonda Miller reported: please email committee updates, events, flyers for me to post to the site - wmiller@johnjerman.org.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosa Todaro

2021 RASD Board Meeting Schedule

Date	Location and Time
Tuesday, January 5, 2021	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, February 2, 2021	Passive Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, April 6, 2021	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
NO MAY MEETING	
Tuesday, June 1, 2021	SCLS- 9:30AM Coffee, 10:00AM Meeting
NO JULY MEETING	
Tuesday, August 3, 2021	SCLS- 9:30AM Coffee, 10:00AM Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	SCLS- 9:30AM Coffee, 10:00AM Meeting
ANNUAL RASD LUNCHEON (TBA)	
HEALTH CONCERNS BREAKFAST (TBA)	
Tuesday, December 7, 2021	SCLS- 9:30AM Coffee, 10:00AM Meeting

(Subject to change)