

REFERENCE & ADULT  
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President's Message

Hello Colleagues!

My name is Kelly Filippone and I am proud to be serving RASD this year as your President. I am a librarian in the Reference Department and the Long Island Room, a local history archives, at The Smithtown Library. This year, RASD has two new officers, Patricia Cruz, Vice President/President Elect and Valerie Harrison, Treasurer. I look forward to working with them along with our Secretary, Mary McNulty, appointed members and the chairpersons of each of our committees. Sal Filosa will also remain on the board to share his insight and wisdom as Past President. His guidance and support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

After three long years, the Long Island Library Conference is back and RASD is excited to sponsor four dynamic programs. If you are unable to attend the conference, our division is working diligently to provide programs, events and meetings, both virtually and in person, throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming all current and prospective members, as well as any library staff who may be interested in the resources we provide.

When joining SCLA, please consider becoming a member of RASD. Librarianship is always evolving and the RASD Board strives to present the best resources, services and information to develop and improve our profession. Be sure to check out all RASD has to offer at [www.scla.net/rasd](http://www.scla.net/rasd).

I look forward to working with you all and I am always available to answer any questions, concerns and listen to all suggestions and ideas. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your RASD Board - we are here for you!

Sincerely,  
Kelly Filippone  
The Smithtown Library

## Career and Business Reference Services Committee

On **Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.** the Career and Business References Services and the Outreach Committees will be hosting a joint committee meeting at the Long Island Cares facilities. The tour of the Center for Community Engagement and the Harry Chapin Regional Food Bank will cover all of the resources and programs they provide to those in need. The tour should last approximately 45 minutes. There will be committee meetings following the tour in the LI Cares Community Engagements meeting rooms. This is a great opportunity for library professionals to acquaint themselves with Long Island Cares, see all that they provide and possibly discuss future program opportunities.

Register here: <https://scla34.wildapricot.org/event-5168462>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to: Nicole Berroyer at [nicole@connetquotlibrary.org](mailto:nicole@connetquotlibrary.org), Alicia Collumbell at [acollumbell@smithlib.org](mailto:acollumbell@smithlib.org) or Alex Blend at [blendalex@mcplibrary.org](mailto:blendalex@mcplibrary.org)

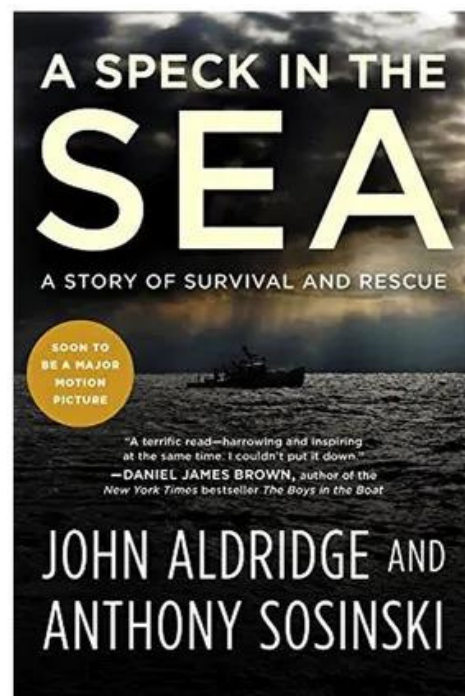
## Long Island Reads

The 2023 pick is... ***A Speck in the Sea: A Story of Survival and Rescue*** by John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski! Check out the Reader's Guide [here](#).

Two veteran sailors who co-own and operate a Montauk lobster boat recount the 2013 search-and-rescue mission for co-author John Aldridge, describing how his partner, their families, the local fishing community and the U.S. Coast Guard in three states mobilized an unprecedented and ultimately successful operation.

### 2023 Author Event

Authors John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski will be honored at the 2023 Long Island Reads Selection Award event for their book *A Speck in the Sea: A Story of Survival and Rescue* in a dual in-person and online program hosted by Half Hollow Hills Community Library on **Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**



Free tickets to the in-person event will be available to the public beginning **Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.** Click [here](#) for more information. For those who prefer to attend virtually, Half Hollow Hills Community Library will also host the event as an online program.

## Outreach Committee

Congratulations to the Sayville Public Library for receiving the third annual Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award!

The Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award 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.



## Public Relations and Marketing

On March 23, 2023, the Public Relations and Marketing Committee hosted the 2022 Suffolk Library Marketing Award Winners Roundtable Discussion.

The discussion was with last year's Suffolk Library Marketing Award winners who shared insights about their award-winning marketing initiatives.

Speakers included:

Shadd Jamison, Assistant Director, Amityville Public Library

Michael Buono, Head of Reference and Publicity, Brentwood Public Library

Kathryn Heavyside, Community Services Librarian, Northport-East Northport Public Library

Rebecca Goldstein, Reference Services Librarian II, Sachem Public Library

## Readers' Advisory Committee

Are you looking for a committee to join but are short on time? Then the Readers' Advisory Committee might be the right one for you. We meet three times a year on the last Thursday of the month in January, April and September to discuss books on a specific theme chosen by the committee. Our next meeting will be **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023**, at SCLS with a Zoom option if needed.

Share your book with the group, write a short review and submit it for our blog. Next meeting's topic: Biography. Contact Azurée Agnello at the West Babylon Public Library (631- 669-5445) or email [aagnello@wbpl.us](mailto:aagnello@wbpl.us) for more information and to register.

## Web Page

Keep up with current professional development opportunities sponsored by RASD at <https://scla.net/rasd/>

## Mission Statement:

*To unite in one division all those who are interested in any phase of reference and adult services. To give those having responsibility for the above services an opportunity to exchange information, develop techniques and improve their professional experience. To have representation on the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Library Association.*

## 2023 RASD Officers

**President-** Kelly Filippone

**Vice President/President Elect-** Patricia Cruz

**Secretary-** Mary McNulty

**Treasurer-** Valerie Harrison

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Nicole Berroyer & Alex Blend

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**Historian-** Adam Zoffranieri

## Local History-

Caren Zatyk & Kelly Filippone

**Long Island Reads-** Mara Zonderman

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Amber Gagliardi & Michelle Athanas

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Alex Cranshaw & Andrew Mihopoulos

**Outreach-** Alicia Collumbell

## Public Relations and Marketing-

James Garvey & Christine Lyons

**Editor of Ramblings-** Sean Walls

**Readers' Advisory-** Azuree Agnello

**Website Administrator-** Wonda Miller

## Membership

The Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) supports the professional development of librarians and library staff through a wide range of committees that concentrate on improving patron services. Through the efforts of these committees, we provide professional growth, continuing education programs and networking opportunities to develop and improve our profession.

Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, be sure to consider becoming a member of RASD.

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