



# REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

Hello RASD Members,

Happy Summer! I'd like to first take the time to thank everyone who attended an RASD sponsored program at the Long Island Library Conference. It was an amazing return to our largest networking and professional development event. The success of conferences, programs and other opportunities like this would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the RASD Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved with this organization and lending your talent to enrich the field of librarianship, please consider joining the Board in one of the following appointed roles:

**Historian:** Responsible for the organization, storage and management of the records of the Division.

**Members-at-Large (3):** Work together to organize and support Division sponsored events as well as RASD's participation in county and island-wide professional development.

**Programs:** Plan, market and host programs for large-scale events including the Long Island Library Conference and the Virtual Professional Development Series.

**Nomination:** Gathers and presents a slate of candidates to the RASD Board in accordance with the SCLA Election Timeline.

Members-at-Large positions will be open for appointment in 2024. All other positions are currently vacant. Please contact me at [kfilippone@smithlib.org](mailto:kfilippone@smithlib.org) if you are interested in learning more about these positions and the opportunity to join us on the RASD Board.

As always, I am open to hearing suggestions, comments and ideas on how RASD can best serve all of our members. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my colleagues on the Board. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
 Kelly Filippone  
 The Smithtown Library

## M.O.S.A.I.C.

On June 14th, M.O.S.A.I.C. held its Annual Breakfast. Kathy Houghton, the Executive Director of Literacy Suffolk presented on Hidden Learning Disabilities. Here are some resources that were shared with attendees: <https://www.mcplibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/MOSAIC-Breakfast-Handouts.pdf>

Everyone is reminded to have Literacy Suffolk's resources and applications available at their Reference Desk for patrons: <https://literacysuffolk.org/>



Above, L-R: Amber Gagliardi, Michelle Athanas, Susan Shiloni, and Kathy Houghton

## Public Relations and Marketing

### Deadline Ahead: 2023 Suffolk Library Marketing Award

The annual Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA) recognizes the best marketing campaign by a public or academic library in Suffolk County. Last year's winners included marketing campaigns for an art exhibit, a gardening and outdoor education initiative, and two summer reading clubs.

The application deadline for the 2023 SLMA is August 25. This is your opportunity to showcase a successful marketing campaign at your library.

Visit the Public Relations and Marketing Committee web page to learn more about the SLMA and download the 2023 award application: <https://rasdpr.wordpress.com/smla/>.

## Outreach Committee

This year at LILC I had the pleasure of being sponsored by RASD to present Kind, but With Spine: Constructive Confrontation, Deliberate Boundaries, and Avoiding Compassion Fatigue. I was humbled by the overall attendance and positive feedback from my fellow librarians. I received many thoughtful and interesting questions both in person and after the conference, which I hope indicates that this presentation topic was applicable to many and resonated with colleagues who can use these tools to the benefit of themselves and their practice.



Above: Alicia Collumbell

The Outreach committee will be having its next meeting virtually via Zoom on Monday, August 14th, at 10 am. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Alicia Collumbell](#) for more information.

## 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.*

## RASD Executive Board

### Officers:

**President**- Kelly Filippone

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

**Secretary**- Mary McNulty

**Treasurer**- Valerie Harrison

**Past President**- Sal Filosa

### Committee Chairs:

**Career and Business Reference Services-**

Nicole Berroyer

**Emerging Technologies-** Nicole Rambo

**Health Concerns-**

Stephanie DiChiara & Michelle Rung

**Local History-** Caren Zatyk & Kelly Filippone

**Long Island Reads-** Mara Zonderman

**Members-at-Large-** Jessica Giannetti,  
Lauren McDermott & Jessica Brown

**M.O.S.A.I.C.-**

Amber Gagliardi & Michelle Athanas

**New Adults-**

Alex Cranshaw & Andrew Mihopoulos

**Outreach-** Alicia Collumbell

**Public Relations and Marketing-**

James Garvey & Christine Lyons

**Readers' Advisory-** Azuree Agnello

### Appointed Positions:

**Membership-** Kelly Filippone

**Editor of Ramblings-** Sean Walls

**Website Administrator-** Wonda Miller

**Historian-** Vacant

**Nomination-** Vacant

**Programs-** Vacant

## 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.

RASD is a division of [SCLA](#).

Click [here](#) to learn more about membership benefits!

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