



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Hello RASD Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! RASD closed out the season with two very informative and interesting virtual events during the professional development series hosted by CLASC, SCLA and NCLA. We greatly appreciate the organizers, speakers, and attendees for making this series a success.

Now that Summer Reading is behind us, I hope you have time to join RASD for some upcoming professional development and networking opportunities. Stay tuned for more information about our Annual Luncheon in December. All members are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

The RASD Board is looking for dedicated library professionals to join us in 2024. If you are interested in becoming more involved with this organization and lending your talent to enrich the field of librarianship, consider joining us! For more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at kfilippone@smithlib.org. As always, I am open to hearing suggestions, comments and ideas on how RASD can best serve all of our members.

Sincerely,
 Kelly Filippone
 The Smithtown Library

Career and Business Reference Services

Save the Date!

Please join the Career & Business Reference Services Committee for **Help! I'm Not a Business Librarian!** Does the thought of answering business reference questions fill you with fear or dread? Then this program is for you! Sal DiVincenzo of the Miller Business Center at Middle Country Public Library will give an overview of some of the resources that are available to librarians to assist patrons asking some of the most common business reference questions. This program will be held on **Tuesday, November 14 at 2:30pm** at Suffolk Cooperative Library System. Click [here](#) to register.

Health Concerns

The Health Concerns Committee will be holding our annual **Fall Breakfast** and special presentation on **Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30am** at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. Joann Caramanico of Parker Jewish Institute will be there to speak about their program "Willing Hearts Helpful Hands Alzheimer's Caregiver Grant Initiative" and the services their organization can offer for libraries and their patrons.

1 hour of professional development will be credited to attendees. Click [here](#) to register! Questions? Email co-chairpersons [Stephanie DiChiara](#) and [Michelle Rung](#).

Local History

The Local History Committee hosted its annual Programmers Showcase on **Thursday, September 21st at SCLS**. The showcase provides an opportunity for local history programmers to share information about the programs they can offer to the public at libraries and other similar institutions. This year, we covered a wide variety of topics including: preservation of local burying grounds, the history of New York English, abandoned places in New York, including Kings Park Psychiatric Center, Southampton and Long Island local history, art history and inhouse local history library programming . If you were not able to attend the showcase but are interested in receiving the contact information for these programmers, please contact Kelly at kfilippone@smithlib.org. Thank you to our presenters and all who attended!



Outreach

The next regular meeting of the Outreach Committee will be held virtually on **Monday, December 11, 2023 at 10:00am**. Meeting details can be found on the Outreach Committee page of the RASD website.



The SLEOA Application opens this month! Please consider nominating your colleagues and fellow libraries in addition to your own!

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.

What is the purpose of the SLEOA Award?

The Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award recognizes the achievements of a public or academic library that has made outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, and implementation of outreach services in the local community.

Who is eligible?

Any public or academic library staff may submit an application on behalf of a public or academic library, in Suffolk County, describing outreach endeavors between October 1, 2022 and October 1, 2023. Applications must be submitted by active members of the Suffolk Library Association.

Public Relations and Marketing

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.

Judging is underway for the 2023 SLMA. Thank you to all who submitted projects for consideration. The winning entries will be announced at the SCLA Annual Dinner on October 26. Stay tuned!

Visit the Public Relations and Marketing Committee [web page](#) to learn more about the SLMA.

Readers' Advisory

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. Share your book with the group, write a short review, and submit it for [our blog](#).

If you'd like more information, please contact Azurée Agnello at the West Babylon Public Library (631-669-5445) or email aagnello@wbpl.us. You can attend a meeting to see what it's like or jump right in and pick a book to share.

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.

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Membership- Kelly Filippone

Editor of Ramblings- Sean Walls

Website Administrator- Wonda Miller

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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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