



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Hello!

I hope everyone is having a great start of their summer! I would like to thank all of you who attended the programs arranged by RASD at the Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 9. The Division offered excellent learning opportunities this year-- keep an eye out for RASD programs during SCLA's Professional Development Series as we keep on offering continuing education programs to develop in our profession.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with this organization, consider attending meetings of RASD committees ([Hello!](#)), or joining the Board in one of the following appointed roles:

New Adults Committee Chair/Co-Chairs

The New Adult Committee, or NAC, is dedicated to discovering and sharing innovative programming and materials to librarians in order to meet the needs of individuals just entering adulthood.

Outreach Chair/Co-Chairs

The Outreach Committee meets four times per year to discuss how to meet the evolving needs of our local communities.

Member-at-Large (2)

Work together to organize and support Division sponsored events as well as RASD's participation in county and island-wide professional development.

Nomination

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

Please contact me at pcruz@pmlib.org if you are interested in learning more about these positions and the opportunity to join us on the RASD Board.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cruz

Patchogue-Medford Library

MOSAIC

On **Thursday, June 20th**, the MOSAIC committee of RASD held our Annual Breakfast at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. This year's topic was **Programming to Promote Diversity**. Award-winning author, poet, educator, and cultural programmer, Adriana Devers, uses the power of words to promote the diverse voices of Long Island. She provided inspiration and knowledge on how libraries can diversify their programming with innovative ideas to engage new patrons, enhance diversity and expand inclusion. Devers inspired us to uplift and celebrate our unique communities, while addressing social issues that continue to affect society at large.

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. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 26, 2024**, from 10am - 12pm at SCLS. **Topic: Short Stories.**

If you'd like more information, please call 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.

MOSAIC

Multicultural Outreach Services
And Information Committee



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ANNUAL BREAKFAST PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024



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**Suffolk Cooperative Library System,
627 Sunrise Hwy, Bellport NY**

9:30am - Hot Breakfast and Networking

**10am - Opening Remarks and brief presentation by Long Island
Library Resources Council (LILRC) intern speak Aisha Khanfri**

10:30-11:30 Keynote Speaker Adriana Devers

Sponsored by Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of SCLA
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/MOSAICBREAKFAST2024>
Contact Amber Gagliardi, MOSAIC Chair
gagliardiamber@mcplibrary.org with any questions.

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- Patricia Cruz

Vice President/President Elect- Jessica Brown

Secretary- Emma Yohannan

Treasurer- Valerie Harrison

Past President- Kelly Filippone

Committee Chairs:

Career and Business Reference Services-

Nicole Berroyer

Emerging Technologies- Nicole Rambo

Health Concerns- Karen Sonessa & Michelle Rung

Library Marketing- James Garvey

Local History- Caren Zatyk

Long Island Reads- Mara Zonderman

M.O.S.A.I.C.- Amber Gagliardi & Lindsay Davis

New Adults- Vacant

Outreach- Vacant

Programs- Amber Gagliardi

Readers' Advisory- Azuree Agnello

Appointed Positions:

Historian- Georgiana O'Neill

Member-at-Large- Anastasia Bazilevskaya

Membership- Jessica Weber

Newsletter- Sean Walls

Nomination- Vacant

Website Administrator-

Meghan Roe-Mesenbourg

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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