

REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

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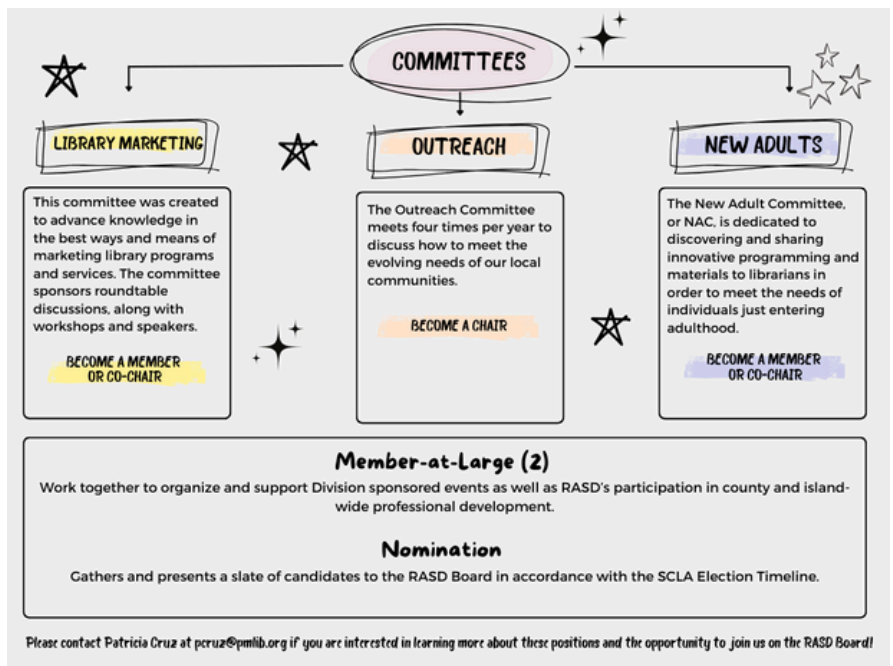
Hello!

I hope everyone is having a great end of summer! As summer is winding down, I hope you have time to join RASD for some upcoming professional development and networking opportunities. We are proud to present two virtual events during the [Professional Development series](#) hosted by SCLA, NCLA, and CLASC this September.

Save the Date! RASD will be hosting its Annual Luncheon on

December 3rd from 2-4pm--all current and prospective members are welcome!

Sincerely,
 Patricia Cruz
 Patchogue-Medford Library



Career and Business

On **Tuesday, September 24th at 2:30pm**, the Career and Business Committee will present Demystifying the Civil Service Merit System. The presentation will provide an overview of the NYS Department of Civil Service and their examination process. The presentation will showcase their new Centers for Careers in Government initiative which aims to boost recruitment by educating the public about state job opportunities and fostering a diverse, inclusive, and talented workforce for the future. Finally, the presentation will go into their currently available program, NY HELPS, which aims to streamline the application process.

Emerging Technologies

The Emerging Technologies Committee will be meeting on **Thursday, October 3rd at 11:00am** with presenter Tess Wilson, from the Library Freedom Project, on Privacy 101 for Librarians via Zoom.

Library Marketing

Suffolk Library Marketing Award Competition Underway!

The 2024 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA) competition is underway. The award recognizes the best marketing campaigns by a public or academic library in Suffolk County over the last year.



The application submission deadline for the 2024 SLMA is **Friday, September 20, 2024**. Get the details and the application on the RASD Library Marketing Committee website [here](#).

MOSAIC

The MOSAIC Annual Breakfast breakfast was held on June 20th. A [list of multicultural programmers](#) was developed as a resource.

On **Wednesday, September 25, from 4-7pm**, the Middle Country Public Library will be hosting a Literacy Information Fair. This is an initiative that was started by the MOSAIC Committee to help connect patrons and librarians to programs and services--especially for patrons who speak languages other than English.



The next MOSAIC meeting will be **Wednesday, October 23rd at 10am at SCLS.**

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.** This meetings topic will be 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.



LITERACY INFORMATION FAIR

Wednesday, September 25, 4-7pm

Middle Country Public Library
101 Eastwood Blvd, Centereach NY

Explore the many programs and services available for you and your family. Friendly representatives will be at the library to answer your questions.

- Learning English
- Citizenship
- Legal Services
- Housing
- Human Rights
- Social Service Advocates
- Child Care



OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN PRIZES!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.MCPLIBRARY.ORG/LITERACY
OR CALL 631-585-9393



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:

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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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