



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11713

The meeting was called to order at: 10:05 a.m.

Members Present: Emma Yohannan, Jessica Brown, Anastasia Bazilevskaya, Jackie Narkiewicz, Mary O'Grady, Jim Garvey, Nicole Rambo, Patricia Cruz, Tova Harris, Amber Gagliardi, Azuree Agnello, Meghan Roe.

Excused Members: Caren Zatyk, Nicole Berroyer, Georgiana O'Neill, Jessica Weber, Kate Regina, Mara Zonderman.

Jackie Narkiewicz made a motion to approve the February minutes. Seconded by Emma Yohannan.

President's Report: Jessica Brown reported:

If you have photos from the annual luncheon in December, please send them to me so we can put them in our report and in *Ramblings*.

SCLA started a Canva account. We have access to it so we can make promotional materials for RASD.

Please fill out your conflict of interest form if you are a voting member. Send it in a separate email.

There is a lot of SCLA swag! Reach out to Carisse Mitchell to obtain the swag. Great freebies for your RASD programs.

New SCLA domain. New link is www.scla.wildapricot.org. Please update all QR codes and links.

SCLA has a merch store. Click here to purchase:

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/suffolk-county-library-association-store/>

SCLA hosted "Meet the Board" on Feb. 28th. Our table was manned by Patricia and Jackie.

Treasurer's Report: Tova Harris reported: The following Treasurer's Report is for February 2025. The opening balance for February 2025 was \$2,060.81. Total revenues were \$20.00 (RASD Annual Luncheon) and \$102.00 (February membership deposit). The closing balance for February was \$2,182.81.

*Both the RASD and SCLA Treasurer's notes were compared to double check RASD's finances. The opening balance for January 2025 accurately reflects those comparisons.

Tova Harris will be stepping down. Motion to reinstate Valerie Harris as Treasurer. Seconded by Nicole Rambo.

Career & Business Reference Services Committee (C&B): Nicole Berroyer reported: No report.

Emerging Technologies: Nicole Rambo reported: I will be on maternity leave starting in July. I am also looking into hosting an AI program in the fall.

Health Concerns: Karen Sonessa and Michelle Rung reported: No report.

Local History: Mary O'Grady reported:

An email to recruit new committee members was distributed through the listserv and resulted in 4 new members! The committee currently has 31 members. Our first meeting of the year was held via zoom on February 13th at 10 a.m. Each member introduced themselves and meeting dates were provided for the year. The local history library tour location (TBD) and the local history programmers showcase were discussed. Our next meeting, the local history library tour, will take place on June 12th.

Motion to approve \$250 for refreshments for June 12th Local History Tour and Meeting:

Approved: Emma Yohannan

Seconded: Jim Garvey

Submitted by Mary O'Grady, Local History Committee, Co-Chair

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported: Registration is open for our April 6 event. Free tickets are available at longislandreads.wordpress.com for both in-person and

livestream attendance. We anticipate that the coordinated order of books will be shipping out to libraries by the end of this week.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi reported: The Immigrant Know Your Rights Workshop on February 26th had an attendance of over 40 library personnel. Anyone who would like to view the slide presentations can email Amber Gagliardi. We can also provide staff trainings at your library, and we can provide handouts, information, and more. **A motion was made to make Josh Tanski a co-chair of the MOSAIC Committee. Seconded by Nicole and Azuree.** The next MOSAIC Meeting will be Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 at 10 a.m. at SCLS. Save the date for the MOSAIC Breakfast: Wednesday, June 11th at SCLS. This event will also cover Immigrant Rights, so if you missed the February event, save the date for June 11th! **A motion was made for \$200 for refreshments for the MOSAIC Breakfast on June 11th — Seconded by Patricia Cruz, Anastasia Bazilevskaya, and Jim Garvey.**

New Adults: Kate Regina reported: Nothing new to report

Outreach Committee:

Library Marketing: Jim Garvey and Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: New co-chair Anastasia Bazilevskaya and Jim Garvey met on February 11 to kick off Anastasia's onboarding and review the committee's annual, pending, and potential new projects and programs.

We're planning to host a roundtable presentation and discussion with the 2024 SLMA winners via Zoom in April 2025. Most likely on a Tuesday morning. The objective is to highlight the winning marketing campaigns, strategies, and tactics used by the winners to assist other libraries who might want to compete for the SLMA in the future.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported: Our next meeting is Thursday, April 24 at SCLS. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. Topic: Mystery

Appointed Position Reports:

Historian: Georgiana O'Neill reported: Nothing new to report.

Member-at-Large: Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: I have some ideas for freebies for the Long Island Library Conference: calculator, phone mount, magnet, puzzle cube (wood or plastic / different shapes).

Amber Gagliardi: We should be careful spending money on freebies. Our balance is the lowest it has been in a while. We were hurt financially by the cashless raffle at last year's conference.

Membership: Jessica Weber reported: We currently have 245 members.

Newsletter (Ramblings): Sean Walls reported: No report.

Program: Amber Gagliardi reported: Looking ahead to the professional development series. Am I responsible for this series again? If so, can I get access to Wild Apricot for attendance lists?

Web Page: Meghan Roe-Mesenbourg reported: Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Old Business:

The meeting was closed at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Yohannan

2025 RASD Board Meeting Schedule

Date	Location and Time
Tuesday, January 7, 2025	Virtual Meeting, 10:00AM
Tuesday, Feb 4, 2025	Virtual Meeting, 10:00AM
Tuesday, March 4, 2025	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 1, 2025	SCLS, 10:00 AM
NO MAY MEETING, LI Library Conference May 8, 2025	-
Tuesday, June	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
NO JULY MEETING	-
Tuesday, August 5, 2025	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	SCLS, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, November 4, 2025	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Annual RASD Luncheon Tuesday, December 2, 2025	2:00 pm meeting, 2:00-4:00 pm luncheon Location TBD

(Subject to change)