



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11713

The meeting was called to order at: 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Valerie Harrison , Nicole Berroyer , Nicole Rambo, Jessica Brown, Jackie Narkiewicz , Kate Regina, Sean Walls, Jim Garvey , Hanna Auer, Amber Gagliardi

Excused Members: Caren Zatyk, Emma Yohannan, Georgiana, O'Neill, Mara Zonderman, Azurée Agnello, Anastasia Bazilevskaya, Meghan Roe-Mesenbourg,

Motion to approve September minutes. Seconded by Nicole Berroyer .

President's Report: Jessica Brown reported:

- At September's SCLA meeting, there was a proposal on a new committee, Library Employees of Color (LEOC). The proposal was voted on and the LEOC Committee was approved. More details to follow as they decide chairpersons, their webpage, etc.
- NCLA took the lead on the Professional Development Series in September.
- SCLA's closing balance for August was \$99,100.09.
- YASD annual luncheon will be on Monday, December 15 at Toast in Patchogue.
- The SCLA Annual Dinner is on Wednesday 10/22 at 6pm at Captain Bills in Bay Shore. Please bring new, unwrapped toy donations for children for the holidays. The toys will be going to Angels of Long Island in Patchogue.
- Advocacy Day will be on February 3, 2026. They are working on getting the buses.
- The Long Island Library Conference will be on May 14, 2026 at the Melville Marriot. The theme is "Empower, Engage, Evolve" with programs focusing on the "how-to."
- LILPA is having a call for a Suffolk Co-Chair - 2-year position, beginning in January.
- It's Stephen Ingram's last year as he is retiring.
- The "Tell Congress campaign" got attention from ALA and some funding from IMLS was put into the assembly bill.

Treasurer's Report: Valerie Harrison reported:

**Not reported at September meeting: \$30.00 revenue for August membership*

The following Treasurer's Report is for **September 2025**. The **opening balance** for September 2025 was \$2,069.40. **Total revenues:** \$39.00 (Membership). Total **expenses:** \$48.82 (Refreshments for Local History Programmers Showcase). The **closing balance** for September was \$2,059.58

Approved Expenses: No more than \$50 towards raffle basket for SCLA Annual Dinner.

Career & Business Reference Services Committee (C&B): Nicole Berroyer reported: C&B sponsored the Small Business Development Center program for the Professional Development Series. Our next committee meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 16 at 2:30pm at Middle Country Public Library in Centereach. We didn't want to conflict with the RASD Luncheon.

Emerging Technologies: Nicole Rambo reported: Will be booking a program on AI. Looking for a Co-Chair for the committee.

Health Concerns:

Local History: Mary O'Grady reported:

The Local History Programmers Showcase took place on September 18th at SCLS. There were 5 presenters and 42 attendees. The speakers covered topics including genealogy, the Culper Spy Ring, Camp Upton, preserving family recipes, America's 250th anniversary and Long Island maritime history and shipwrecks. The program was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is scheduled for mid-November.

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported: We are finalizing the details of our 2026 event and hope to announce the book/author soon!

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi reported: Next meeting will be October 15, 10:00 a.m. Trying to create literacy kits for adults and children who are concerned about ICE. Anyone interested in hosting a Literacy Fair should reach out to Amber.

New Adults: Kate Regina reported: Next meeting is November 19 at 10:00 a.m. Website is on hold for the moment.

Outreach Committee: No report

Library Marketing: Jim Garvey and Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported:

2025 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA)

Our judges have completed their assessments of the 2025 SLMA competition submissions.

We are preparing award presentation materials (plaque, trophy, certificates, script, etc.), and we'll present the awards to the winners at the SCLA dinner on Wednesday night, October 22.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported: We met on September 25 at SCLS to discuss our Popular Science books. One of our long-time members decided to leave the committee, but three new people joined bringing our membership number to 17. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 10 am at SCLS. Our topic is Healing Fiction.

Appointed Position Reports:

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

Member-at-Large: Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: Items were purchased for the RASD raffle basket for the SCLA dinner.

Membership: Jessica Brown reported:

Newsletter (Ramblings): Sean Walls reported: Thanks for your Rambles! The last issue went out on 9/30. The next one will go out in December. Do give some thought about anything you'd like to see or add to it. I'm open to any and all ideas!

Programs: Amber Gagliardi reported: Two program proposals will be submitted before the December due date for the LILC next year.

Web Page: Meghan Roe-Mesenbourg reported: Updated links on webpage and added flyers to our Facebook page.

New Business: Meghan Roe-Mesenbourg will be stepping down from her position as webmaster. She looks forward to serving RASD in another capacity. Hanna Auer has expressed interest in the position. Hanna is an Adult Services librarian at the Patchogue-Medford Library. I'd like to appoint Hanna as the new webmaster. She will be transitioning to the position with Meghan's guidance.

Old Business: Anastasia has purchased items for the raffle basket for the SCLA dinner. She stayed around \$49 before tax. Jackie was able to book a room at Huntington Station Branch for our Annual Luncheon. It will be on Tuesday, December 2 from 1pm-3pm.

The meeting was closed at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Narkiewicz

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, Jun 3, 2025	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	1:00 pm meeting, 1:00-3:00 pm luncheon Location - Huntington Station Branch

(Subject to change)