



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026

Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11713

The meeting was called to order at: 10:07 a.m.

Members Present: Jackie Narkiewicz, Nicole Berroyer, Anastasia Bazilevskaya, Jim Garvey, Kate Regina, Nicole Rambo, Emma Yohannan, Jessica Brown.

Excused Members: Caren Zatyk, Mary O'Grady, Christa Zaros, Sean Walls, Amber Gagliardi, Valerie Harrison, Hanna Auer.

Jim Garvey made a motion to approve the January minutes. Seconded by Jackie Narkiewicz.

President's Report: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: We had a very well attended program (over 50 people) on Zoom on January 14th for "Intro to AI For Librarians: Back to Basics Workshop." A huge thank you to Nicole Rambo for facilitating the program while she was travelling. Sean Walls did a great job on the latest edition of RASD *Ramblings*, which came out last week.

Treasurer's Report: Valerie Harrison reported:

*Not reported at January meeting: \$42.00 income in membership dues.

New closing balance for December: \$2,865.13

The following Treasurer's Report is for **January 2026**. The **opening balance** for January 2026 was \$2,865.13. Total revenue was \$560.00 (\$500.00 yearly disbursement from SCLA + \$60.00 annual Luncheon tickets). Total expenses were \$524.71 (\$357.67 refreshments for annual Luncheon + \$167.04 Local History Committee events). The **closing balance** for December was \$2,900.42.

Pending Expenses:

- \$300.00 -- Speaker fee for Emerging Technologies presentation: AI for Librarians (01/14/26)

Career & Business Reference Services Committee (C&B): Nicole Berroyer reported: Our next meeting will be on March 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Brentwood Public Library.

Emerging Technologies: Nicole Rambo reported: The January 14th “Intro to AI” program was a success. 52 people attended, and the program was well received. Thank you to Nicole Berroyer for recommending Josh. The recording can be viewed on the RASD website for anyone interested. All attendees that asked for CEU’s were sent a copy, but if you hear of any who still need a copy, please have them email me. Due to the success of the event I would like to reach out to the President of CATS, Nicole, to possibly do a collaboration of some sort regarding different library-related technology.

Health Concerns:

Local History: Mary O’Grady reported: I am in the process of verifying our current membership roster and recently reached out via the listserv to recruit new committee members, with great success. Eight new members have joined, bringing our total membership to 41. Our next meeting is February 12 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported: No report.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi reported: MOSAIC’s next meeting will be Wednesday, February 4th at SCLS.

New Adults: Kate Regina reported: We held an in-person meeting in November with a good turnout. Stephen created a website for us. We lost a couple of members. We might have a meeting in June after the LILC.

Outreach Committee:

Library Marketing: Jim Garvey reported: We are working on hosting the Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA) 2025 winners roundup Zoom meeting; hoping to run it in March or April. Looking ahead to the 2026 SLMA: we want to start promoting this earlier, since we had only two submissions last year. We are targeting a March 1st launch. We are hoping that the America 250th events will lead to more submissions.

Reader’s Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported: The blog with our September topic of popular science is up. We met on January 29 to discuss Healing Fiction. Our next meeting is April 30. Our topic is Bite-Sized Reads (books under 250 pages).

Appointed Position Reports:

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

Member-at-Large: Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: I am ready to start working on the LILC raffle basket, but we need to pick a theme.

Membership: We currently have 263 members.

Newsletter (Ramblings): Sean Walls reported: The latest newsletter went out. Thanks for all your help with it, everyone! The next one should be out around the beginning of April.

Program: Amber Gagliardi reported: No report.

Web Page: Hanna Auer reported: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Jackie: The SCLA Winter Mix & Mingle will be on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at James Joyce Pub. SCLA is looking for each division to bring a raffle basket.

Jessica: This isn't something we have done in the past.

Kate: The LILC planning committee asks that we specify SUFFOLK RASD when making submissions to avoid confusion with Nassau.

Jessica: Is anyone here that has Community Legal Help Project at their library having any issues with it or them? They emailed us saying that they were having patron issues.

Nicole: Their threshold for patron behavior is lower than ours.

Emma: Did we book the room for our in person meeting at SCLS in April?

Jessica: I think I booked it. I will double check. Update: Yes, it was booked: April 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Kate: We can bring in our items for the LILC raffle basket at the in-person meeting.

Old Business:

The meeting was closed at 10:29 a.m. The next meeting will be March 3 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Yohannan

2026 RASD Board Meeting Schedule

Date	Location and Time
Tuesday, January 6, 2026	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 7, 2026	SCLS, 10:00 AM
NO MAY MEETING, LI Library Conference May 14, 2026	-
Tuesday, June 2, 2026	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
NO JULY MEETING	-
Tuesday, August 4, 2026	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, September 1, 2026	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 6, 2026	SCLS, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Virtual Meeting, 10:00 AM
Annual RASD Luncheon Tuesday, December 1, 2026	TBD

(Subject to change)