



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026

Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11713

The meeting was called to order at: 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Emma Yohannan, Jackie Narkiewicz, Azuree Agnello, Christa Zaros, Mara Zonderman, Jim Garvey, Amber Gagliardi, Georgiana O'Neill, Hanna Auer, Nicole Berroyer, Kate Regina, Valerie Harrison, Sean Walls, Jessica Brown.

Excused Members: Caren Zatyk, Mary O'Grady, Anastasia Bazilevskaya.

Christa Zaros made a motion to approve the February minutes. Seconded by Georgiana O'Neill.

President's Report: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: I attended the SCLA Winter Mix & Mingle last Thursday night at James Joyce. It was well attended with about 40 people there. It was a lot of fun, and it was great to see old friends and meet new people. We were the only division without a raffle basket and I was thinking that maybe next time we could put one together for it.

Treasurer's Report: Valerie Harrison reported:

*Not reported at February meeting: \$156.00 income in membership dues.

New closing balance for January: \$3,056.42

The following Treasurer's Report is for **February 2026**. The **opening balance** for February 2026 was \$3,056.42. Total revenue was NONE. Total expenses were NONE. The **closing balance** for February was \$3,056.42.

Career & Business Reference Services: Nicole Berroyer reported: We are trying to coordinate a tour of the Food Business Incubator at Calverton for May. Our next committee meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Brentwood Public Library.

Emerging Technologies: Nicole Rambo reported: No report.

Health Concerns:

Local History: Mary O’Grady reported: A local history committee meeting was held on February 12 via Zoom and had 16 attendees. We welcomed eight new members to the committee. Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library volunteered to host the June Local History Committee Meeting and Tour.

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported: Everything is falling into place for our April 26th event at Half Hollow Hills. Tickets will be available starting on March 15th. The coordinated order books should be coming in soon. The author and his publisher and marketing team are very excited and have put together some material that libraries can distribute. Contact Noah Reed at SCLS if you are interested in those materials. We’ll be publicizing those materials as well. The Reader’s Guide will also be distributed soon. We are looking for new members this spring. We have had three people leave the committee in the past few months.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi reported: Our last meeting was February 4th at SCLS. We had a lot of new people. There were 15+ attendees. We discussed changes to the Citizenship Test and best practices related to English classes. Our annual breakfast will be held on June 4th. We are also hoping to have another “Know Your Rights” workshop.

New Adults: Kate Regina reported: Nothing to report. I might be stepping down from this position due to scheduling changes.

Outreach Committee:

Library Marketing: Jim Garvey reported: We are working on the 2025 SLMA Roundtable Zoom program; hoping to host by April. The 2026 SLMA will kick off in the next couple of weeks.

Reader’s Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported: 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 new to report.

Member-at-Large: Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: I suggest using stickers as give-outs again for the LI Library Conference — they were very popular last year and almost no one

cared about the candy. We can have a topic similar to what we had for the RASD luncheon — collect items for relaxation and calming. In this crazy world, that's what everyone needs. Please let me know if you choose a theme for the basket.

Membership: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: We currently have 271 members (tentative number).

Newsletter (Ramblings): Sean Walls reported: Since the last issue went out late, I don't know if we should do a release this month like planned, or do one in April? I guess just send me whatever you have or whatever you're thinking of including, and we'll figure it out from there?

Program: Amber Gagliardi reported:

Program submissions at LILC:

Topic: "Challenge Accepted: How Libraries Thrive in Times of Change" (Accepted. Splitting payment between NCLA and SCLA. RASD is splitting payment with SCLA.)

Topic: Nonprofits (Not accepted.)

Topic: Long Island Reads (Not accepted.)

Topic: Everyday Advocacy (Accepted.)

Topic: Services for New Americans (Not accepted. We might submit this for NYLA.)

Topic: All Abilities Programming (Accepted.)

Web Page: Hanna Auer reported: Nothing to report. Please share anything you'd like me to add to the website.

New Business:

Old Business:

The meeting was closed at 10:23 a.m.

The next meeting will be April 7 at 10 a.m. at SCLS.

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)