



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2026

Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11713

The meeting was called to order at: 10:01 a.m.

Members Present: Emma Yohannan, Jackie Narkiewicz, Mary O'Grady, Amber Gagliardi, Christa Zaros, Kate Regina, Jim Garvey, Mara Zonderman, Valerie Harrison, Azuree Agnello, Hanna Auer, Anastasia Bazilevskaya, Nicole Rambo

Excused Members: Caren Zatyk, Nicole Berroyer, Georgiana O'Neill, Jessica Brown

Christa Zaros made a motion to approve the April minutes. Seconded by Mary O' Grady. Motion passed.

President's Report: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: Thank you to everyone who helped at the RASD table at LILC. We are looking for nominations for secretary, treasurer, and vice president / president-elect for 2027. Please get in touch if you are interested!

Treasurer's Report: Valerie Harrison reported:

The following Treasurer's Report is for **April 2026**. The **opening balance** for April 2026 was \$3,020.42. Total revenue was \$99.00 (membership dues). Total expenses were NONE. The **closing balance** for April was \$3,119.42.

Approved expenses:

- No more than \$500 towards refreshments and speakers at the MOSAIC Annual Breakfast on 06/06/2026 (\$250 each).

The following Treasurer's Report is for **May 2026**. The **opening balance** for May 2026 was \$3,119.42. Total revenue was (*waiting for updates). Total expenses were NONE. The **closing balance** for May was \$3,119.42.

Approved expenses:

- \$200 towards refreshments at the Local History Committee Breakfast on 6/4/26 ???
*Need an update on this.

**Waiting on updates from LILC: What we earned in raffle tickets and what we spent on giveaways and speakers.

Career & Business Reference Services: Nicole Berroyer reported: Waiting to hear back from the Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center regarding a tour, either in September or October. We never heard back from the Brookhaven Incubator, but will try reaching out again for next year.

Emerging Technologies: Nicole Rambo reported: Nothing to report.

Health Concerns:

Local History: Mary O'Grady reported:

The Local History Committee Annual Tour & Meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026 at the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library. On May 7th I requested a motion (via email) to approve \$200 for meeting refreshments. Please confirm that this motion was approved.

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported: We had our award-selection event. 100 people attended in person. 50 people attended on Zoom. Chris Pavone was amazing. It was a great event. We are already looking ahead to next year. The video is available at www.longislandreads.org. My Nassau co-chair and I also introduced the author at North Shore Reads, which had 200 attendees. We will also be presenting on Long Island Reads at NYLA in November.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi reported: MOSAIC Annual Breakfast is on Thursday, 6/4. We have 36 people registered.

New Adults: Kate Regina reported: We are brainstorming a program for the Professional Development Series in the Fall. I also have two candidates for taking over this committee at the end of the year.

Outreach Committee:

Library Marketing: Jim Garvey, Anastasia Bazilevskaya, and Sharon Twickler reported:

Anastasia Bazilevskaya developed, coordinated, marketed, and MC'd the **2025 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA) Roundtable**, which was run as a Zoom meeting on

April 15, 2026. There were about 15 attendees on the Zoom. There were excellent presentations from the two winning libraries: Patchogue-Medford and Mattituck-Laurel.

The Roundtable was recorded. We are working on editing the video and will post it shortly on the website to assist this year's competitors in developing their SLMA submissions.

The **2026 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA)** competition was kicked off on April 17, 2026. See this Library Marketing Committee web page for details and the applications:

<https://scla.net/rasd/librarymarketing/index.php/suffolk-library-marketing-award-slma/>

The submission deadline is September 11. The committee is working on all of the planning and logistics for the SLMA competition.

The 2026 SLMA was promoted with a flyer at the RASD table at the Long Island Library Conference.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported: Our next meeting is Thursday, September 24. Our topic is fiction with a non-human protagonist. The blog is updated with April's annotations.

Appointed Position Reports:

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

Member-at-Large: Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: Our table was successful at LILC. Everyone loved the stickers. People were taking flyers for the Marketing Award competition. I submitted expense reports to Jackie for the raffle basket.

Membership: Jackie Narkiewicz reported:

Newsletter (Ramblings): Sean Walls reported:

Who is responsible for this? They're doing a terrible job...

Joking aside. Please send me whatever you have, I will get an issue out just as soon as I have enough to make something out of it! I think I only have one thing so far; any little bit helps!

Program: Amber Gagliardi reported: I attended the programs we sponsored at LILC. They were well attended and people liked them. We paid our presenter for the program we co-sponsored.

Web Page: Hanna Auer reported: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Guest today: Bob Johnson, SCLA President.
 - Proposed “emerging technologies” committee under SCLA with members from RASD and CATS. Events would be funded by SCLA. RASD would have a majority say and CATS would have a minority say (3 members from RASD and 2 members from CATS). Focus would be on large topics / programs, e.g. Artificial Intelligence. Funding would be available to host more programs (4-5 before the end of the year). This would not replace The Emerging Technologies Committee under RASD. This would be a new committee under SCLA (not a division of SCLA). The goal is to combine forces and avoid CATS and RASD competing with each other on smaller-scale events. Instead, they will combine forces on large events. The goal is to address the overlap between CATS and RASD and to provide funding. This committee would function similarly to LILPA, by operating under SCLA. The chairs would not be voting members of SCLA. I would like to ask SCLA to vote for a \$2500 annual fund for this committee. I would like to do this fast and immediately, because AI is an immediate concern. I envision a “curriculum,” with 101, 202, and 303 sessions.
 - We will table this and vote about it at our August meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Bob: bob@emmaclark.org - 631.872.7525

Old Business:

- Questions regarding the process for contracts / paying program presenters and reimbursements for program purchases.
 - Simplifying the process.
 - Valerie will send an email regarding the process for reimbursements.
 - MOSAIC presenter check for 6/4 is signed and ready to go (as per Bob Johnson, SCLA president).
- Please note: When motions are made and voted on, the RASD president must say, “motion passed,” to finalize it.
 - The Local History Committee Annual Tour & Meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026 at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library. Jackie made a motion to approve (via email) \$200 for refreshments for the meeting. Numerous people seconded (via email). Motion carried (today at the meeting).

The meeting was closed at 11:02 a.m.

The next meeting will be August 4 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)