



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2026

Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11713

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

Members Present: Valerie Harrison, Amber, Gagliardi, Mary O'Grady, Jim Garvey, Azuree Agnello, Christa Zaros, Sharon Twickler, Emma Yohannan, Nicole Berroyer, Jackie Narkiewicz, Anastasia Bazilevskaya

Excused Members: Caren Zatyk, Mara Zonderman, Georgiana O'Neill

Azuree Agnello made a motion to approve the August minutes. Seconded by Christa Zaros. Motion passed.

President's Report: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: I am gathering items for the raffle basket for the SCLA Annual Dinner. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report: Valerie Harrison reported:

**In July, we received \$21.00 in membership dues, bringing our new balance to \$2,981.10*

The following Treasurer's Report is for **August 2026**. The **opening balance** for August 2026 was \$2,981.10. Total revenue was/is PENDING. Total expenses were \$215.98 (MOSAIC Breakfast). The **closing balance** for August was \$2,765.12.

Approved Expenses:

- **\$700:** SLMA Award and materials (October).
- **\$50.00:** SCLA Annual Dinner Basket (October)
- **\$250.00:** Local History Committee Showcase Refreshments (October)

Waiting to Be Posted:

- \$450.00: LILC Speaker Tiffany Alston
- \$79.22: Local History Committee Breakfast refreshments (From June)

Career & Business Reference Services: Nicole Berroyer reported: I have been unsuccessful in my attempts to book a tour of the Suffolk County One-Stop. I've talked to them many times, but never received a definitive answer. As a result, the next meeting will be a committee meeting at MCPL on Tuesday, September 22 at 2:30pm.

Emerging Technologies: Nicole Rambo reported: No report.

Health Concerns:

Local History: Mary O'Grady reported: The Local History Committee Programmers Showcase is scheduled for Friday, October 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Northport Public Library. Four speakers have confirmed and will be giving presentations. A "save-the-date" email was posted to the listserv as well as to the archive and Special Collections google group.

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported: We are closing in on our 2027 selection and hope to make an announcement soon.

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi reported: The Middle Country Public Library will host a Literacy Information Fair on September 23, 2026 | 4-7pm. This was an initiative started by MOSAIC to connect librarians and the public to the many resources available in our community. MOSAIC will plan a meeting for October.

New Adults: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: Kate Regina has resigned from this position.

Outreach Committee:

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

SLMA 2026

Planning, marketing, and preparation for the 13th annual 2026 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA) is well underway.

Email marketing to the SCLA Listserv continues to promote the SLMA deadline of Sept. 11.

We have secured commitments from 3 judges for the 2026 competition:

- **Sharron McDevitt** – Community Engagement Supervisor, Half Hollow Hills Community Library
- **Sydney Donovan** - Director of Public Relations, EGC Group (a large marketing agency in Melville, NY)

- **Noah Reed** - Marketing & Social Media Coordinator, Suffolk Cooperative Library System

We are working on the logistics details for the judging and award presentation at the SCLA Annual Dinner on Wednesday, October 21.

SLMA Gmail Account

We have created a new Gmail account to facilitate SLMA and other committee functions.

SLMA Programs

The committee met again on August 18 and August 31.

We are developing plans for ongoing library marketing training and education programs via Zoom or in-person. We anticipate starting these programs after the 2026 SLMA is completed, in November or December.

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

Appointed Position Reports:

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

Member-at-Large: Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: I am building the raffle basket for the Annual Dinner. The theme is Long Island. It is difficult to find affordable items. I am planning to include preserves and local honey. We haven't gotten a gift certificate from a local business, unfortunately. Multiple RASD members have volunteered to contribute items.

Membership: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: No report.

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

Program: Amber Gagliardi reported: Nothing to report.

Web Page: Hanna Auer reported: Nothing to report.

New Business: SCLA is hosting a bowling night this coming Tuesday.

Old Business:

The meeting was closed at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting will be held in person at SCLS on October 6 at 10 a.m.

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)