REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2026
Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11713

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

Members Present: Emma Yohannan, Nicole Berroyer, Mary O'Grady, Jackie Narkiewicz, Amber Gagliardi, Hanna Auer, Sharon Twickler, Anastasia Bazilevskaya

Excused Members: Caren Zatyk, James Garvey, Nicole Rambo, Jessica Brown, Azuree Agnello, Christa Zaros, Sean Walls, Valerie Harrison, Georgiana O'Neill, Mara Zonderman

Mary O'Grady made a motion to approve the September minutes. Seconded by Nicole Berroyer. Motion passed.

President's Report: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: Thank you, Anastasia, for coordinating the raffle basket for the SCLA Annual Dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Valerie Harrison reported:

**In August, we received $33.00 in membership dues, bringing our new balance to $2,798.12*

The following Treasurer's Report is for **September 2026.** The **opening balance** for September 2026 was $2,798.12. Total revenue was/is PENDING. Total expenses were $529.22. The **closing balance** for September was $2,268.90.

Itemized Expenses:

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

Career & Business Reference Services: Nicole Berroyer reported: I have tried to coordinate library tours, but I have not gotten responses to my emails! We are looking for potential speakers or tours. Please send ideas my way. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 8 at 2:30 p.m. at MCPL Centereach. The committee plans on updating the C&B website.

Emerging Technologies: Nicole Rambo reported: I will be reaching out to two librarians who expressed interest in joining the committee over the summer. Please tell anyone you know who may be interested to contact me.

Health Concerns:

Local History: Mary O'Grady reported: The Local History Programmer's Showcase will be held on Friday, October 16th at the Northport Public Library. I sent emails with the registration link to our committee membership on September 16. The registration information was also posted to the SCLS listserv as well as to the Google archive group. Reminder registration emails were sent on October 2nd. The 4 presenters were contacted with showcase details. Registration count is 27 as of October 6th. A new member from Huntington Library has been added to our committee.

Long Island Reads: Mara Zonderman reported: The pick is in! The Long Island Reads 2027 selection is *The Irish Goodbye* by Heather Aimee O'Neill. The annual award event will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2027 at 2pm at Sachem Public Library.
Several members of the Long Island Reads Committee will be giving a presentation at NYLA entitled "One Island, One Book: The Story of Long Island Reads".

M.O.S.A.I.C.: Amber Gagliardi reported: Upcoming meeting: Wednesday, October 21st at 10 a.m. at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library.

New Adults:

Outreach Committee:

Library Marketing: Anastasia Bazilevskaya, and Sharon Twickler reported: We have received submissions for the marketing award from four libraries. They have been judged and winners have been selected. We have ordered plaques. The winners will be announced at the SCLA Annual Dinner.

Reader's Advisory: Azuree Agnello reported: The committee met on September 24 and we had 2 returning members as well as 2 new members bringing our total to 17. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 28, 2027 at SCLS. Topic: Culinary Non-Fiction

Appointed Position Reports:

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

Member-at-Large: Anastasia Bazilevskaya reported: The basket is almost finished for the SCLA Annual Dinner. Thank you everyone for your donations! My next project is the basket for the RASD Annual Luncheon

Membership: Jackie Narkiewicz reported: No report.

Newsletter (Ramblings): Sean Walls reported: Please send me your newsletter submissions so that I may get the next issue out posthaste!

Program: Amber Gagliardi reported:
LILC is Thursday, May 13, 2027
Theme: Infinite Possibilities (The committee really wants the submissions to match the theme.)
The format for the day is identical to last year.
Each proposal must have a sponsor. Last year we sponsored 7 proposals. Only 2 were accepted. There was a lot of disappointment
Reality check: Not everything we submit will be accepted.
Does anyone know why they pick certain proposals and not others? Or how many they accept from each Division? I have asked for their selection rubric, and I haven't received that.
Our budget is low at this point, so we also need to be mindful of that.
I think at our next meeting, we should discuss this further. I will start a spreadsheet for proposals, and I will share it with you all.

Jackie Narkiewicz: A friend of mine reached out as a potential speaker. His name is Al Isaacs. His proposal: "DNA Doesn't Lie, but Families Sometimes Do." This program focuses on genealogy related topics and unexpected and life-changing discoveries (especially with Ancestry and 23&Me). He offers a 45 minute presentation for $300. He is also a local author. I would like to propose him as a speaker at LILC.

Web Page: Hanna Auer reported: Nothing to report.

New Business:

RASD Annual Luncheon is coming up! Does anyone have any ideas?

Amber: Location should change every year (western, middle, eastern Suffolk). Another idea is to do it at a restaurant.

What if we had Allan Isaacs for the luncheon? He is funny and his topic would draw people out! People love powerful stories with humor.

Location: Haupague Library? (Jackie will ask Christa)

Timing: 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Later in the afternoon is easier for people, rather than the middle of the day.)

Old Business:

The meeting was closed at 10:54 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 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)