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Community Services Committee

A new committee of the SCLA Board, the Community Services Committee, will actively pursue a variety of causes in Suffolk County that include participation, fundraising, and dissemination of information relating to volunteer opportunities to the library community.

We are working on our first initiative that will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk.

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Dear SCLA Member:

This short newsletter is a test of our new digital format.

We plan to use this new format to continue providing you with the information you need from your professional association. By sending the newsletter directly to your e-mail inbox, we can be more timely and include more information, pictures and links.

As always, we appreciate your input. Please forward your comments and information to be included in the newsletter to our new e-mail address: suffoklibraries@yahoo.com

Thank you.

Jeri Cohen, Newsletter Editor

New Webpage Launched

SCLA is proud to announce the launch of its new webpage at <http://scla.net>.

Thanks to the efforts of Michele Vagner and Stephen Ingram, the new site features a crisp look. In addition to links to each division, there are links to SCLA board information and meeting minutes, the SCLS calendar and a variety of other resources for members.

Remember to check the SCLA Facebook and Flickr accounts as well to see pictures of division activities. The links are on the new webpage.

Excellence in Library Service Award

The nomination period for ELSA (Excellence in Library Service Award) is now open! Nomination forms have been sent to all libraries in Suffolk County.

Please consider acknowledging that staff member who exceeds all expectations, fosters team spirit, and makes your library a place where excellence in service is the rule, not the exception!

For more information and additional nominating forms, visit the SCLA webpage at <http://scla.net/scla/association/awards.html>

In order to qualify, each form must be accompanied by a nomination letter and at least two letters of recommendation. Recommendation letters that are department collaborations will be accepted.

Contact Jennifer Fowler (jfowler@suffolk.lib.ny.us) at the West Islip Public Library with any questions you may have.



Jennifer Fowler

CATS News

It's important that those of us involved with implementing technology in our libraries have a venue to share and learn. There's no need to "re-invent the wheel" each time we introduce a new product or service. Very often, one of our colleagues has already gone through the same process, and can make our job easier by sharing his or her experiences.

With that in mind, CATS is working toward establishing a new Computer User Group committee. The goal of the committee would be to organize regular meetings where I.T. staff could come together to share and discuss, face-to-face, some of the things they're working on in their libraries-similar to what we're already doing for our catalogers with the CATS Cataloging Roundtable meetings. As of this writing, there's nothing official yet, but we hope to have everything put together soon. Be sure to check our website: <http://cats.suffolk.lib.ny.us> for more information.

I'm excited about the programs we'll be offering this year. At the Long Island Library Conference we're presenting "Looking Beyond the Clouds: Enhancing Library Services through Social Tagging." In this program, Emily Clasper from SCLS will discuss and demonstrate tagging, its basis, uses and benefits to the library interfaces of the twenty-first century. On June 16 (10:00 a.m., at SCLS) we'll be presenting our next CATS Cataloging Roundtable meeting. Hosted by Michael Aloï from Dowling College, this program will provide an opportunity to discuss cataloging problems and practices in a supportive environment. Our annual Library Tour will probably take place in early summer. In the Fall, we're planning on offering a hands-on program on Office 2007.

Ted Gutmann, CATS President

YASD's Fran Romer Workshop



YASD's Annual Fran Romer Workshop was held on April 23, 2009 at the Northport Public Library.

Librarians from Nassau and Suffolk Counties gathered to hear Nancy Werlin, author of Rules of Survival, Impossible and Double Helix, and her editor, Lauri Hornik, discuss

the process they use to bring a book to print.

Booktalks of selected young adult fantasy and historical fiction were presented by Doris Gebel, Head of Youth Services, Northport-East Northport Public Library, Renee McGrath, Youth Services Manager of Nassau Library System, Barbara Moon, Young Adult Specialist of the Suffolk County Library System, and Tracy Van Dyne, President of YASD/SCLA.

Check the YASD webpage at: <http://scla.net/yasd/index.html>

Message from the President

Welcome to the inaugural SCLA online newsletter. We are so excited to present this new and updated version of our newsletter. We decided to discontinue the print version because we were inspired by the theme of this year's Long Island Library Conference, "Go Green at Your Library." We also found that going green can save money. SCLA will save a significant amount of money by not printing and mailing the newsletter. In addition we hope to be able to send out more issues per year.

I would like to thank Newsletter Editor, Jeri Cohen and Newsletter Committee members Tracy Van Dyne, Chris Krentz, and Neely McCahey for their time and effort and research to make the transition from print newsletter to virtual newsletter.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on the newsletter. Please don't forget to stop by the SCLA booth at the Long Island Library Conference. There will be information, a fun giveaway and, of course, a raffle prize.

Sue Sloan, SCLA President

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