



# Suffolk County Library Association

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Laura Panter  
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## President's Message

Happy New Year,

As 2015 SCLA President, I would like to introduce myself to the membership. I have been an Adult & Teen Services librarian since 2002 and I am currently the Head of Teen Services at the Sachem Public Library. I love being a teen librarian because it gives you the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of youth.

The Board of SCLA has a number of things on our agenda to accomplish in 2015. Our first order of business is to update our SCLA by-laws and constitution. After our merger with NYLA to a regional chapter in 2012, we have been moving forward with combining our practices with those of NYLA. The amended by-laws for SCLA and all SCLA divisions will go out to the membership in March 2015 for voting approval. Our committee chairs are busy updating our Handbook of Committee Charges to reflect current job responsibilities and getting committee work underway for the year, including the writing of a new five-year Long Range Plan.

Our election timeline for SCLA and SCLA Division elected offices will now follow the NYLA elections calendar. This means Nominating Chairs for SCLA and all divisions will be canvassing for interested candidates in February and March of 2015. Our SCLA Nominating Chair will be our Vice-President, Jeri Cohen, Head of Teen & AV Services at Patchogue-Medford Library. Anyone interested in running for an office of SCLA must be a member in good standing and have worked in a Suffolk County library continuously for two years. Once elected, officer positions will still follow a January-December yearly term, two years for Treasurer and Members-at-Large for SCLA. To be an officer for an SCLA division please contact each division for Nominating Chair information.

Our membership numbers have increased over the past year and we are committed to continuing our efforts to further increase SCLA and NYLA membership. We hope our members continue to support SCLA and their professional careers by attending SCLA sponsored events. For those members unclear about how our membership is working after the merger with NYLA, SCLA used to bill on a calendar year; NYLA does not. If an individual becomes a member of SCLA

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in July, their membership would run through August 1 of the following year. Many members are due for renewal in December/January in concordance with traditional SCLA renewal, so don't forget to rejoin SCLA and NYLA in 2015. If your NYLA membership expires on a different date, it's a good idea to renew both memberships at the same time.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. SCLA is a dynamic organization filled with amazing people trying to promote and support libraries in Suffolk County. Stronger membership equals a stronger voice in our communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (631)588-5024 x252 or at [laura.panter@sachemlibrary.org](mailto:laura.panter@sachemlibrary.org).

Kindest regards,  
*Laura Panter*  
SCLA President

## Advocacy Day

**Join us on the SCLA sponsored bus February 25, 2015!**

Handouts and a briefing will be provided on the ride to Albany. Bring a beverage and SCLA will supply bagels and fixings in the morning. In the afternoon it's BYO beverages and SCLA will supply sandwiches and snacks for the ride home.

Fill out the [form](#) and return to Samantha Alberts at SCLS in the System bag or: P.O. Box 9000, Bellport, NY 11713. For additional information [email](#) Samantha or call 286-1600x1321 or cell 516-994-7239 (keep in case of snow!)

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION** for the SCLA sponsored bus is Wednesday February 4, 2015.

*Samantha Alberts*  
Legislation Chair

**Two Day Advocacy Bus** PLDA is offering a two day bus for Advocacy Day that leaves Tuesday morning, February 24th and returns early evening on Wednesday, February 25th. The fee is \$50 - for more information, download the [form](#) or contact Lauren Nichols by [email](#) or call 631-654-4700.

*Lauren Nichols*  
PLDA Chair

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## SCLA CALENDAR



The SCLA Annual Dinner was held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, NY on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Over 130 SCLA members and library staff from across Long Island shared a great night of celebration, awards and camaraderie. The 2015 officers were announced for each division and our ELSA and Scholarship award winners were also acknowledged. Susan Caggiano, Head of Technical Services at the Southold Free Library, was this year's ELSA award winner, with Morgan O'Reilly from the Brooklyn Public Library taking home the Scholarship award.

Each of the SCLA divisions generously contributed toward beautiful baskets for a Habitat for Humanity family. The family was given these baskets upon moving into their new home in Shirley, NY. Two Marines joined us for the evening in support of their Toys for Tots initiative. The array of toys donated extended the length of several overflowing tables thanks to the generosity of our library community. Special recognition goes to the SCLA Dinner Committee of Marsha Greenspan- Brentwood Public Library, Brian Adams- Longwood Public Library, Cathi Nashak- Deer Park Public Library and Lauren Bernat- The Smithtown Library for a fabulously successful dinner. Additional thanks are extended to Todd Schlitt from West Islip Public Library and Joanne Albano from Commack Public Library for putting together a digital slide show commemorating 75 Years of SCLA.

The 2015 annual dinner committee, chaired this year by Michele Cayea of the Patchogue-Medford Library, is already hard at work planning for next year's dinner.

*Laura Panter*  
2014 Annual Dinner Chair

## Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Committee is keeping a database of attendance at SCLA programs for members based on attendance sheets the committee receives from sponsor groups. To be listed in the database, make sure you sign the attendance sheet for the program you are attending or [email](#) Teri Hatred to be added to the database. When you need your personal listing of attended programs, just send an [email](#). A report will be sent back to you via email. You may also use the email address for questions or concerns.

*Teri Hatred*  
Continuing Education Chair

## ELSA Award

Nine Suffolk County library staff members were nominated for this year's Suffolk County Library Association's Excellence in Library Service Award. The ELSA is designed to recognize dedication to



public service demonstrated by a staff member of a public, school, special or academic library. The committee welcomed nominations submitted by any employee of a Suffolk County library or any Suffolk County library patron. In order to be eligible, the candidate must work at least 17.5 hours per week and have worked a minimum of one year in his/her current position. The candidate must prove outstanding public service by demonstrating team spirit and exemplary job performance while promoting good will among patrons and staff. Each nomination must include two letters of recommendation.

The ELSA committee went through a rigorous process in order to select this year's winner and is happy to announce the 2014 ELSA was presented to Susan Caggiano from the Southold Free Library. Mrs. Caggiano started her employment at the Southold Free Library 21 years ago as a circulation clerk and now is Head of Technical Services. She also was a page during her high school years at the Bayside Public Library.

Mrs. Caggiano was nominated by her director, Caroline MacArthur, and three letters of recommendation were sent supporting the nomination. One of the overall themes the committee read about was Mrs. Caggiano's dedication to public service. She is always willing to take the extra steps necessary to assure that all patrons are satisfied, no matter the need or issue. One of the letters stated how whenever a staff member has a question, they all go to Mrs. Caggiano. She is referred to as the "Go-to-Gal". Some of the words that were used to describe Mrs. Caggiano are: pleasant, personable, helpful, accommodating, patient and proactive.



Mrs. Caggiano has been married to her husband, Richard, for 42 years and has 3 children: Nick, Sara and Victoria. In her free time she enjoys painting with watercolor and acrylics, keeping her family happy and, of course, reading!

The ELSA committee chairperson, Julie DeLaney presented Mrs. Caggiano with an engraved plaque and a \$250.00

American Express Gift Card at the Suffolk County Library Association's annual dinner on November 20, 2014.

*Julie DeLaney*  
2014 ELSA Chair

## LDA Award

The LDA Award provides recognition to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to libraries on Long Island, be they librarians, trustees, support staff, friends of the library, vendors or publishers. The award is sponsored by SCLA and NCLA and was founded by LDA Publishers in 1978.

We invite all SCLA members to consider nominating an individual for this award. For a copy of an application and brochure, please visit the SCLA [website](#). Copies of the brochure also will be sent to SCLA members.

Applications may be submitted beginning Monday, February 2, 2015 and must be received no later than Monday, March 23, 2015. Please send them to Paula Bornstein at the Lindenhurst Memorial Library, 1 Lee Avenue, Lindenhurst 11757 or call 631-957-7755, ext. 114.

The LDA Library Award will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

*Paula Bornstein*  
LDA Suffolk Chair

## Long Island Library Conference

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

This year's Long Island Library Conference will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Melville Marriot. The keynote speaker will be Sandeep Juahar, MD, author of ***Doctored: the Disillusionment of an American Physician***. Please visit our [website](#) for more information and registration.

*Deidre Goode*  
LILC Chair

## NYLA YSS Conference

## Inform! - Inspire! - Ignite!

Friday , March 27, 2015 Islandia Marriott Long Island

With a theme of "*Inform - Inspire - Ignite!*" - this daylong conference promises to inform you about trends and practices in youth services, inspire you with new ideas, and ignite excitement about what's happening in our libraries each and every day.

Our Keynote Speaker is Pam-Sandlian Smith, Director of Anythink Libraries who worked with a collaborative team to reinvent libraries in Adams County, Colorado. Anythink has been awarded the IMLS 2010 National Medal of Honor for innovating library services, the 2011 John Cotton Dana award and the Library Journal 2011 Landmark Library Award. Pam was awarded the 2012 Charlie Robinson Award for innovation and risk taking in public libraries and was the Colorado Librarian of the year in 2010.

Our Luncheon Speaker is Matt Phelan, the illustrator of an array of books for young readers, including Flora's *Very Windy Day* by Jeanne Birdsall, *Always* by Ann Stott, *Xander's Panda Party* by Linda Sue Park and *The Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron, winner of the 2007 Newbery Medal. He is the author/illustrator of the graphic novel *The Storm* in the Barn, which won the 2010 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction. His second graphic novel, *Around the World*, received the 2012 Carolyn W. Field Award from the Pennsylvania Library Association and two Eisner Award nominations.

Our Long Island Author Illustrator Garden Sponsored by Suffolk Cooperative Library System is not to be missed! Click [here](#) for the brochure.

*Michele Cayea*

## Scholarships

Happy New Year! Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets and/or donated prizes for the SCLA Scholarship Fund! We raised \$1026.00 for this year's budget. Now is the time to plan on applying for the 2015 SCLA awards! Please be aware that you must be an **SCLA member for three (3) months** to be eligible to apply for the Scholarship Award and the Continuing Education Award for Support Staff. Request forms for the award packets are available on the SCLA [website](#).

Deadlines for applying are September 1, 2015 for the Scholarship Award and October 1, 2015 for the Continuing Education Award for Support Staff. We encourage all who are eligible to apply; and ask that if you know someone you feel qualifies for an award to encourage them to apply!

*Teri Hatred  
Scholarship Chair*

## News from CATS

We are enthusiastically starting 2015! Our new Board will bring a different perspective to the group and bring you programs that will greatly assist all Computer and Technical Services members.

This year I am looking forward working with an exceptional Board:

- Vice President/President-Elect: Nick Tanzi
- Past President: James Matias
- Secretary: Lisa Bitran
- Treasurer: Eileen DeSimone
- Members-at-Large: Debbie Antolini, Chris DeCristofaro, James Hansen, Dominic Iadicicco, Bob Johnson, Min Liu, Mary O'Grady, Paul Zukowski
- SCLS Liaison Eileen Keller

Please contact us with any ideas or topics that are of interest to you. More information about CATS can be found on our [website](#). Members are welcome to all our meetings.

*Xibe Solis  
CATS President*

## News from RASD

Greetings Suffolk County Libraries!

This year RASD is very happy to welcome two new members to the RASD Board: Stephen Ingram and Tabitha Johnson. Stephen, our newly elected Vice President/President elect, is bringing many fresh ideas regarding programs, membership and the marketing of RASD. Stephen has worked with CATS in the past and we are looking forward to having more collaboration between our two divisions in the future.

Tabitha, our newly appointed member at large, is another breath of fresh air - highly motivated, very organized, and already hard at work organizing our annual dinner. One of our main focuses this year will be on membership - retaining those we have, recruiting new and reaching out to those who were members in the past. For those who may want to get involved we have many committees serving all aspects of Reference and Adult Services.

- C.A.R.E. (Suffolk Libraries Career and Resource Exchange) - [Nicole Berroyer](#)

- Electronic Resources - [Ellen Druda](#)
- Health Concerns - [Rona Dressler](#)
- Long Island History - [Inez Foster](#)
- Long Island Reads - [Therese Purcell Nielsen](#)
- M.O.S.A.I.C. (Multicultural Outreach Services And Information) - [Amber Sroka](#) / [Elma Lugo](#)
- Media - [Sara Bedell-Spataro](#) / [Steven Spataro](#)
- New Adults (the 20 & 30 somethings) - [Mike Buono](#)
- O.A.R.S. (Older Adult Resources and Services) - [Cindy Miller](#)
- PR/Marketing - [Jo-Ann Carhart](#)
- Reader's Advisory - [Grace O'Connor](#)

Contact us or visit our [website!](#)

*Megan Sala-James*  
RASD President

## News from SSD

The SCLA Support Staff Division wishes everyone a happy, healthy new year! We are planning our Annual Roundtable, so keep an eye out for details coming soon.

Our Long Island Library Conference program will be "Disaster Preparedness: Before, During, and After" presented by Celia Vollmer of the Brentwood Public Library and the American Red Cross in conjunction with representatives from Gov. Cuomo's NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps regional office. This program was well received at our Annual Membership Meeting in October and was the first presentation hosted by a Suffolk County library group. Please plan on joining us at LILC, May 7, 2015, for all the valuable information on this most important topic.

We are also planning several computer classes for the spring and fall - check our [website](#) for updates. As always we encourage your feedback on programs, concerns or questions you are interested in. We can be reached via our [website](#).

*Terri Hunter*  
SSD President

## News from YASD

The YASD board cordially invites you to the joint meeting with Nassau on Thursday, February 19th, at the Levittown Public Library, from 9:30-12 p.m. \$20 for SCLA & NCLA members and students, \$30 for non-members. Please make checks payable to NCLA. The speaker will be Gretchen



Kolderup, manager of Young Adult Education and Engagement at the New York Public Library, and the presentation will be "Is There an Expiration Date in Teen Services?" CEU's will be awarded.

*"The common stereotype of young adult librarians is that they can easily relate to their patrons because they're not much older than teens themselves. But is this true? Can you continue to work with teens in libraries into your forties, fifties, and beyond? Whether you're just embarking on your journey as a young adult librarian or are a seasoned pro, bring your own experiences to this interactive workshop where we'll explore how to keep up with constantly shifting teen culture, what career progression for young adult librarians might be like, and how to build teen services from year to year."*

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the New Adult Committee of RASD on March 23rd at SCLS.

*Mike Buono*  
YASD President

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