

# SCLA Board

## Vice President/President Elect

### Steven Alcalde

After seven years in the increasingly polarizing field of education Steve realized that, despite how much he loved the profession and his students, political micromanaging and its consequences were making it utterly impossible to ultimately make the impact he had dreamed of since childhood. After much inner-reflection he ultimately decided to fall back on his MLS and enter the world of librarianship, and has never once looked back. Four years later Steve has made a name for himself amongst the librarian community not only as a wonderful "clubhouse presence," but in reinvigorating the computer and business programs at Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton. Steve has also served the past two years on the SCLA board acting as both NYLA curator and Chairperson of SCLA Membership. For Steve, stopping is never an option, as the best librarians should always constantly seek to not only improve themselves and communal services, but the overall field as well.



**Kelly Furnari**

My name is Kelly Furnari, and I have been working in public libraries for 13 years. In my experience as a public librarian, I have worked in Adult Reference and Teen Services. I have also connected with our community through Outreach. In addition to working at the library, I volunteer as a "Friend" for my home library. The thing I like most about working and volunteering in a public library is the opportunity to connect with community members from all walks of life. People are what make our libraries so extraordinary, and I would love to have the opportunity to work with library staff members from all over the county as Vice President of SCLA.



**Secretary**

**Joyce Thompson-Haas**

Joyce Thompson-Haas has been a Children's Librarian at the Patchogue-Medford Library for 6 years. She is the current SCLA Secretary and would love to continue serving on the board for 2019. Joyce has a background in Special Education and has

been using those skills to work with the special needs community. She is a very organized, enthusiastic librarian who also happens to love penguins. Joyce would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue her journey as the SCLA Secretary.



## Member at Large

### Ellen Hobson

Growing up Ellen Hobson could usually be found at the Patchogue-Medford Library. While her parents always told her she should become a librarian, she was determined to become a pilot instead. After a couple years of flying and working at an airport, she decided her parents were right, started library school and never looked back. She has a background in both Children and Teen Services and still gets to work with teens part-time at the Hampton Bays Public Library. She is a full-time Reference Librarian at Sachem Public Library where she enjoys running programs, especially her weekly ESL class and monthly Pub Fiction book discussion at a local bar. Ellen also has an interest in New Adult Services and was the Secretary of the New Adult Committee of RASD through 2016 and 2017.



## Angela Breslin

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the library as a young child, stay through young adulthood, you will always come back and bring your family to the library. If elected to the YASD Executive Board, I can encourage fellow librarians to support our teens, as well as enhance their own professional development.



## **Lisa Kroiter**

I am a dedicated library professional who believes in providing outstanding customer service with a smile. I have worked as an Adult Reference Librarian at the Copiague Memorial Public Library for 13 years. I spent 9 years as the adult program coordinator, scheduling educational and entertaining programs for the community. Currently I serve as the Library Liaison to the Friends of the Library, guiding the Friends in their fundraising efforts.

I began my adult career in social work which gave me invaluable experience in working with diverse populations. I also managed a small business for several years before going for my MLS. Being a public librarian fulfills my desire to help people and my love for research.

I love going to baseball games and plan on visiting every Major League baseball stadium in the country (15 down, 15 to go!).

I received an Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration from LIU Post, a Masters in Library Science from Queens College and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Siena College.



## **YASD Board**

**Vice President:**

**Carisse Bormann**

My name is Carisse and I'm the Head of Teen + Tween Services at West Babylon Public Library. I've held this position since January 2017 although I've been involved in Tween and YA programming since 2016. I am also the Head of School Outreach for the Library and developed a relationship with each of the schools, PTA and SEPTA in the district. I'm the Vice President of our Staff Association so I have a little background in executive boards. I'm looking forward to hopefully being a part of YASD. Thanks for considering me!



## **Secretary:**

### **Kelly Filippone**

Kelly is a Young Adult and Adult Reference Librarian at the Deer Park Public Library. She holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies with a concentration in Archives and Preservation from Queens College. She is currently continuing her education, working on a Post-Master's Certificate in Advanced Studies in Public Library Administration from The Palmer School of Library and Information Science at LIU Post.

Kelly believes students and patrons want to be actively engaged in their communities. As the Head of the Young Adult Department, Kelly has been able to serve the young adult population by providing patrons with meaningful experiences and opportunities through innovative programming and service initiatives.

Kelly is eager to learn and collaborate with others in her role and is excited to continue to find inventive, new ways serve the community.



Jenny Cammarano  
Erin Schaarschmidt

### **Penny Kelley**

I have been working at the Southold Library for 13 years where I have been instrumental in the increase of programs, collection development, attendance and outreach for teens. Some of the highlights in our teen services department include: Battle of the Books, Lock –Ins, Dungeons & Dragons, Minecraft events, Maker Space



programs, t-shirt designs, Fun Friday events, and more. The Children's Librarian and I work together on many tween programs to help boost outreach, increase attendance and maintain their interest in the library as they approach the teen aged years. I work with the Junior/Senior HS Librarian to form book groups such as JAB club (Jane Addams Book club), offer Breakout EDU to the middle school students, organize school talent shows, and outreach to the ENL students for tutoring and library instruction. I also work collaboratively with the School Social Worker on such topics as bullying, gender stereotypes, and drug and alcohol prevention.

I assist patrons with their devices (tablets, smart phones, and ereaders) and computers on an as needed basis. I also fill in at the Circulation desk when necessary.

I was on the YASD December 2016 and 2017 Luncheon Committee, served as a Discussion Leader at the 2017 Fran Memorial Workshop and currently serve as Secretary for YASD board 2018.

I am interested in continuing to expand my experiences and working closely with other librarians in Suffolk County with whom I can share the same passion and concerns for teens.

I recently attended ALA Midwinter Denver Conference. I received my MLIS and certificate in Children and YA Services from Queens College in May 2015.



**Kimberly McCarthy**

I would like to get involved with the YASD Executive Board and would like to be considered for the position of Secretary. I am currently working at Harborfields Public



Library in Young Adult Services. I was a librarian trainee in Young Adult Services from 2016- 2017, and then became full time this past summer to present. I am a member of both SCLA and YASD.

I do have past experience holding the position of Secretary on a Friends of the Library Board from 2011-2013. I found that getting involved with the board was a great way to stay connected in my community and with the library I loved.

I am looking to get more involved with YASD and would appreciate being considered to joining the board.



**Jenny Cammarano**

Hi I'm Jenny Cammarano and I'm a Teen Services Librarian at Half Hollow Hills Community Library. I love YA novels, strong coffee, trips to Sephora and snuggling my new baby girl, Hailey.

I've been in the Library world since 2005 starting as a page and making my way all the way up to Librarian. From the beginning I always had a desire to work specifically with teens. Not only is the literature appealing, but the connections you make are so incredibly rewarding. My career at Half Hollow Hills has given me so much knowledge on what works for teens. I am interested in running for Secretary of YASD and feel my experience with teens and libraries will make me a great candidate for Secretary of YASD.



## **Erin Schaarschmidt**

My name is Erin Schaarschmidt and I am the Head of Teen Services at the Port Jefferson Free Library. I started there as a Teen Services Librarian in 2001. At that time the YA Department was very small. To accommodate the growing interest in young adult services, I spearheaded the creation of the Teen Center, a teen-oriented environment that meets the needs of teens in the local community since 2007. As the Head of the Department, I evaluate programs and services that best meets the community's needs. More importantly, this role involves communicating with teen patrons and department staff ensuring that documentation, meetings, and organizational goals are met in a timely manner. As a team, we continue to look for new ways to encourage, educate, and entertain in a space that is by teens, for teens.

With 17+ years of experience, I continue to advocate for teenagers and provide healthy youth development through leadership and a very talented staff of enthusiastic teen librarians. As a coach, I monitored the library's FLL Robotics team, promoting core values that are essential for teamwork. As an advocate for teens, I undertake outreach work by heading to local schools and various events, e.g. Teen Rec Night, Health and Wellness Fest, Dickens Festival and many others. In addition, I conduct book discussions with middle schools, as well as high schools, in an effort to encourage pleasure reading. As a participant in the Eastern Long Island Mini Maker Faire, I try to bring libraries to the forefront of community partnership in celebration of innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness.



**Treasurer:**

**James Richeson**

I have been a Youth and Parent Services Librarian at Huntington Public Library for just over 10 years, focusing primarily on Teen and Young Adult programing and collection management. I've been a BOB Coach for nearly as long and attend YASD programs, schedule permitting. I have introduced, and conducted book discussions for Fran Romer Workshops.



## **Position: YASD Member at Large: Fran Romer Memorial Workshop**

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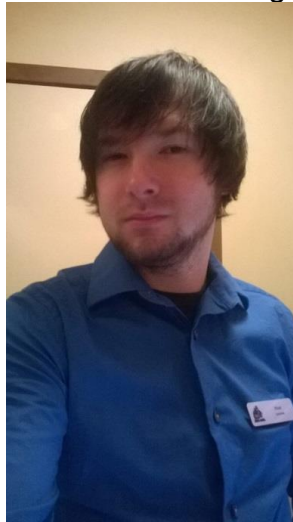


**Position: YASD Member at Large: Teen Talk Newsletter  
and Webmaster**

**Khan DeRenzo**

My name is Khan DeRenzo; I am a Teen Librarian at the Port Jefferson Free Library and have been working with public libraries for the last ten years. I am an advocate for teen literacy, young adult programming and youth community outreach. My passion in the young adult field is creating and maintaining young adult spaces and designing programs in which teens feel comfortable in a safe space such as our Teen Center.

Through weekly programming, I provide technology classes, community service, gaming, crafting and live events for our local Port Jeff teens. Currently at the Teen Center, I am involved with Galley Group, reviewing and blogging upcoming YA novels, Authors Unlimited Media with supervising Michael Buono, Battle of the Books coaching, Maker Faires, going green with Eco-Teens and local Teen Rec Nights. As our program flyer designer and co-teen website coordinator, this experience could help provide for the YASD newsletter, maintain updates for the YASD website and organize major youth events. With this position in YASD, I hope to gain more knowledge in the field of YA, networking with experienced teen librarians and involving myself with YASD community



events.

## **Charlotte Latuso**

My name is Charlotte Latuso. I work at Patchogue-Medford Library and Lindenhurst Memorial Library both in Teen Services and I am running for the position of YASD Webmaster. I chose to work in teen services because I believe that every teen deserves a place to go where they can be themselves in a non-judgmental environment. I enjoy the energy of teenagers, and their unfiltered expression. I think I can help YASD because I have excellent communication skills, I enjoy working as part of a team and I am currently working with YASD right now.



## **CATS Board**

Treasurer: Michael Bartolomeo

Michael has been a Digital Services Librarian at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library since 2016. He graduated from Stony Brook University in 2015 with a B.A. in History and from St. John's University in 2017 with his M.S. in Library & Information Science. Michael has an interest in all things technology with his current focus being on virtual reality and digital literacy.

Secretary: Alison Mirabella



Alison Mirabella received her MLS in Library and Information Science at St. John's University, where she also worked as graduate assistant at the St. Augustine Library. She is currently working full-time as the Digital Literacy Coordinator of The Longwood Public Library.

Members at Large:  
James Hansen

Hello. My name is James Hansen. I am a Principal Library Clerk at The Smithtown Library. I have been working at The Smithtown Library since 2003 and am currently attending Queens College to pursue my MLS. I have been on the CATS board since 2014 and wish to continue with my role at a member at large in 2019.

**RASD Board**

# RASD Board Elections, 2018

**Photo:**



**Name:** Wendy Bennett Chapman

**Nominee For:** Treasurer

**Present Position:** N/A

**Professional Experience:**

Circulation and Reference Clerk for The Hampton Library in Bridgehampton, 2001-2005; Circulation Clerk for Hampton Bays Public Library, 2005-2006; Computer Class Instructor for Port Jefferson Free Library, 2008-2012; Part-Time Adult Services Librarian for the Riverhead Free Library, 2008-2011; Adult Services Librarian for Hampton Bays Public Library, 2006-2011; Head of Adult Services for Bayport-Blue Point Public Library, 2011-2015; Assistant Director, Head of Adult Services & Head of Technical Services for Bayport-Blue Point Public Library, 2015-Present.

**Education:**

BA in English Literature from Long Island University, Southampton College, 2005

MLS from Long Island University, C.W. Post, 2007

Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration from Long Island University, C.W. Post, 2011

**Professional Activities and Affiliations:**

Attended many conferences and workshops. Has served on the PALS Technical Advisory Committee since 2012.

**Biography:**

Wendy Bennett Chapman has been happily working in public libraries on Long Island since her college days. While she originally planned to become a high school English teacher, her first library job made her realize she could combine her love of literature and helping others by working in a library. Wendy has had many years of experience working in Adult Services, Circulation and Technical Services. She is currently the Assistant Director, Head of Adult Services and Head of Technical Services at the Bayport-Blue Point Library. As the Treasurer for RASD, Wendy looks forward to having the opportunity to serve the division and continue to support the profession.



**Name:** Emily Guerrero

**Nominee For:** Vice President

**Present Position:** N/A

**Biography:**

Emily is the Local History & Genealogy Librarian at Rogers Memorial Library. She chose to work in Reference simply for her love of research but the more time she has spent on the desk, the more her appreciation for librarianship has grown. Having a patron leave the desk and knowing that she helped them in some way is the most gratifying feeling in the world to her. She dove in headfirst as a Library & Information Science student through SUNY Buffalo's online program with the passion to increase library services and earned the SCLA scholarship in 2015. She joined the SCLA Executive Board in 2017 as a Member-at-Large and has learned so much from all of her colleagues and fellow board members during her tenure. Currently, she is working to increase the widening interest of genealogy in her Library community.



**Name:** Rachel Cecchini

**Nominee For:** Secretary

**Present Position:** Secretary

**Biography:**

Rachel Cecchini is an Adult Services librarian at Middle Country Public Library and Comsewogue Public Library. At Middle Country, Rachel leads history book discussions and programs. In addition, she manages the Adult Department's social media accounts at Comsewogue. As a librarian, Rachel enjoys social media marketing, creating displays, and tackling the impossible reference question. Rachel has a BA in history from Binghamton University and an MLIS from Rutgers University.

## **DASL Board**

BRUCE SEGER, PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY SCIENCES, SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

KRISTA GRUBER, VICE PRESIDENT, PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY SCIENCES, SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JENNIFER QUIRK-SENK, SECRETARY, INFORMATION LITERACY LIBRARY PROFESSOR, ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

CHRISTINA RIVERA, TREASURER, RETIRED SPECIAL PROJECTS LIBRARIAN, LONG ISLAND LIBRARY RESOURCES COUNCIL

## SSD Board

### **President: Roni Rauch**

Roni Rauch has worked in the Children's Department for 23 years at the West Islip Public Library. She started as a page and is now a library clerk. She has been married 39 years and has two married children. Roni and her husband enjoy boating to Fire Island where they can relax on beach and read.



### **Treasurer: Teresa Hatred**

Teresa Hatred has been a member of SCLA since 2006 and the Human Resources Officer at SCLS since 2009. She has held the positions of VP, President, and Treasurer for SSD. Her goal is to be as relevant to SSD members as possible and bring programs to increase skills that can be used in the workplace.



**Secretary: Aileen Clark**

**Member at Large: Tevin Vuong**

Tevin Vuong is a library clerk at the Brentwood Public Library in the Publicity Department. He has been with the Brentwood Public Library since 2014 and has worked his way from volunteer, to page, to clerk. His interests range from photography, design, music and fashion.



**Member at Large: Kaven Alers-Bonilla**

Kaven Alers-Bonilla is a library clerk in the Circulation Department at the Brentwood Public Library. He has been with the Brentwood Public Library since 2009. He started as a page, pt. clerk and now a full time library clerk. He likes reading, volunteering with youth at New Jerusalem Church, physical fitness and paintballing.

