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*A Regional Chapter of the
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President's Message

Happy Fall SCLA colleagues,

I hope that many of you have taken advantage of the amazing offerings provided by the SCLA Divisions and Committees. One of the things we've been working on is to continually bring meaningful professional development to our Membership.

We have a strong relationship with the professionals at Suffolk County Civil Service and they have provided us with guidance regarding the exams and have graciously offered review sessions when they can. I want to remind those members who are taking the Librarian 1 exam or the Library Clerk exam to take advantage of not just the review that takes place a week after the written exam but also the computational review that is available to all of you after your reported scores are released.

I want to send a big thank you to the Board for all of their work as we prepare for an amazing NYLA Conference as well as our Annual SCLA Dinner. We will continue to work to bring you the best possible professional service and we would like to hear your feedback and needs on a regular basis.

Please email me at Todd-WurmKristen@mcplibrary.org.

Sincerely,
Kristen Todd-Wurm
SCLA President



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TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

with Peter Ward of
Brentwood Public Library

Congrats to the winners of last edition's Trivia Challenge!

Julie DeLaney, Head of Community Relations
The Smithtown Library- Nesconset

Melanie Hamilton, Children's Librarian
Port Jefferson Library



Where did Samuel Johnson suggest one should go first to learn more about a subject?

- a. The scriptures and concordances in the Bible (to understand the eternal perspective)
- b. Catalogues and the backs of books in libraries (to find out which books have discussed the concept) CORRECT ANSWER!**
- c. Dictionaries, encyclopedias and other books of words (to get a definition or overview of the topic)
- d. Experimentation and personal investigation (to scientifically test the truth of one's understanding)

This edition's trivia question is:

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System was first established in 1961 in the basement of this library

- a. Patchogue
- b. Smithtown
- c. Huntington
- d. Stony Brook

Submit your answers to Jennifer Rocco- jrocco@brookhavenfreelibrary.org.

Winners will be announced in our next newsletter. Good luck!

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News from SCLA Divisions

Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD)

Thank you to all who attended the 2018 Annual Luncheon of the Reference and Adult Services Division of SCLA. Held on Tuesday, October 2nd at That Meetball Place in Patchogue, attendees learned a great deal about the National Park Service and parks across Suffolk County from guest speaker Ann Marie Chapman. Ms. Chapman provided fantastic information that may be shared with colleagues and patrons in our daily reference interactions. I'd also like to thank all who attended the Local History Committee's trip to the [Three Village Historical Society History Center](#).

Please join us for an equally informative Annual Meeting: the Health Concerns Breakfast on Tuesday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m. Following a catered breakfast and brief RASD Board Meeting, Sandeep K. Mallipattu, M.D. will offer a presentation on kidney disease. Dr. Mallupattu is the Chief Physician in the Nephrology and Hypertension Unit at Stony Brook University School of Medicine.

The MOSAIC Committee is co-sponsoring the "Navigating Your Community" Information Fair on Saturday, November 3rd, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library. The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and networking, 10:00 a.m. meeting.

The CARE (Career and Resource Exchange) Committee will be hosting speakers from Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults and Helen Keller Services for the Blind on Thursday, November 15th at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. with presentations starting at 2:30 p.m. The Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults is a national foundation providing services for individuals who are both blind and deaf. Helen Keller Services for the Blind serves the New York City/Long Island area, and services include training with experts in orientation and mobility, daily living skills, low vision, assistive technology, employment/placement and more.

The New Adult Committee will host a programming and services roundtable on Monday, November 19th at SCLS in the morning. Program and services suggestions will include those exclusively for new adults and those open to all with new adult appeal.

The Media Committee will next meet on Wednesday, November 28th, in the morning at SCLS. Nicole Rambo will be talking about the Piper Computers at Middle Country Public Library. Tim Sicurella of the Sayville Library will present on memory kits that some libraries are offering for patrons with memory impairment.

The next meeting of the Electronic Resources Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19th at SCLS at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and 10:00 a.m. for meeting. The Committee is building on the lessons learned at the September "Tactics for Increasing Privacy and Security" meeting and there will be a roundtable discussion on how Suffolk County libraries provide digital literacy training either online or in person. Furthermore, the Committee will consider whether one-on-one or classroom style settings are most effective. A representative from SCLS will speak about their new upcoming digital training platform using Moodle along with other librarians discussing how they effectively teach digital literacy.

The Long Island Reads Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 selection: *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer. This work of literary fiction is both timely and important and will engage readers as well as spark discussion and will appeal to both adult and young adult readers. Meg Wolitzer grew up in Syosset and is a member of the MFA Faculty at Stony Brook University. She has written 12 works of literary fiction. Information regarding program resources and tickets to the event on April 7, 2019 will be available via the listserv shortly. Please click [here](#) for more information and to contact the committee.

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Computer and Technical Services (CATS)

The Technology Information Forum is a libraries and technology meeting that takes place on the first Thursday of every month (except July and August) at various libraries around Suffolk County. We also have two meetings a year with our colleagues from the Nassau County Library Association's Technology Committee. We frequently have topics, guests and vendors visit. This past month we had a lively roundtable discussion and some of the topics included Wi-Fi hotspot policies, 3D printing and best practices on a number of devices.

TIF also has a [Facebook](#) page and we stream every meeting with Facebook Live. If you miss a meeting or would like to check out past meetings, simply visit the Facebook page and watch the meeting videos. The meeting is open to everyone regardless of their position. There is even a Google Group that acts as a message board for questions colleagues may have between the meetings. If you would like to present on a topic or speak to the group or would like to join the Google Group, email Chris DeCristofaro at chris.decristofaro@sachemlibrary.org.

CATS is also pleased to announce Matt Finch as the speaker for the Annual Meeting on December 12th at 9:30 a.m. at SCLS. Matt Finch creates strategies, stories, media and events to help people learn, play, change and explore. From examining the future of patient-centered hospital care to wrangling zombies in rural Australia, his specialty is helping organizations and communities, large or small, create new and effective activities, programs, policies and offerings. We are excited to have him and experience his Library Island Program!

Support Staff Division (SSD)

The Support Staff Division presented their Annual Meeting and Safety Conference at the Brentwood Public Library on October 17th. There were over 60 attendees from more than 18 different libraries. Our Keynote Speaker was Stuart Cameron, Chief of Department, SCPD. NYS Office of Emergency Management taught attendees how to build a Continuity of Operations plan and Emergency Operations Plan. Attendees learned about Workplace Violence Prevention statutes, empathy and were certified in NARCAN application.

Young Adult Services Division (YASD)

In September, YASD hosted a Summer Recap meeting for librarians to discuss their summer program successes and fails, Summer Reading Clubs, prizes, summer parties and community service. It was a great opportunity to network and share ideas!

In October, YASD hosted a meeting with the topic of creating content with teens. Lisa Zuena, Young Adult Librarian at the Massapequa Public Library, gave an informative presentation on her successful podcast program. Lisa's presentation detailed the ins and outs of podcasting, how to structure a club with teens, and the equipment needed to start your own club. Nicole Rambo and Liz Allen of the Middle Country Public Library then gave a presentation on creating zines with teens, detailing the history of zines, the Zine Project they completed over the summer with their teens, and the zine club they hope to start in the future. To view the slides from Lisa's podcasting presentation, or to view Nicole and Liz's contact information, please visit the [YASD Blog](#).

Looking forward, YASD will host school psychologist Lance Bram on Thursday, November 8th to discuss mental health. Lance will explain the importance of offering programs that enrich the community, provide helpful resources to identify and manage emotions with positive outlets and talk about peaceful mindfulness in our chaotic lives.

To register, email Rebecca at rebecca@longwoodlibrary.org.

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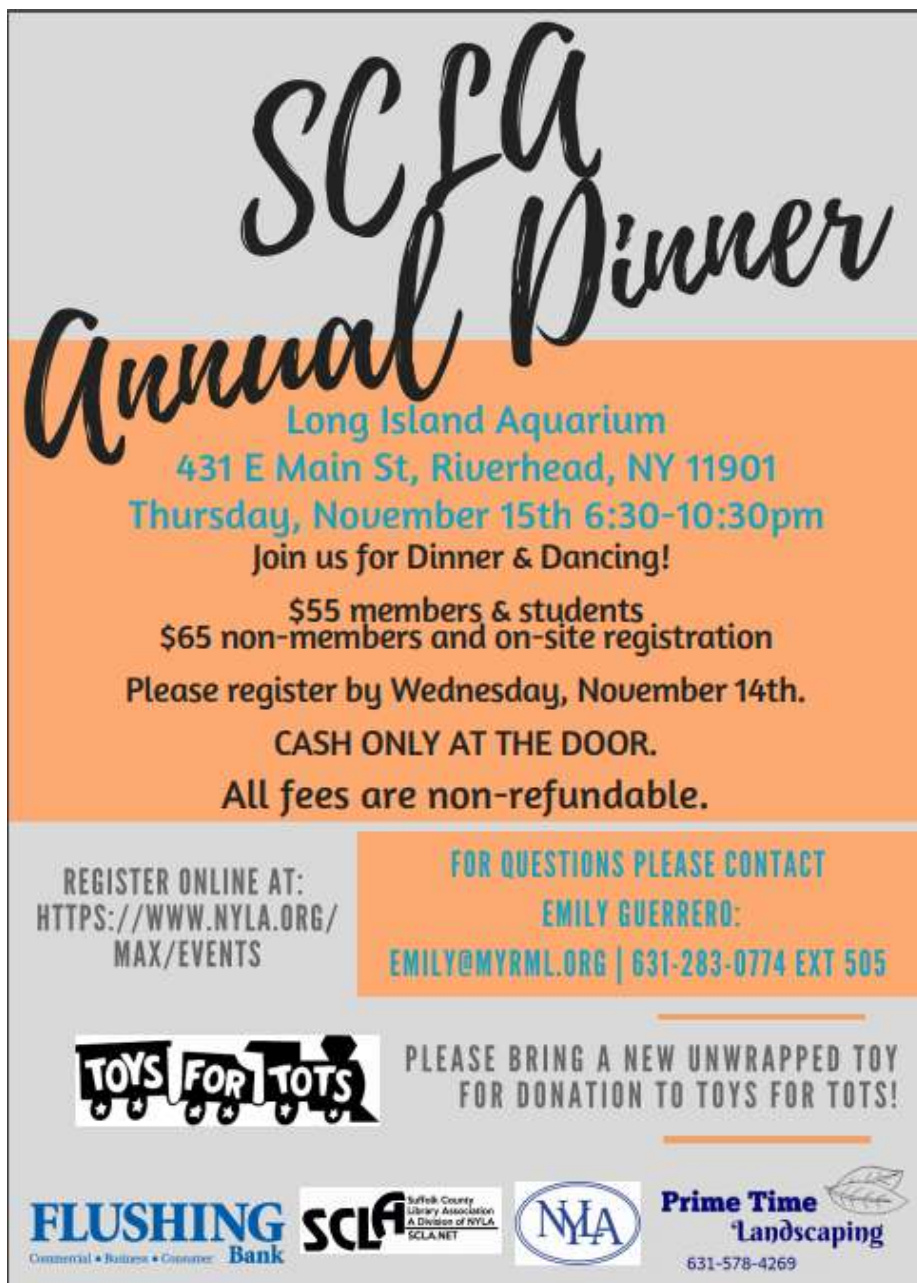
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Join YASD at our Annual December Luncheon and Author Visit! This year's event will take place on Thursday, December 6th, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip. Our guest speaker will be Jen Calonita, author of *Turn It Up!* and the *Fairy Tale Reform School* series. Books will be available for purchase and autographing will follow lunch. We will have raffles and the presentation of the 2018 Librarian Award! We will also introduce the 2019 Executive Board. To register, click [here](#) or visit the YASD blog for more information.

News from SCLA Committees

Annual Dinner

Join us for the SCLA Annual Dinner on November 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead! Please click [here](#) to purchase tickets. All fees are non-refundable.



SCLA Annual Dinner
Long Island Aquarium
431 E Main St, Riverhead, NY 11901
Thursday, November 15th 6:30-10:30pm
Join us for Dinner & Dancing!
\$55 members & students
\$65 non-members and on-site registration
Please register by Wednesday, November 14th.
CASH ONLY AT THE DOOR.
All fees are non-refundable.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.NYLA.ORG/
MAX/EVENTS](https://www.nyla.org/max/events)

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
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Community Service

Going to the Annual Dinner? Please remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the **Toys for Tots** table!
And don't forget to bring extra cash for the 50-50 raffle to benefit **Habitat for Humanity!**

See you on November 15th!



Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Committee keeps 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 sclshr@suffolknet.org to be added to the database. When you need your personal listing of attended programs just send an email to the address above. A report will be sent back to you via email. Please be aware that the database may be incomplete, as it only has data from submitted attendance sheets.

You may also use the email address for questions/concerns/programming ideas.

Fandom Outreach

The Fandom Outreach Committee will be sending out FIVE free tickets to L.I. Geek for a child and an accompanying guardian to all Suffolk Libraries. We ask that librarians hold a fandom themed raffle or contest to give away the tickets. Our Committee will be doing two days of library programming including a Porg Party, "Adopt Me" bandanas (to be donated), Snap Circuits and a research workshop where attendees learn how to use the library to research personas and recreate medieval culture. We will also run trivia, crafts, anime and panels.

On top of this, the Fandom Outreach Committee has reached out to organizations such as "Get in Toon" Comics to do a comic creation class, Mr. Poppintwist, Rose the Mermaid, the Saber Guild, the Society for Creative Anachronism and CrunchyRoll. Mike Buono of the Brentwood Public Library will be heading a panel with voice actor Gregg Berger. Gregg's extensive background includes Transformers, Odie, Final Fantasy and over 100 more! This will be a fun filled weekend of library programming and full reign of a Sci-Fi convention for the winners of the raffle.

Anyone interested in learning more about being part of the Fandom Outreach Committee can email Sgangone@copiaquelibrary.org.

Library Directory Associates Award (LDA)

It is not too soon to start thinking about the 2019 LDA Library Award! Who do you think is worthy of being nominated for this prestigious honor? Anyone who has been active in the library field, whether in the promotion of libraries and librarianship, development of library materials, legislative activities, advancement of intellectual freedom, technological progress and more.

We will be sending out nomination forms at the end of January 2019, in paper and online. Please consider nominating a dynamic representative from the library world.

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Library Advocacy Day

SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Each year library advocates from across New York State converge on Albany to voice support for funding and policies that benefit libraries. Our efforts have resulted in over \$11M in additional library aid since 2011.

Long Island Library Conference

44th Annual Long Island Library Conference

May 9, 2018 - Lighting the Way

Call for Program Proposals

The 2019 Long Island Library Conference will be on May 9, 2019 at the Melville Marriott. The Conference Committee invites program proposals on all areas of librarianship. We are especially interested in proposals that align with the 2019 theme, "Lighting the Way". Conference programs should be 60 minutes long, with the anticipation of 45 minutes of content and 10 minutes of Q&A.

Proposal Evaluation:

The Long Island Library Conference Committee will evaluate all proposals submitted by the deadline using the following criteria:

- Merit and clarity of the 100-word program description
- Relevance to the conference theme
- Completeness of the proposal
- Originality of proposed topic
- Diversity of speakers and topics

All proposals will be considered in the context of the overall structure of the conference and availability of time slots for proposed sessions.

Proposal Submission:

The deadline for submitting proposals for the 2019 Long Island Library Conference is December 31, 2018. Use the following [LILC Google Form](#) to submit your proposal. If you have any questions about the proposal process, please contact the 2019 Program Chair, Jeff Baker at LILCPrograms@gmail.com.

Other Important Guidelines:

INTERNET: Wireless internet will be provided in all program rooms.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: The Long Island Library Conference Committee does not make travel arrangements for speakers and presenters. Presenters and/or the sponsors are responsible for making these arrangements.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FEES: Only two presenters from each program will receive complimentary registration. These complimentary presenters DO NOT have to register for the conference through the website. Their names will be given directly to registration by the Programs Chair. All other presenters beside the complimentary two are required to register for the conference and pay the appropriate registration fee.

EQUIPMENT: The Long Island Library Conference Committee will provide internet and things such as projectors, screens, microphones, tables, etc. The Committee does not provide laptops. Speakers or sponsors will be required to bring their own laptops.

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Scholarship



Support the SCLA Scholarship Fund!

This year, please visit <https://bit.ly/2Om2ieT> to purchase raffle tickets to support the annual SCLA Scholarship. Changing things up from previous years, there are no longer booklets of paper raffles. Ticket purchases can only be made **online** and winners will be auto-generated at the SCLA Dinner on November 15th.

You do not have to attend the Dinner in order to purchase raffle tickets, or to win! Some of our fun prizes this year include: SoBol gift certificates, painting classes and theater tickets!

Thank you for your support.

Questions?

Contact:
Emma Lodato
emma@bbplibrary.org

Suffolk County Library Access Committee

Please join us at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System for these upcoming programs from Outreach Services:

- October 23rd – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit will do a presentation geared to library security and custodial staff, however the program is open to all library staff.
- October 31st – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Narcan Training
- November 27th – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Music and Memory Customized Music Therapy for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Please watch your emails for additional Outreach Services programs. We welcome all program suggestions. Please contact Valerie Lewis at valerie@suffolknet.org.

Web Page

Make sure to visit SCLA's [events page](#) for the latest in meetings and programs for the Divisions of SCLA.

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News from SCLA Liaisons

Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County (CLASC)



Please email Marybeth Kozikowski at Marybeth.Kozikowski@sachemlibrary.org to register.



Please email Darla Salva Cruz at darla@suffolknet.org to register.

Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC)

A Guide to Crafting and Promulgating the Employee Handbook

November 16, 2018 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Farmingdale Public Library

An employee handbook, sometimes also known as an employee manual, staff handbook or company policy manual, is a book given to employees by an employer. Usually, the employee handbook contains several key sections and includes information about company culture, policies and procedures.

Professor Bienstock from NYIT School of Business is coming back to teach this class and will cover the following:

- The purpose of the Handbook
- Preparing to draft the Handbook; review all existing policies and drafting an outline
- The contents of the Handbook
- Common drafting mistakes to be avoided
- Disseminating the Handbook
- Updating and revising the Handbook

Presented by: Joshua E. Bienstock, Assistant Professor of Business Law, Center for Human Resource Studies, School of Management, New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)

Click [here](#) to register.

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Public Library Directors Association (PLDA)

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this year's Empire State Libraries Fundraiser! Under the direction and leadership of Mike Firestone and Kelly Harris, this event continues to grow and continues to impact real change in Albany. Suffolk County is the New Yorkers for Better Libraries largest contributor in the state and this distinction is only possible because of the success of our annual fundraiser. This year's rebranding also provided us with the opportunity to support NYLA's Legal Defense Fund and NYLA's Sustainability Initiative.

Please join me in congratulating the entire Committee for their great work on behalf of us all!

Mike Firestone and Kelly Harris, Co-Chairs

Samantha Alberts
Julie DeLaney
Jennifer Fowler
Marc Horowitz
Lisa Jacobs
James Olney
Todd Schlitt
Kelly Sheridan
Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

New York Library Association (NYLA)

**Here's a look at some of the programs SCLA is sponsoring at this year's Conference.
Will you be in attendance?**

Genealogy Research on the Fly

Thursday, November 8, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Track: Current Issues & Research

Speaker: Rhonda Konig, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

Crowdsource Your Library

Friday, November 9, 3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Track: Administration & Leadership

Speakers: Sara Fiore, Rogers Memorial Library

Samantha Alberts, Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Terry Lucas, Shelter Island Public Library

Nola Thacker, Westhampton Free Library

Libraries Fostering Entrepreneurship Through Technology

Saturday, November 10, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Track: Technology & Digital Information

Speakers: Chris DeCristofaro, Sachem Public Library

Nick Tanzi, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

James Hutter, Port Washington Public Library

Libraries Supporting Local Businesses and Entrepreneurs

Saturday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Sponsors: SCLA / MSRT, RLRT

Track: User Services

Speakers: Elizabeth Malafi, Middle Country Public Library

Sal DiVincenzo, Middle Country Public Library