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SOME MEMBERS OF THIS YEAR'S SCLA BOARD

President's Message

**BRIAN SCHWARTZ,
SCLA PRESIDENT**

Hello everyone!

My name is Brian Schwartz and I am your incoming SCLA President for 2019. I work full time at the Patchogue-Medford Public Library but I have been involved in SCLA for many years, serving as member-at-large and as a former YASD President, and now as your president.

As someone who is such a fan of this organization, I see the large potential for growth. My current goals are to increase fundraising and awareness for our group. I would like to do this by increasing networking opportunities and educational workshops and by holding special events.

I encourage feedback and ideas and love hearing from members about what they would like to see happen in our organization.

Increasing membership is also of paramount importance to me and I want SCLA to give you reason to continue to renew your memberships year after year. I thank you for all of your support and I look forward to leading this group into the future and hope that I can make you all proud.



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LAURA VACCARO
SEEGER**

SCLA DIVISION RASD

Reference and Adult Services Division

**ALEX BLEND,
RASD PRESIDENT**

Hello everyone, I'm Alex Blend and I am happy to be the President of RASD for 2019. I am an Adult Services/Business Librarian at Middle Country Public Library. One of my favorite responsibilities is working as a liaison between the Miller Business Center with businesses and business organizations throughout Long Island. I also work part-time at the Islip Public Library.

RASD is made up of 10 committees that cover a broad scope of services ranging from Media to Health Concerns to Reader's Advisory. There is a committee for every interest that is filled with talented librarians who share ideas and help plan ways to continue to keep Suffolk County libraries among the best there are.

The New Adult Committee will be having its first meeting of 2019 on Monday, February 25th at SCLS at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be about Meetup.com which is a service used to organize online groups that host in-person events. Attendees will learn how libraries can utilize this site as an effective marketing tool for programs and events. An official flyer was sent out on the listserv mid-January. In addition, the event will be promoted on the RASD and SCLA website and Facebook pages around that time. If anyone has any questions, they can be directed to Rachel Cecchini.

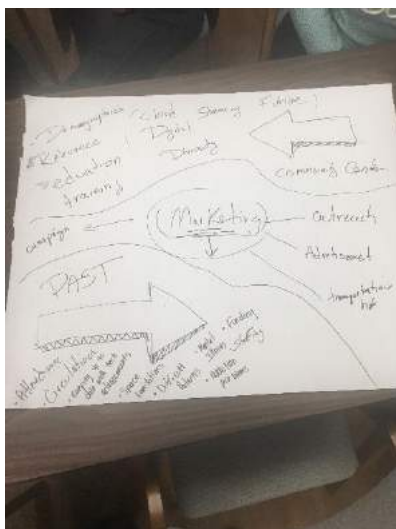
The 2019 Long Island Reads title will be *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer. The author event honoring Meg Wolitzer will be held on April 7, 2019.

Save the date for our annual meeting on October 2, 2019.

Check out our fresh, new look by clicking [here](#) and also find more information on our committees and upcoming meetings.



DR. MATT FINCH



SCLA DIVISION CATS

Computer and Technical Services

**NICOLE PARISI,
CATS PRESIDENT**

On December 12th, CATS/TIF held their annual meeting at SCLS. The guest speaker was Dr. Matt Finch, a researcher who creates strategies, stories, media and events to help people and institutions learn, play, change and explore.

A total of 64 attendees participated in Finch's *Library Island*, an interactive workshop where everyone was assigned a role of either Ministry of Shelves, Librarians or Patrons. Along with their roles, attendees were given information and clues to use as they acted out different scenarios that might happen in the library.

The purpose of *Library Island* was to help understand problems a library may face from different perspectives. Finch then asked the group to take what they learned and predict current and future fun. Attendees seemed to really enjoy the experience.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

**BY PETER WARD,
BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

- Lauren Scottaline- East Islip Public Library
- Casey Fehn- Rogers Memorial Library
- Melanie Hamilton- Port Jefferson Free Library
- Kathleen Brett- Hauppauge Public Library
- Jeri Cohen- Patchogue-Medford Public Library

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

- a. **Patchogue- CORRECT ANSWER!**
- b. Smithtown
- c. Huntington
- d. Stony Brook

THIS EDITION'S QUESTION:

The eccentric Joe Gould was one of the first users of the term "Oral History". His story first appeared in the pages of this periodical:

- a. The New Yorker
- b. History News
- c. The New York Times
- d. Time Magazine

Please submit your answers to Jennifer Rocco-
jrocco@brookhavenfreelibrary.org.

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

SCLA DIVISION SSD

Support Staff Division

**RONI RAUCH,
SSD PRESIDENT**

I am very excited to begin my term as President of SSD. Our board members for 2019: Roni Rauch; President, Teresa Hatred; Treasurer, Aileen Clark; Secretary, Celia Vollmer; Past President, Kaven Alers-Bonilla; Member-at-Large, Mona Pierre-Louis; Member-at-Large, Sue Santanastaso; Member-at-Large, and Tevin Vuong; Member-at-Large. Congratulations to Mona Pierre-Louis, SSD Member-at-Large, for winning the 2018 "Excellence in Library Service Award". Mrs. Pierre-Louis received the award at the SCLA Dinner in November.

This year, take advantage of the opportunity to meet with Support Staff from other libraries to discuss common issues and share ideas at the East Meets West Roundtable on April 29th. The SSD's of NCLA and SCLA will meet to share with our library colleagues from across Long Island. Join us for an informal forum where we will discuss such topics as circulation, Sierra, customer service, inter-loans, etc. ALL STAFF are welcome! Registration will begin this month. I would like to thank all of the members of SSD, who have supported the Division by being members and attending our programs. As always, we are looking for new people to work with us! If you would like information on any of our upcoming events, visit us [here](#).

SCLA DIVISION YASD

*Young Adult
Services Division*



Suffolk County Police Officer Nancy Ward will present a PoliceSmart Cyberbullying workshop. The workshop will focus on:

- ★ Cyberbullying
- ★ Social media posting
- ★ Sexting
- ★ Identity theft.

NASSAU AND
SUFFOLK YASD
**JOINT ANNUAL
MEETING**
Thursday, February 14
10 AM

To be held at:
Patchogue-Medford
Library
54-60 E Main
Street Patchogue
NY 11772
Snowdate - Thursday, February 28
10 AM



★ \$10 Registration Fee ★
Please mail/email registration form and cash or check made payable to NYLA/SCLA to:
Khan DeRenzo khan@pjteen.org Port Jefferson Free Library 100 Thompson Street • Port Jefferson, NY • 11777
and if you did not receive a registration form contact: Michele Cayea, YASD President at mcayea@pmlib.org.

SCLA COMMITTEE:

**Library Directory
Associates Award
(LDA)**

*Call For
Nominations*

PAULA BORNSTEIN

Call for Nominations: LDA Library Award 2019

Recognize that individual who performs outstanding work in the library field! Nominate him or her for the LDA Library Award. It's easy to do! Simply complete the application that will be mailed and e-mailed to all SCLA and NCLA members in February.

Each application must be accompanied by a nominating statement of approximately 500 words and three letters of support. We ask that the nominees' information packets be received by March 25th. LDA Library Award Committee members will select the best candidate, and the award will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference on May 8, 2019.

Thank you for helping to foster and recognize outstanding achievement and contributions to Long Island libraries.

SCLA COMMITTEE:

**Excellence in Library Service Award
(ELSA) 2018 Winner**

KATE REGINA

Despite the surprising November snow that threatened to derail everything, the ELSA committee, represented by chairs Kate Regina and Min Liu, was proud to award their 2018 Excellence in Library Service Award at last year's SCLA Annual Dinner held November 15th at the Long Island Aquarium.

The winner was Mona Pierre-Louise, a newly retired library assistant of Brentwood Public Library. The honor was celebrated with those who could make it including her husband and several members of Brentwood

Public Library staff.

Celia Vollmer spoke on behalf of Director Tom Tarantowitz on the merits of Mrs. Pierre-Louis and the joys of having her as part of their community.

The runners up for the award were Jeanette Fischer, a clerk at Suffolk County Community College's East Campus Library and Jan Camarda, Head of Circulation at Westhampton Free Library. Ms. Camarda was present at the dinner to receive her certificate and flowers.



SCLA COMMITTEE:

Student Outreach

COLLEEN AND MARK NAVINS

Colleen and Mark Navins are a dynamic Librarian duo. Colleen is the Young Adult Librarian at the Smithtown Library-Nesconset Building and Mark works as a Teacher Integration Specialist at Eastern Suffolk BOCES. They are eager to bring SCLA and all its offerings to students across Long Island who are studying Library and Information Sciences.

Colleen has worked in public librarianship for 10 years and Mark has been working the school media route for seven years. Together they offer guidance and insight to library students who are just starting out. They are excited to host webinars, discuss memberships and build relationships with professors and students through the Student Outreach Committee.

SCLA COMMITTEE:

Continuing Education

TERI HATRED

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.

SCLA COMMITTEE:

Long Island Library Conference

BRIAN ADAMS

Long Island Library Conference
May 9, 2019
Lighting the Way

Register Jan 1, 2019!

We are delighted to announce that author, documentarian, and founder of StoryCorps, Dave Isay, will be the keynote speaker for the 2019 Long Island Library Conference.

Dave Isay is one of the most trusted and respected broadcasters working today. The recipient of four Peabody Awards, a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship and the \$1 Million TED prize, his work taps into the heart and soul of the human experience.

Upon receiving the TED prize, Dave Isay proclaimed his vision for StoryCorps: "to help create a world where we listen closely to each other and recognize the beauty, grace, and poetry in the lives and stories we find all around us."

Through StoryCorps, Dave is helping to preserve the wisdom and knowledge of humanity by recording history one conversation at a time. A number of his books have been *New York Times* Bestsellers, including *Listening Is an Act of Love*, *Ties That Bind: Stories of Love and Gratitude From the First Ten Years of StoryCorps*, and *Callings: The Purpose and Passion of Work*.

Take advantage of early bird pricing through March 1st 2019!

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>Regular</u>
NCLA & SCLA members*	\$55.00	\$65.00
Non-member	\$75.00	\$85.00
Student	\$25.00	\$30.00
Same Day Registration	\$100.00	

*Membership will be verified

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

SCLA COMMITTEE:

Fandom Outreach

NICOLE BASIL

The Fandom Outreach Committee will be meeting on February 14th at 10:30 a.m. for a meeting open to all at the Copiague Memorial Public Library.

If you are into fan-based events and conventions, both in the libraries and outside, this is the committee for you!

SCLA COMMITTEE:

Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County (CLASC)

CAITLIN SEMPOWICH, CLASC PRESIDENT

Please join us at the:

CLASC Membership Meeting and Annual Dinner

Stonebridge Country Club
2000 Raynors Way
Smithtown, NY 11787
Thursday, April 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.



LAURA VACCARO SEEGER

Featured Author: Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Raffle baskets, author book signing and a beautiful venue will make this a memorable evening!

*Dinner price not determined yet.
For information, contact CLASC VP of Programming- Marybeth Kozikowski at marybeth.kozikowski@sachemlibrary.org

SCLA COMMITTEE

Suffolk County Library Access

VALERIE LEWIS & JANET CLARK

Join us at Suffolk Cooperative Library System for the following Library Access workshops:

- March 11th, 10:00 a.m. – Digital Accessibility
Presenter, Walei Sabry will provide information on how to ensure that your online materials are accessible.
- April 3rd, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – SCLS Outreach Advisory Council
Presenter, Tommi-Grace Melito will discuss SNAP (food stamp) benefits.
- April 8th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Presenter Maritza Archer will provide information on “The Role of a Job Coach for Employees with a Disability”.
- April 9th, 9:30 a.m. – “What is a Service Animal?” at the Adult Department Heads meeting
- May 3rd, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – SEE FOR YOURSELF 2019: Assistive Technology and Resource Fair



JOIN LIBRARY SUPPORTERS AND COLLEAGUES
MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS IN ALBANY

ADVOCACY DAY - FEB. 27, 2019

Handouts and a briefing will be provided on the ride to Albany.

TRAVEL OPTIONS

2 day bus round trip - \$55 check made out to Suffolk PLDA
(You MUST book your own overnight accommodations)

or

1 day bus roundtrip - no charge

SCLA COMMITTEE:

Legislative

SAMANTHA ALBERTS

Every year it is important to show our NYS legislators how important libraries are in our communities and 2019 is no different. Please join us in Albany to meet with our legislators. Need a ride? SCLA will be sponsoring a one-day bus and PLDA is sponsoring a two-day bus. Register [here](#).

SCLA LIAISON:

Public Library Directors Association (PLDA)

**KELLY HARRIS,
PLDA PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the entire organization, I would like to thank Jamie Papandrea and Dr. Roger Podell for their service and leadership and welcome Marcie Litjens (Treasurer) and Rosemary Winters (Secretary) to the Board. Jennifer Fowler will transition from Secretary to Vice President.

Congratulations to Mike Firestone (Chair), Kelly Harris (Co-Chair), Samantha Alberts, Julie DeLaney, Jennifer Fowler, Lisa Jacobs, Marc Horowitz, James Olney, Todd Schlitt, Kelly Sheridan and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich on their outstanding efforts in making this year’s **Empire State Libraries Fundraiser** the most successful to date.

Over \$17,000 was raised and will go a long way in supporting the advocacy efforts of **New Yorker’s for Better Libraries** as well as **NYLA’s Legal Defense Fund** and **NYLA’s Sustainability Initiative**.

Headed to Albany Tuesday, February 26th to attend NYLA’s Pre-Advocacy Day programs, **Library Champions Reception** and the **New Yorker’s for Better Libraries Annual PAC Gala**? Join PLDA on the bus! The cost is \$55 per person and leaves SCLS at 10:00 a.m. Contact Samantha Alberts for more information at samantha@suffolknet.org.

Hope to you see you in Albany!

Kelly Harris,
PLDA President



HAPPY WINTER!

INTERESTED IN JOINING SCLA? CLICK [HERE](#)