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## Message from the President

### STEVE ALCALDE, SCLA PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues,

My name is Steve Alcalde and I will be your SCLA President for 2020. I'm the Reference and Technology Librarian at Rogers Memorial Library and am about to enter my fourth consecutive year of service on the SCLA Board. Allow me to begin by thanking all of you for your continuous support of the Suffolk County Library Association. Whether you are a new member or returning one, your commitment to this organization and its growth is greatly appreciated. After all, we are only as strong as our membership, and the unparalleled knowhow and passion exhibited by each of you only further illustrates the sheer potential of this amazing professional association.

With this in mind, we move into 2020 prepared to strengthen our membership all the more by offering a multitude of professional development opportunities. SCLA's assortment of Committees and Divisions remain hard at work planning a variety of workshops and training sessions with your specific professional needs in mind. I invite you to attend these workshops, the events we sponsor and perhaps even consider becoming active within the ranks of SCLA yourself.

Our success depends on members' attendance and participation. To find out more information about SCLA, our events, Divisions and Committees, please visit our [website](#).

Furthermore, I encourage everyone to attend Advocacy Day on February 25, 2020. Now more than ever it is paramount for libraries to be represented in Albany so that our lawmakers understand how important we are to our communities on a daily basis. And stay tuned for information regarding our upcoming Networking Night and Annual SCLA Dinner, both of which provide wonderful opportunities to not only catch up and talk shop with old friends and colleagues, but potentially meet new ones too.

Please remember that every member of SCLA matters and helps contribute to our success. And please don't hesitate to contact me at [steven@myrml.org](mailto:steven@myrml.org) if you would like to find out how you can become more involved in your Association, or if you merely wish to share ideas or concerns regarding SCLA or overall library matters. I thank you for all of your support and look forward to a prosperous year ahead.

Steve Alcalde  
SCLA President

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SCLA DIVISION RASD

# Reference & Adult Services Division

ALEX BLEND,  
RASD PRESIDENT

Greetings! This year RASD is very happy to welcome 7 new members to the RASD Board:

- Morgan Brett, Sayville Public Library- New Adult Co-Chair
- Alex Cranshaw, Sayville Public Library- New Adult Co-Chair
- Andrew Mihopulos, Sachem Public Library- New Adult Co-Chair
- Kelly Fillippone, The Smithtown Library- Member-at-Large
- Jessica Giannetti, Middle Country Public Library- Member-at-Large
- Rosa Todaro, Brentwood Public Library- Secretary
- Caren Zatyk, The Smithtown Library- Long Island History Co-Chair

We are excited to join forces with these talented professionals and are encouraged by what 2020 will bring working alongside them.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2019 Annual Luncheon of the Reference and Adult Services Division of SCLA. Held on Wednesday, October 2 at Karver's Grille in Holbrook, attendees learned how libraries can become another layer of support to LGBT individuals from our guest speaker Aaron Braun, Community Educator at the LGBT Network.

Our new President Emily Guerrero and Vice President Rachel Cecchini are bringing many fresh ideas regarding programs, membership and the marketing of RASD in 2020. One of our main focuses this year will be on membership- retaining, recruiting 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. It has been a pleasure to work with and learn from everyone on the RASD and SCLA Boards these past two years. I look forward to staying involved as Past President and am excited to see RASD continue to grow and prosper.

SCLA DIVISION CATS

## Computer and Technical Services

NICOLE PARISI,  
CATS PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 CATS/TIF Annual Meeting! A special thank you to Chad Mairn, librarian, professor and manager of the Innovation Lab at St. Petersburg College who spoke to us about the future of libraries in the modern world. Chad stressed the importance of grant writing, thinking outside the box when it comes to programming and he even demonstrated emerging AR technology like the Magic Leap headset for us.

Lastly, thank you to our 2019 Computer & Technical Services officers for a fantastic year of hard work and great ideas. It was a privilege serving as President of CATS. For anyone interested in joining CATS or staying up to date with our upcoming 2020 programs, please click [here](#).

## Trivia Challenge!

PETER WARD,  
BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

- Azuree Agnello, West Babylon Library**
- Jeri Cohen, Patchogue Medford Library**
- Jessica Brown, Patchogue Medford Library**
- Rosemarie Papayanopulos, Library in The Garden Library Planting Fields Arboretum**
- Serena Brooks, Smithtown Library-Nesconset Branch**

*The Family History Library is a genealogy research library that plays an important role in the practice of this religion:*

- a. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

**THIS EDITION'S QUESTION:**

George Bernard Shaw, writing of his support for public libraries, referred to a "crowded public library" as a:

- a. Necessity
- b. Aspiration
- c. Annoyance
- d. Absurdity

Please submit your answers to Jennifer Rocco-  
[jrocco@brookhavenfreelibrary.org](mailto:jrocco@brookhavenfreelibrary.org).

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



**SCLA DIVISION SSD**

*Support Staff Division*

**RONI RAUCH,  
SSD PRESIDENT**

We had a very successful 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Conference. We started with our business meeting and a light breakfast. Our keynote speaker was Stuart Cameron, Chief of Department for Suffolk County Police Department. He spoke about being prepared for disasters, catastrophic events, active shooters, weather and terrorism. Next was Valerie Lewis from SCLS. She talked about being ready and helping staff, patrons and the community in the library in case of a disaster. She was very informative. Jessica Price talked about the importance of empathy in everyday interaction. We broke for lunch and could visit with our friends and presenters. We then had Gene and Dan Perceval for self-defense. This was a hands-on workshop. We learned how to defend ourselves if attacked. Nelson Vaz talked about what to do in case of bad weather. He showed us how they determine when and if a storm is brewing. To finish off, we were trained and certified in using Narcan. The day offered something for everyone. It was very successful.

Look for information for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Conference in October 2020!



**SCLA DIVISION YASD**

**YOUNG ADULT SERVICES DIVISION**

**MICHELE CAYEA,  
YASD PRESIDENT**



YASD held our Annual Luncheon featuring author Brendan Kiely on Thursday, December 12, 2019 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the Irish Coffee Pub. Marianne Ramirez from the Sayville Public Library was the winner of the Teen Librarian Award for *BEST OVERALL PROGRAM* for the Sayville Experience. At the Luncheon we recapped this year’s programs and successes, introduced the new Board for 2020, enjoyed lunch, Kiely’s presentation and book signing.

YASD will once again be hosting our “Get to Know the Board” meeting to discuss the upcoming year and find out how to best serve the needs of our teens and librarians who work with them.

**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](mailto: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 for questions, concerns, and/or programming ideas.

## SCLA DIVISION *DASL*

*Division of Academic and Special Libraries of Suffolk County*

### BRUCE SEGER, DASL PRESIDENT

DASL is the Division of Academic and Special Libraries of the Suffolk County Library Association. Its mission is to share information and provide professional development opportunities to librarians in Suffolk County who are active in academic and special libraries.

Meetings are held at academic and special libraries throughout Suffolk County. Each December, the Committee hosts an annual luncheon that features an invited speaker. In addition, our Committee hosts guest speakers for the Long Island Library Conference. Please check the SCLA calendar for the most current schedule.

### ANNUAL DASL LUNCHEON- GREAT TIME, GREAT PRESENTATION, GREAT TIME!

This year the DASL Annual Luncheon was held at the Country House in Stony Brook on December 10, 2019. If you have not been there before, aside from wonderful food and whimsical menu (all dishes are named after famous individuals associated with the holidays), the restaurant is decorated as a winter wonderland. Our guest speaker was Nicole Menchise, LILRC Archivist and Professional Archivist Extraordinaire who presented a terrific program entitled, *The Complete Guide to Internships for Academic and Special Library Professionals*. We also had a trivia contest which showed the outstanding knowledge these professionals possess. It was truly an enjoyable afternoon event.

### DASL HONORS ONE OF ITS OWN: CHRISTINA MONTELLA

Christina Montella née Rivera was honored recently by DASL President Bruce Seger for her years of service to the Division. Christina served multiple terms as DASL Treasurer but she was so much more than our Treasurer. Christina was an integral part of everything DASL. She would often assist as Secretary at meetings, she helped coordinate our schedule of meetings and events and regularly updated our web presence. She also helped promote and coordinate all of our events and speaker presentations. Christina's day job was LILRC Special Projects Librarian and she coordinated LILRC programs as well.

### DASL PRESIDENT BRUCE SEGER AUTHORS HISTORICAL NOVEL

Our President Professor Bruce Seger has indeed had an exciting and eventful 2019. Besides his usual busy schedule, he has authored a book entitled *Matters of Life and Death: the Remarkable Journey of Dr. Philip Merkle* which was recently published. For more information about the book and availability, click [here](#) or visit all fine online commercial book vendors. Several outstanding published authors have praised the manuscript, such as:

- Marshall Goldsmith, New York Times award winning and #1 bestselling author of *Triggers*, *Mojo* and *what got you here won't get you there*, stated "*Matters of Life and Death* aptly draws the reader into 19<sup>th</sup> century life in America. Throughout the work, the author's knowledge of leadership is portrayed by the main character whose undertakings display and educate through his exemplary actions".
- Dr. Barbara A. Trautlein, bestselling author of *Change Intelligence: Use the Power of CQ to Lead Change that Sticks*, stated that *Matters of Life and Death* offers a "superb depiction of 19<sup>th</sup> century New York City and vivid descriptions of the relentless leadership of Philip Merkle. His actions seeking equality and inclusion, wonderfully portrayed by the author, pulls the reader into the scenes and actions as the main character pursues his visions".
- Marianne Lamonaca, author/editor of *Liberty, Equality and Fraternity*, and Chief Curator and Associate Gallery Director, Bard Graduate Center, commented that *Matters of Life and Death* is "a compelling intermingling of fiction and non-fiction which relates a treasure trove of insightful information about the fascinating life of Philip Merkle in an eventful historical setting".



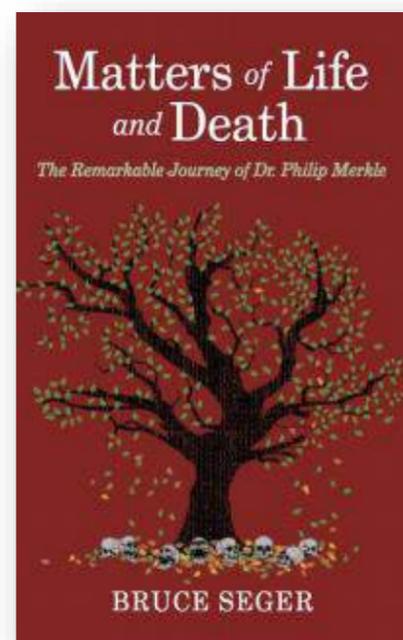
RECENT PRESENTATION BY NICOLE MENCHISE AT THE DASL ANNUAL LUNCHEON



NICOLE MENCHISE, KRISTEN CINAR, FABIO MONTELLA, DEBORAH PROVENZANO, BRUCE SEGER, KEITH PARDINI, JOAN COOK, SALLY STIEGLITZ



HUSBAND & LIBRARY PROFESSOR FABIO MONTELLA, CHRISTINA MONTELLA, BRUCE SEGER



## SCLA COMMITTEE *ELSA*

### Excellence in Library Service Award

KATE REGINA

For those who couldn't attend this year's Annual Dinner at the Long Island Aquarium, the members of the ELSA Committee would like to announce the winner of this year's Excellence in Library Service Award. As usual, it was a tough decision, but Martha Mikkleson of Patchogue-Medford Public Library ultimately took the honor. Worth mentioning however, are our three runners up:

Lisa Bondy, Smithtown Library-Nesconset Branch  
Cynthia Doherty, Brentwood Public Library  
Jesse Faigenbaum, Cold Spring Harbor Library

Let's hear it for such wonderful folk who make our library community extra special!



#### SCLA LIAISON *CLASC*

*Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County*

CAITLIN SEMPOWICH

##### **Quail Egg Hatching Training Program**

Friday, January 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

SCLS Auditorium

Are you interested in starting an incubation program at your library? Join CLASC and the Center for Environmental Education and Discovery (CEED) to learn about hatching Bobwhite Quail eggs at your library. A natural tick predator, the quail incubation and conservation project may contribute to controlling the tick population on Long Island. Chicks are returned to CEED for release into the wild.

Free for CLASC and SCLA members, \$15 for non-members.

- To register, email Caitlin Sempowich at [csempowich@cshlibrary.org](mailto:csempowich@cshlibrary.org).
- Payments may be made [here](#) via PayPal.
- Checks may be payable to CLASC and mailed to:  
Cold Spring Harbor Library  
ATTN: Caitlin Sempowich  
95 Harbor Road  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

#### SCLA COMMITTEE *LDA AWARD*

*Library Directory Associates Award*

PAULA BORNSTEIN

##### **Call for Nominations: LDA Library Award 2020**

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 emailed 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 23. LDA Library Award Committee members will select the best candidate, and the award will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference on May 14, 2020.

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

#### SCLA LIAISON *LILRC*

*Long Island Library Resources Council*

TIM SPINDLER

Happy New Year from all of us at LILRC! We have many exciting, new programs planned for early 2020. Registration for all events can be found [here](#).

##### **Growing More Library Gardening Programs with Cornell Cooperative Extension**

Thursday, January 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

SCLS Auditorium

This ALL NEW workshop with Dr. Roxanne Zimmer, will offer an exciting presentation of new and interesting programs for your patrons.

##### **Effective Communication Strategies: Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors in the Library**

Thursday, January 16, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SCLS Auditorium

This presentation from Alzheimer's Association, Long Island Chapter, will offer guidance on how to best serve patrons with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

##### **3D Design & Modeling with TinkerCAD**

Thursday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SCLS Training Room

Students will learn how to design and create 3D models using the online application called TinkerCAD. Students will initially work from scratch and work with the axial work plane to develop their own design and learn to craft and model from select objects within the system.

##### **3D Printing with TinkerCAD**

Thursday, February 13, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

SCLS Training Room

Students will learn how to use TinkerCAD to design and develop 3D objects. Students will focus on various 3D printing choices, learn proper design techniques to prepare their model for 3D printing and discuss options for exporting to a printer.

SCLA COMMITTEE LILC

# Long Island Library Conference

BRIAN ADAMS

## May 14, 2020

Registration begins January 1, 2020

Take advantage of early bird pricing through March 6, 2020:

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>Regular</u>
NCLA & SCLA members*:	\$60.00	\$70.00
Non-member:	\$80.00	\$90.00
Student:	\$30.00	\$40.00
Same day registration:	\$120.00	

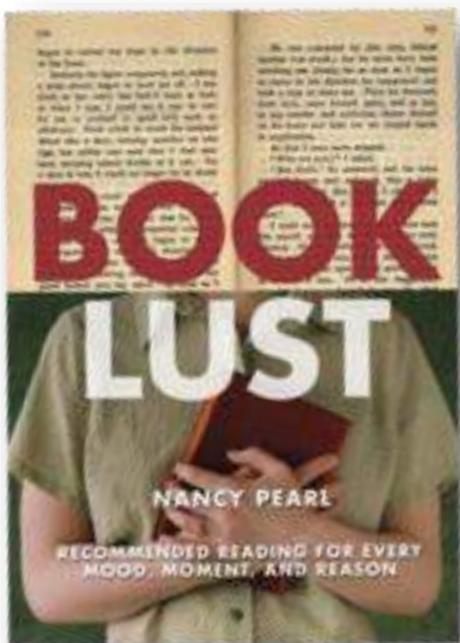
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We are delighted to announce that author, literary critic and “America’s Librarian”, Nancy Pearl, will be the keynote speaker for the 2020 Long Island Library Conference at the Melville Marriott on May 14, 2020.

Nancy Pearl regularly speaks about the importance and pleasure of reading at libraries, literacy organizations and community groups around the world. She can be found on NPR’s Morning Edition and other news outlets talking about her favorite books. Among her many honors are the 2011 Librarian of the Year Award from the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association. Nancy is the creator of the internationally-recognized program *If All of Seattle Read the Same Book*, and was the inspiration for the Archeon McPhee “Librarian Action Figure”.

Nancy is, first and foremost, a reader and has spent her life promoting reading as one of the most beneficial and joyful experiences anyone can have.



For more information on the 2020 Long Island Library Conference, click [here](#).