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## STEVE ALCALDE, SCLA PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues,

As summer comes to an end and we move into the final stretch of 2020, I just wanted to take a moment and remind the librarians and library support staff of Suffolk County that SCLA remains in your corner. As always, we are hard at work developing new methods of professional development and networking opportunities for our membership.

This year was a difficult one. The loss of everyday familiarity and normalcies were a large cost paid by all, both professionally and personally. But, as is our way, we come together, share and adapt, finding new and innovative ways to meet the needs of our communities at large on a daily basis. I am excited to see what the incoming Board has in store for 2021, and look forward to being a part of everything we achieve moving forward.

As always, please visit SCLA's [website](#), [Facebook](#) page and listserv to keep up to date with upcoming events and news, and never hesitate to contact me at [steven@myrml.org](mailto:steven@myrml.org) with any questions, concerns or suggestions on how we can make SCLA an even more useful resource for library staff across the County.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone for a year that, although may not quite have gone as we once may have expected, was still filled with productivity and growth. This truly was a wonderful experience and I am honored to have been a part of it.

Your SCLA President,  
Steve Alcalde

# COMPUTER & TECHNICAL SERVICES

ALISON MIRABELLA, CATS PRESIDENT

## CATS/TIF Annual Meeting

Join us Wednesday, December 9th at 10:00 AM for the CATS/TIF Annual Meeting, featuring virtual guest speaker Rob Thomson-NSW State Manager of the Australian Library and Information Association!

This program will be held via Zoom. Register [here](#) for the link to participate.



## CONTINUING EDUCATION

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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/programming ideas.

## Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award



The **Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award** recognizes exceptional achievement in library outreach services in Suffolk County, a commission of the Outreach Committee of the Reference and Adult Services Division of the Suffolk County Library Association, a Regional Chapter of the New York Library Association.

Please contact  
[alodolce@isliplibrary.org](mailto:alodolce@isliplibrary.org) and  
[cmontazem@gmail.com](mailto:cmontazem@gmail.com)  
to apply and submit.

### What is the purpose of the SLEOA Award?

The **Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award** recognizes the achievements of a librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, and implementation of outreach services in the local community.

### Who is Eligible?

Any public or academic librarian in Suffolk County may submit an application describing outreach endeavors between October 1, 2019 and October 1, 2020.

## LONG ISLAND LIBRARY PRIDE ALLIANCE

CO-CHAIRS/NCLA: VALERIE ACKLIN & JODY RUGGIERO

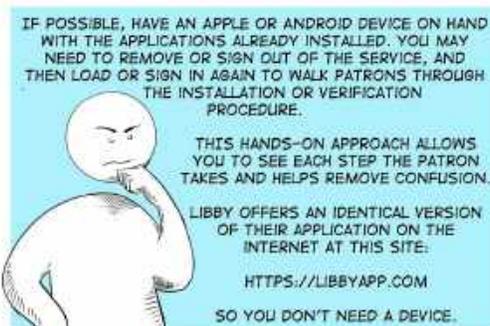
CO-CHAIRS/SCLA: DEREK IVIE & NOLA THACKER

The Long Island Library Pride Alliance is so pleased to have been made official in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties earlier this year! As an introduction we are holding a LILPA Coming Out on October 8th at 2:00 PM where those who are interested in becoming a part of the bi-county committee can meet the co-chairs and share ideas about what they would like us to offer. There may even be a fun surprise or two!

To register for this virtual meeting, please click [here](#) to fill out the form. LILPA will end the year by releasing a list of our most highly recommended 2020 LGBTQ+ titles for libraries to use for collection development, readers advisory, etc. We're looking forward to meeting you!

# Virtual Technology Support

by Stephen Ingram



IT'S ALSO TIME TO REVISIT EACH OF THE APPLICATIONS YOUR LIBRARY SUPPORTS. THERE ARE ALWAYS UPDATES AND CHANGES THAT MAY SURPRISE YOU SINCE YOUR LAST USER EXPERIENCE.

IF YOU STILL ARE HAVING PROBLEMS, THERE IS HOPE.

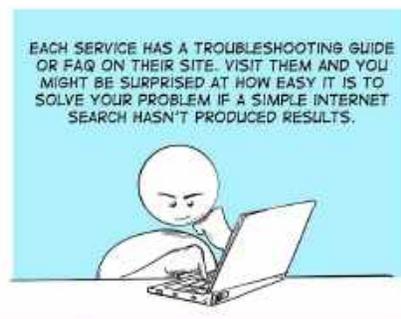


## WEB MASTER STEPHEN INGRAM

How Digital Librarian Stephen Ingram of Northport East-Northport Public Library is combating the virtual tech questions users are faced with- in a fun, talented and engaging way!



MORE THAN LIKELY, YOU HAVE A STAFF MEMBER THAT IS AN AVID USER OF A PARTICULAR SERVICE. ASK THEM FOR HELP AND ADVICE.



YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE CATS (COMPUTERS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES) DIVISION OF SCLA AND PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THEIR VIRTUAL TIF/NCLA ZOOM TECHNOLOGY MEETINGS. THE TIF (TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION FORUM) OF CATS ALSO HAS A TECHNOLOGY LISTSERV FOR FOCUSED TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS.

HOPE YOU FOUND THIS INFORMATION HELPFUL AND PLEASE SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN.



# TRIVIA CHALLENGE

PETER WARD, BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

THIS EDITION'S QUESTION:

*In the world of medieval Europe, these people were the librarians of the day:*

1. Monks
2. Knights
3. Peasants
4. Royalty

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

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

## YOUNG ADULT SERVICES DIVISION CARISSE BORMANN, YASD PRESIDENT

Our teen librarians were hard at work trying to provide the best virtual summer reading we could to our patrons over the past few months. We've all experienced programs and make-and-takes that worked and some that didn't. Based on what our libraries across Long Island have asked for, we decided to host a Zoom meeting on this very subject.

Held on Thursday, October 1, we discussed amazing craft kits that worked, as well as provided ideas for community service kits. We had a panel of teen librarians from Long Island, Michigan, Florida and more to participate and share what worked for their teens.

## DONNA ROSENBLUM, RETIRED NASSAU LIBRARIAN KITS FOR REASON TO SMILE CHARITY



## JAMES RICHESON, HUNTINGTON LIBRARY





**2020 SCLA SCHOLARSHIP:  
PREPARING NEW LIBRARIANS  
HAS BEEN AWARDED TO  
MELISSA WILSON**

When I began my work in libraries as a page more than 6.5 years ago, I did not truly grasp the scope and impact of librarianship. Through interactions with my librarian coworkers in adult reference while I was the administrative assistant at Rogers Memorial Library, I realized the myriad positive effects the library has on the community. I recognized the essential role libraries fill in our society. My own interests particularly focused on providing adult outreach services to patrons who have difficulty accessing library resources, including patrons who are disabled, as well as the elusive “new adult” (18-30) demographic. I chose to pursue a master’s of Library and Information Science at the State University of New York at Buffalo from a desire to contribute to and expand existing efforts. Education has and will allow me to actively and effectively provide library services to all.

Excitingly, I was hired as Outreach and Reference Librarian Trainee at Rogers Memorial Library in October 2019. In addition to the thrill of managing the area in which I was already interested, my position also offers invaluable opportunities to apply concepts from my classes to practice in real time. For example, I formulated numerous ideas I hope to use for new adult outreach through projects completed in my classes, and researched providing reference to under-served populations. This directly benefits the patrons I serve in my outreach role and my library. I will carry the ideas and principles I learn in school forward with me throughout my career, which will benefit the library profession as a whole.

The principles of librarianship are of utmost importance to me. Through education, I will appreciate them more deeply, and benefit both my own library and the larger library world in the process.

**SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION  
CELIA VOLLMER, SSD PRESIDENT**

The SSD Annual Meeting & Safety Conference will be virtual this year. SSD will offer a series of safety workshops each week in October.

The first workshop will feature Jessica Price, *Connections in COVID*.

During the last week of October, Brian Schwartz will host a Safety Trivia program.

There will be PRIZES for first, second and third place! Join us!



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*Empire State*  
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**PLDA is asking you for your help!**

Our Goal is to raise \$5,000 to support the New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC. We can do it!

We appreciate you and your support. We look forward to seeing those numbers rise and meeting our goal.

# LONG ISLAND LIBRARY RESOURCES COUNCIL

## FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS

Check out the latest LILRC programs for Fall and Winter 2020. We are pleased to offer a wide variety of continuing education opportunities to our library community. All of our programs continue to be virtual and event recordings are available under the “Members Only” tab on our website. Registration for all events can be found [here](#).

25th Annual Archives Conference: Collecting and Preserving the Stories of U.S. Veterans  
October 05, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

29th Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future: Diversity  
Democracy, Engagement  
October 09, 2020 / 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Diversity and Inclusion in 2020: Part 2 - Effective Programming  
October 13, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Librarians Are Teachers: Applying Theory to Help Adults Learn  
October 13, 2020 / 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Making Space for Self: Developing Emotional Intelligence Skills in the Workplace  
October 14, 2020 / 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Preparing Youth for College, Career and Beyond  
October 15, 2020 / 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Mental Health Challenges and Disorders in Youth  
October 19, 2020 / 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Planning a Successful Giving Day: How to Get Started with Fundraising  
October 20, 2020 / 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sagamore Hill: A Look at the Historic Furnishing Plan  
October 22, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Coffee+Conversation: Social Media Librarians Virtual Meetup  
October 22, 2020 / 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Graphic Design with Canva & LucidPress  
October 23, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Researching Government Information with Georgina Martorella  
October 28, 2020 / 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Effective Project Management  
November 17, 2020 / 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Working with LGBTQ Individuals  
November 17, 2020 / 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Recruiting for Diversity with Loida Garcia-Febo  
November 20, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

How to Build an Anti-Bias Library  
December 2, 2020 / 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Reach Your Patrons: Creating a Coordinated Library Marketing Plan  
December 10, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

## LET'S GET TOGETHER, VIRTUALLY!

Are you looking for ways to connect with library friends? Are you looking for a night of gut-busting fun? Well look no further. Join SCLA members on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM for some good, wholesome fun. More details will be sent through the SCLA listserv as the date approaches.



# REMEMBERING VINCENT P. RODGERS

Vincent P. Rodgers of Selden passed away suddenly on September 15, 2020. He was born in Flushing on July 17, 1960 to the late Philip and Charlotte Rodgers and was predeceased by his brothers William and Richard. He is survived by his beloved siblings Philip Jr. (Jeannette), Kathleen, Robert (Kathleen), Eileen, Maureen, James (Debra), Kevin (Frances), Margaret (Larry), Michael (Denise), Gerard (Peggy) and Mary Ellen (Bruce). Also surviving is Linda, adored widow of Billy. He was a proud uncle who doted on his many nieces and nephews, among them his godchildren Nicole, Annie and Christian.

Vincent was a long-time employee of the Longwood Public Library and a former member of the Selden Fire Department. Vinny was a long time member of SCLA and a lifelong supporter of libraries. He served as President of the SSD for many years.

He was an avid traveler and devoted fan of the NY Jets and NY Yankees. Vincent will be forever remembered for his abundant love for his family and friends.



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