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SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A Regional Chapter of the New York Library Association



Ally Mercado, SCLA President

Hi Members,

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all who attended our May Virtual Professional Development Series that was cosponsored with the Nassau County Library Association and the Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County. We had record meeting attendance thanks to all of you.

I'd also like to thank all of our divisions that sponsored programs. We have a large pool of talent within our Long Island library community and it was incredible to see great information being shared.

I wish everyone luck getting through our busy Summer Reading Club season. Libraries come alive in such a special way in July and August.

Please save the date for our Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner which is set for Thursday, October 21 at the Mansion at West Sayville.

With gratitude,
Ally Mercado
SCLA President

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CATS Mid-Annual Speaker: Scott Jarzombeck
Wednesday, August 4, 10:00am | Register [HERE](#)

Join us in August on Zoom for our mid-annual speaker talk. Scott Jarzombeck, Executive Director of the Albany Public Library, will be discussing the state of technology in libraries before the pandemic shutdown; the steps, challenges, and successes the library had in preparing staff for the new technological demands; and what lies ahead in the future.

Reference and Adult Services Division

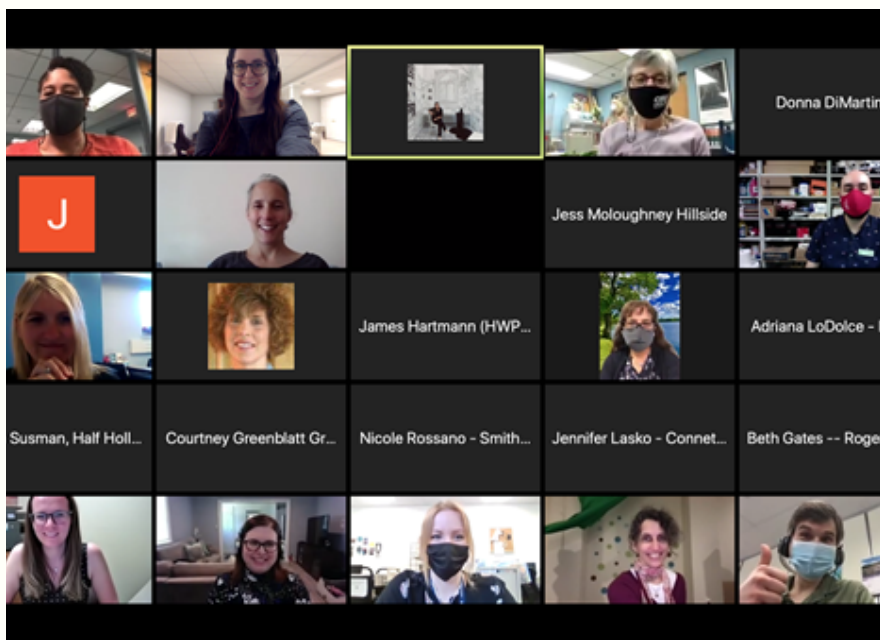
Rachel Cecchini, RASD President

Happy summer, everyone! We're all ready to get outside and enjoy our favorite seasonal activities. Take some time to reconnect with friends and family and reignite your hobbies and interests. Visit your local library and get acquainted with any community happenings. Whatever you do, make it fun!

Thank you to everyone who attended an RASD sponsored program at the SCLA, NCLA, & CLASC Professional Development series offered this May. We had 129 attendees at our programs and hope that everyone enjoyed their experience.

On June 7th, our PR and Marketing Committee co-hosted a program with NCLA's RASD Division. The program, "Ready or Not, Welcome Back! Plan an Effective Marketing Campaign to Draw Patrons Back Into Your Library," was presented by Kathy Dempsey, co-author of *The Accidental Library Marketer*. There were 71 attendees and keynotes from the program can be found here: <https://rasdpr.wordpress.com/minutes/> The Committee will be hosting a roundtable meeting on September 23rd via Zoom. Participants will discuss the pandemic-related changes in libraries that are worth keeping post-pandemic.

The Reader's Advisory Committee will be meeting on September 23rd to discuss books related to Hispanic Heritage Month. The meeting will take place at 10:00AM via Zoom.



"Be Our Guest at the Desk," May 18, 2021. Part of the SCLA Professional Development Series.

The Outreach Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award. Any public or academic librarian in Suffolk County may submit an application on behalf of a library describing outreach endeavors that took place at that library between October 1, 2020 and October 1, 2021. The deadline to submit an application for the 2021 SLEOA is Friday, October 15, 2021. Completed applications and supporting documentation must be emailed to alodolce@isliplibrary.org and cmontazem@gmail.com.



Our Members at Large are in the process of planning our annual luncheon. It will take place in the fall so be on the lookout this summer for the Save the Date. Check out the RASD website for more information regarding programs and other resources.

Have a wonderful summer! We'll see you in the fall at our luncheon.

Continuing Education Committee

Teri Hatred



The Continuing Education Committee keeps a record of programs hosted by SCLA and its divisions. If you need a report of the programs you have attended you can request a report by emailing sclshr@suffolknet.org.

The report is dependent on receiving attendance sheets from the hosting group and may not be complete at the time of your request. Please remember to keep track of all programs you've attended, and simply use the report as a tool.

If you have ideas for future programming please email them to sclshr@suffolknet.org for consideration.

Scholarship Committee

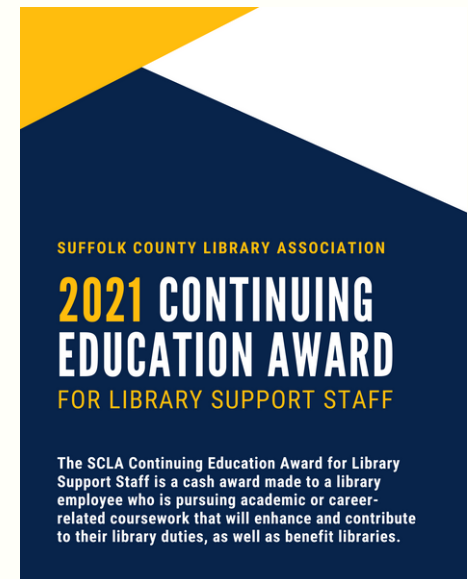
Emma Lodato, Bayport -Bluepoint Public Library

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the following two awards:

2021 SCLA Scholarship: Preparing New Librarians - Due September 1

2021 Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff - Due September 15

To learn more, visit the SCLA [website](#). Applications and instructions may be downloaded via the SCLA website or requested directly from the Committee Chairperson.



Support Staff Division

Roni Rouch, SSD President

After a long several months we are starting to be active, although we are still virtual, for now.

Our computer class this August is Making Greeting Cards on Canva. It shall prove to be an interesting class.

We have our 4th Annual Safety Conference in October. We have several speakers lined up and we are doing a virtual Trivia Contest, with prizes, with Brian Schwartz.

All are welcome to join in any of our programs. Just follow the link to Registration. I hope to see many of you there.

Last Call for Nominations!



Do you have a colleague who deserves to be recognized by the SCLA? A unsung hero that you feel should be thanked for going above and beyond at your library? Then wait no longer to make sure the Excellence in Library Service award committee know about this person.

All award nominations, including form found on the SCLA website and letters of recommendation are due to Kate Regina c/o West Babylon Library by July 31st. If you are sending via system or postal mail and unsure of getting it to me in time, just shoot me an email at elsacommittee@hotmail.com to let me know, and I'll make sure to keep an eye out for it as a submission.

Legislative Committee

Samantha Alberts

This last year of advocacy was extremely successful as far as funding for libraries and other legislative initiatives. We still need to continue to grow our support with our representatives in Albany so we can continue the positive momentum for library funding. **Please save the dates and consider attending some of these legislative events.**

Library Directory Associates Award

Paula Bornstein, LDA Award Chair

On April 27th, after a long delay, the 2020 and 2021 LDA Library Awards were presented at a virtual ceremony hosted by Dr. Art Friedman of the Nassau County Community College Library.

Trina Reed, director of the Levittown Public Library, received the 2020 award. Her accomplishments include participation and leadership roles in several NLS and NCLA committees -- Member Library Directors, Reinvention, Civil Service, and Central Advisory are a few of the many. Also, she has successfully completed a variety of construction projects as an administrator in several libraries.

Neely McCahey, director of the Sachem Public Library, received the 2021 award. Her accomplishments include the expansion of developing and publishing library materials, partnering with Suffolk County elected officials to present a variety of services to the public, and providing an outstanding library collection and programming selections to the community.

Thank you to all of our supporters. We hope to present the 2022 LDA Library Award in person at the Long Island Library Conference.

PLDA's Empire State Libraries Fundraiser - Golf & Dinner is scheduled for September 27, 2021. Tickets are now available by clicking [here](#)

The following events are currently in the planning stages, and as information becomes available it will be posted on the SCLA Listserv. **Please save the dates:**

- Legislative Breakfast - Friday, October 1, 2021

- NYLA's Advocacy Day 2022 will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022



Trina Reed, Levittown Public Library



Neely McCahey, Sachem Public Library

JULY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Peter Ward, Brentwood Public Library

According to Ishmael's method of cataloging whales in Chapter 32 of Moby-Dick, whales are categorized as if they were:

- a. Fish
- b. Human beings
- c. Ideas
- d. Books

Please submit your answers to Lauren Strong
lauren.strong@riverheadlibrary.org
Winners will be announced in the next newsletter

Young Adult Services Division

Charlotte Buckleman, Lindenhurst Memorial Library



Hello from YASD! In April, we had our Nassau and Suffolk YASD Annual Joint Meeting where Leah Topek-Walker, LCSW-R from Stony Brook University and her students presented on mental health resources, homelessness, anxiety during COVID-19 and drug abuse. We also awarded the winner for our Nassau and Suffolk B.E.S.T. Award. In May, we teamed up with Nassau YASD again and hosted Manga and Anime 101 as part of the Virtual Professional Development Series. Presenters Patrick Risolo and James Grzybowski discussed popular manga and anime, age appropriateness and anime and manga programming. Coming up in September, we will be hosting Treasure or Trash: Summer Programming What Worked and What Didn't? We hope to see you there!

Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Erin Kanelos, CLASC President

On April 14th, we held our Spring Annual Meeting where we installed our new officers and featured a discussion with special guest Salina Yoon. Salina Yoon is an author, illustrator and the Summer Reading Program 2021 artist. It was fascinating to listen to her speak about her work and what it was like to grow past her comfort zone and illustrate for teens and adults when working with CSLP.

Congratulations to Samantha Cribbins, our new Member-at-Large in charge of Library Practices; and Justine Rivera, our new Member-at-Large for our newsletters - CLASC is so happy to have you on the board! Special thanks to Kim McCarthy, our outgoing Member-at-Large in charge of Library Practices, and Jackie DeStefano, our outgoing Member-at-Large in charge of our newsletters. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to CLASC has been truly appreciated these past years!

On September 13th, we will welcome author Lisa Fipps to our book discussion group for her novel in verse, *Starfish*. Flyer with registration details coming soon - we hope to see you there!



Long Island Library Pride Alliance Committee

Co-Chairs/NCLA: Valerie Acklin and Jody Ruggiero

Co-Chairs/SCLA: Derek Ivie and Nola Thacker



The Long Island Library Pride Alliance paired up with NCLA's Pop Culture Committee and presented a workshop on Tuesday, June 22nd called "Queer Content for All Ages". The group welcomed the creator of the online education series *Queer Kid Stuff* Lindz Amer, adult creative nonfiction author Lori Soderlind, and young adult novelist Robin Talley. The three speakers shared their thoughts on how they got started, how they approach the creation of their art, and the importance of queer representation for people of all ages. Looking to the future, LILPA will be welcoming Kristin Pekoll from ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom on Tuesday, September 14th. She will share what the OIF is all about and how librarians can handle challenges to their collections. In October, LILPA will hold another session of the LILPA Book Club where they will discuss *Alice Isn't Dead* by Joseph Fink.

Long Island Library Resources Council

Summer Programs

LILRC is offering a full range of virtual continuing education programs this summer! Please join us for those listed below and continue to check out our email blasts and website (lilrc.org/events) as new programs are added regularly.

Monday, July 12, 1:30pm
Curious About CONTENTdm?

Wednesday, July 14, 2:00pm
**The Sea We Swim In: How Stories Work in a Data-Driven World
with Author Frank Rose**

Thursday, July 15, 1:30pm
New! Accessing Archives Pilot Project Information Session

Tuesday, July 20, 11:00am
Fostering a Culture of Creativity in Libraries

Wednesday July 21, 11:00am
**Letter to a Young Female Physician: Dr. Suzanne Koven in
Conversation with Roxana Robinson**

Thursday, July 22, 11:00am
Miracle Museum (Product information program)

Tuesday July 27, 11:00am
**How to Address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Your Coding
Program**

Wednesday, August 11, 3:00pm
Coffee+Conversation: Social Media Librarians Virtual Meetup

Thursday, August 12, 10:30am
Digitization and Innovation Grant Information Session

Friday, August 27, 10:00am
**VR and Mixed Reality Series: Introduction to Mixed Reality and
Virtual Reality (Beginner Program)**



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