

APRIL 2022

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

*A Regional Chapter of the New York Library Association*



*Carisse Mitchell, SCLA President*

Colleagues,

In order to have more autonomy over our membership, financials, and CEU opportunities SCLA is actively looking to separate from NYLA. SCLA believes in being a resource for all members, and we believe that we will be able to do that more efficiently being our own organization. This will be a long process and the SCLA Board will keep our members informed along the way. At this time we are asking all people interested in SCLA membership, either renewing or joining to please use this [link](#) or to email [SCLAmembershipLI@gmail.com](mailto:SCLAmembershipLI@gmail.com).

Additionally, please feel free to reach out to me at [cmitchell@wbpl.us](mailto:cmitchell@wbpl.us) with any other questions. I look forward to the new future of SCLA.

Best,  
Carisse Mitchell  
SCLA President 2022

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### **SSD:**

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### **YASD:**

Ericka Irish, Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

### **Newsletter:**

Lauren Strong, Riverhead Free Library

The Suffolk County Library Association stands in solidarity with our colleagues in Ukraine and Europe. As information professionals we are committed to working together to ensure that complete and factual information is freely available to everyone. We condemn any action against freedom of access to knowledge, freedom of expression and access to technology.

# Reference and Adult Services Division

Salvatore J. Filosa, *RASD President*

## Long Island Reads

This year's Long Island Reads event honoring Ellen Feldman for *The Living and the Lost* will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 2pm. It will be simultaneously held in-person at Plainview-Old Bethpage Library and streamed via Crowdcast. Registration for in-person tickets and the Crowdcast link will be available on April 1 on the Long Island Reads [website](#). In-person attendees will be required to show proof of vaccination at the door along with their ticket.



## Will Your Library Take Home the Suffolk Library Marketing Award this Year?

It's time to start planning for the 2022 Suffolk Library Marketing Award. Winners receive recognition among their peers and take home the SLMA trophy and plaque to proudly display in their library. The Suffolk Library Marketing Award recognizes the Best Public Relations Marketing Campaign by a Public or Academic Library in Suffolk County. Download an application, view past campaigns, meeting minutes and learn about our upcoming meetings at [rasdpr.wordpress.com](http://rasdpr.wordpress.com).

## Professional Development Opportunities

Is 2022 the year you get more involved in your profession?

The PR & Marketing Committee is looking for new Co-Chairs. A commission of RASD, the committee was founded over ten years ago to assist those in libraries who work on publicity and marketing of library programs and services. Each year the committee presents awards to the best public marketing campaign in Suffolk County. Visit our website to see all the wonderful work that your colleagues have done over the years [rasdpr.wordpress.com](http://rasdpr.wordpress.com). Chairpersons sit on the RASD Board. For more information contact Jo-Ann Carhart at [jcarhart@optonline.net](mailto:jcarhart@optonline.net).

For more information about all RASD happenings, check out our [website](#)!

If there are ways that you believe this division can better suit your needs or if you have any questions, please reach out to me at [sal@portjefflibrary.org](mailto:sal@portjefflibrary.org).

# Computer and Technical Services Division

Anthony Giansante, *CATS President*

On December 9th, 2021, CATS hosted Maxine Bleiweis. The former library director and winner of the ALA's Charlie Robinson Award for Innovative Leadership, gave a very thought-provoking engaging seminar titled "Risky Behavior in a Public Library, or, How Saying "Yes" Mostly Turned Out Okay.

On May 3rd, CATS will be hosting a Technology Petting Zoo at SCLS. During this free program we will exchange ideas and information about the latest in technology, STEAM programming/activities, services, and lending for all ages. Interested Suffolk and Nassau libraries are asked to run a table to show off equipment, devices, materials, programs, and ideas. Participating Libraries are asked to bring devices/products/items for demonstration and provide handouts, informational materials, lending guidelines, and/or program outlines as it applies to what you are demonstrating.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

2022 SCLA Scholarship: Preparing New Librarians - Due September 1

2022 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.



## ELSA Committee

*Kate Regina- West Babylon Public Library*



As spring arrives so does another exciting period of the year. Starting April 1, nominations for this year's Excellence in Library Service Award are open. We all would love to hear about the men and women of our libraries that have gone above and beyond in their jobs, improving our library world one minute, one book, one patron, one community at a time. So, grab the nominating form off the SCLA website, fill it out, gather at least two letters of recommendation of 250 words or more from coworkers, patrons, and community folk, and submit everything before the deadline of July 31, 2022.

Can't wait to see the latest round of awesome people!

# Support Staff Division

*Katherine Regina , SSD President*

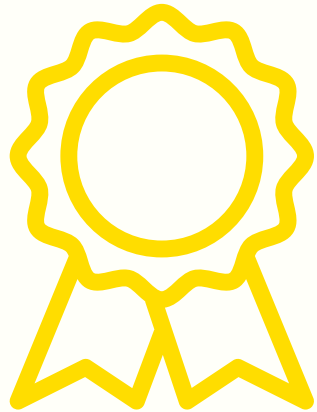
The Support Staff Division will be hosting an Earth Day program featuring gardening and seed libraries. It will on Friday, April 22 on Zoom in place of our monthly meeting from 2-3:30 pm. Some of your favorite library workers from member libraries will be speaking about programs already in place at various libraries throughout Suffolk County to share the benefits and lessons learned of the seed libraries in our communities. We hope SSD members and non-members alike will join us. Each attendee will receive a special box with seeds, and surprises after the program through system to thank you for supporting us and these ideas.

More information to follow.



## Library Directory Associates Award

*Paula Bornstein, LDA Award Chair*



There's still time to nominate a worthy individual for the 2022 LDA Library Award. Each year, since 1978, someone in the library field from Suffolk and Nassau counties has been awarded this prestigious prize. This year, maybe it will be someone that you know! Show your support for the libraries of Long Island. Simply download the application from the SCLA website, [scla.net/awards/](http://scla.net/awards/), fill it out, and send with the requested nomination materials to Maryanne Linehan, the NCLA LDA Library Award committee chair, by March 31st. The award will be presented virtually on May 12, 2022.

## APRIL TRIVIA CHALLENGE

*Peter Ward, Brentwood Public Library*

**Sustainability is concerned with:**

- A. The Environment
- B. Economics
- C. Social Equity
- D. All of the above

Please submit your answers to Lauren Strong  
[lauren.strong@riverheadlibrary.org](mailto:lauren.strong@riverheadlibrary.org)  
Winners will be announced in the next newsletter



**January Winner**



# Young Adult Services Division

Erika Irish, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

YASD had our meet the board meeting in January. Topics discussed were hybrid programming, community service, how our in-person programming is going, subscription boxes and offsite programs.

We held our annual Fran Romer Memorial Booktalk Workshop on March 31, 2022. This year we were joined by Eric Smith, author of *Don't Read the Comments*

Our joint meeting with Nassau will be on April 21st, we will be giving out the B.E.S.T award at this meeting. The speaker for this meeting will be Julie Buxbaum. More information to follow.



## Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Erin Kanelos, CLASC President

Things have been busy here at CLASC!



On March 7, we held our Celine Liefbrig New Book Seminar, where we discussed the Stonewall Award winner *Too Bright to See*, by Kyle Lukoff. We were joined by the group FReedom which protests the censorship of books. Thank you to all who attended.

On April 6th, we were joined at our Spring Annual Dinner by author Beth Ferry as she discussed her books, including *Stick and Stone*, *Scarecrow*, *Swashby and the Sea*, her newly released *No Nibbling*, and many others. Thank you to all of those who came, and congratulations to our newly elected (or reelected) board members! Lauren Scottaline will be CLASC President going forward, and I know CLASC will continue to achieve amazing things with her at the helm.

On May 25, Islip Library will host our next Celine Liefbrig New Book Seminar, and author Terri Libenson will join us as we discuss her new book, *Remarkably Ruby*. To sign up, visit: <https://bit.ly/3txP14C>

Save the Date! We are excited to announce that on October 13, we will be bringing back the Fall Youth Literature Conference as an in-person event, featuring authors Rita Williams-Garcia and Bob Shea. Look for full brochures in the coming weeks.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information, or to join as a member.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

## Long Island Library Pride Alliance Committee

Co-Chairs/NCLA: Valerie Acklin and Jody Ruggiero

Co-Chairs/SCLA: Derek Ivie and Nola Thacker

There is still time to register to hear from author and advocate Jodie Patterson on Thursday, April 14th at 2PM. This meeting will be held in person in the SCLS Auditorium.

Please see the attached flyer for more details regarding this SCLS/LILPA co-sponsored event.

# Long Island Library Resources Council

## LILRC Services Spotlight: Accessing Archives Pilot Program

This program provides historical societies and museums an opportunity to improve access to archival collections. LILRC Project Archivist, Robert Anen, assists member institutions in providing archival services such as processing and housing a collection or defined body of materials. Member historical societies, museums, and libraries can apply for the services of the project archivist. Priority will be given to those institutions that have a well defined project which can generally be completed within a two month period.

For information on these services contact Robert Anen at [ranen@lilrc.org](mailto:ranen@lilrc.org) and be sure to visit our Member Services page to check out the full range of services available through LILRC.



## Upcoming Programs- April/May Highlights!

Friday, April 22, 1:00pm Reducing Stress, Improving Mental Health

Thursday, April 28, 1:00pm LILRC Special Collections Discussion Group - Reconstructing Accessions

Monday, May 9, 11:00am Wildlife Programs for Underserved Communities (Children's Services)

Tuesday, May 10, 2:00pm Astrobiology for the Incarcerated: Bringing Transformational Science into Prisons

Tuesday, May 17, 3:00pm Restart: Designing a Healthy Post-Pandemic Life

Wednesday, May 18, 10:00am Workplace Productivity Skills: Spreadsheets

Friday, May 20, 10:00am Workplace Productivity Skills: Presentation Software