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# SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Hello and Happy New Year!

My name is Colleen Navins and I am the incoming SCLA President for 2024. I am the Head of Teen Services at the Smithtown Library and am eager to have a bright and fulfilling year for all Librarians and Library staff involved in SCLA. I have been part of SCLA for over 6 years and am ready for an exciting Presidency with a wonderful group of professionals and colleagues to support and plan for a great year.

We are kicking off our jam-packed January with great Professional Development Opportunities from several of our Divisions. Please take a look on the SCLA Website for a monthly view of all the programs we have planned for you. Registration is easy and efficient!

The last few months of 2023 were busy and rewarding. We welcomed in our new Division Presidents, kicked off our Co-Sponsored Mentor Program with PLDA and CLASC and shared mindfulness and communication techniques in our Leveled Up Librarians program.

The 2024 Executive Board is prepared to give members a year full of professional development, networking, community service and fun! I am looking forward to meeting and mingling at future SCLA events.

Best,

Colleen Navins

## EXECUTIVE BOARD:

**President:**

Colleen Navins, The Smithtown Library

**Vice President:**

Anthony Giansante, John Jermain Memorial Library

**Secretary:**

Rachel Cecchini, The Smithtown Library

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Carisse Mitchell, West Babylon Public Library

## DIVISION PRESIDENTS:

**CATS:**

Robert Johnson, Emma S. Clark Memorial Library

**DASL:**

Bruce Seger, Suffolk County Community College

**RASD:**

Patricia Cruz, Patchogue-Medford Library

**SSD:**

Kate Regina, Wyandanch Public Library

**YASD:**

Ashley Sabatino, Longwood Public Library

**Newsletter:**

Carole Lingg, Hampton Bays Public Library

# *Computer and Technical Services Division*

Robert Johnson, CATS President

## **It Takes a Village to Run a Division**

Hi Folks! I am the incoming President of the CATS division, Robert Johnson, and I'd like to take this moment to publicly show my appreciation to the board members of the division. This past year was the most eventful year that the CATS division has had on record and this was all due to the hard work of the executive board and members at large. I extend the continued appreciation from all the division members for leading us through such an exciting year and handing over the reins to a very organized and dedicated membership.

It is hard to believe all that was accomplished in 2023. Here is a short recap:

### **“Mixers”**

The division has made great strides to serve the membership and community by offering new and exciting opportunities to network with colleagues from all over the island. These “mixers” throughout the year have been some of the most well attended events in recent history. Hosted at centrally located breweries and ale houses, these outings have proven to be a comfortable and entertaining experience for all who attend.

### **A New Coalition - The EETC!**

Yes! That's right! For the first time in the history of the division, we have added a new coalition! Led by two of our amazing board members, Anthony Giansante and Steve Alcalde, the East End Tech Coalition (EETC) strives to link all IT, Digital Services, and other Technology-Related Library Personnel working in libraries on the East End of Long Island. Please remember to join us at the next EETC meeting, where Nick Tanzi will be speaking on AI in Libraries: Possibilities and Peril - January 16, 2024 - Rogers Memorial Library

### **Technology Information Forum (TIF)**

The purpose of the Technology Information Forum Committee is to serve as a central forum for discussion about all issues related to computers and technology in libraries. That may be the technical definition, but this committee, led by our very own board members, Chris DeCristofaro and Alison Mirabella, continues to be the leader in demonstration and discussion of new technology, maker space innovation and emerging technologies for the library world. Crossing county boundaries, this committee continues to grow well beyond the home base of Suffolk County. Please join us in the conversation and attend one of our monthly meetings.

### **Technical Services Roundtable**

Giving new life to the Technical Services Roundtable, our board members, Debbie Antolini and Roseann Mammina, continue to organize engaging and thoughtful discussions for the community. The Technical Services Round Table is a great opportunity for anyone involved with technical services duties to come together and share techniques, strategies, and procedures related to ordering, processing, cataloging, and securing library materials. Please check [scla.net/cats](http://scla.net/cats) for more information.

### **What's next?**

Our incoming board members plan on wasting no time when it comes to offering up even more engaging and exciting content for the community. Please keep an eye on our homepage, [scla.net/cats](http://scla.net/cats) and look for our many upcoming email announcements to keep up with our division.

# Reference and Adult Services Division

Patricia Cruz, RASD President

Hello! My name is Patricia Cruz and I am serving this upcoming year as RASD President. Joining me on the 2024 RASD Board are: Jessica Brown, Vice President/President Elect, Valerie Harrison, Treasurer, Emma Yohannan, Secretary. I look forward to working with them along with our appointed members and the chairpersons of each of our committees. A big thank you to Kelly Filippone, 2023 RASD President, for leading our Division this year!

## RASD Annual Luncheon

RASD held its annual meeting and luncheon at the Brentwood Public Library on December 5th, 2023. Our guest speaker was Kerri Reda from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County who spoke on Caring for Yourself in Stressful Times.

## Public Relations & Marketing

Congratulations to the 2023 SLMA Winners!

The PR & Marketing committee presented the 2023 SLMA (Suffolk Library Marketing Award) at the annual SCLA dinner on October 26. This award recognizes the best public relations campaign done by a public or academic library in Suffolk County. This year's winners are:

- Brentwood Public Library – First Place
- Sachem Public Library – Second Place
- Longwood Public Library – Third Place
- The Smithtown Library – Honorable Mention

Learn more about the SLMA award here:

<https://rasdpr.wordpress.com>

Application materials for the 2024 SLMA will be posted by early summer.

## Upcoming Programs

### Managing Your Library Website with Drupal (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 09, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Join librarians Stephen Ingram and Jim Garvey as they cover the basics of using Drupal, from simple page creation to modifying content and adding media. This software, used by Library Market to develop library-centric websites, is simple to use, with a wide range of capabilities.

### Human Trafficking Prevention with ECLI-VIBES (at SCLS)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a presidentially designated observance created to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. Please join us for a presentation by ECLI-VIBES and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, both members of the Suffolk County Anti-Trafficking Initiative (SCATI), to learn about the prevalence of human trafficking here on Long Island, potential indicators, resources available to the community, as well as ways Suffolk County libraries can work with these organizations on education and prevention efforts.



Be sure to check out all RASD has to offer at [www.scla.net/rasd](http://www.scla.net/rasd)

## Support Services Division

Kate Regina, SSD President



The Support Staff Division is looking for some eager members to help move SSD along in the new year. Open positions within the division include:

- President
- Vice-President/President Elect
- Members-at-Large

If interested in a position or finding out more, email the division secretary [aileen@emmaclark.org](mailto:aileen@emmaclark.org)

## Young Adult Services Division

Ashley Sabatino, YASD President

YASD held our Annual Luncheon featuring author Ryan LaSala on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Toast Coffeehouse in Patchogue. We presented the Teen Librarian Awards to Katie Brand for Most Creative Program, Rachel Cecchini for Most Successful Program, and Katie Brand, Rachel Cecchini, Lindsay Christ, and Colleen Navins for Best Community Service Program. At the Luncheon we recapped this year's programs and successes, introduced the new Board for 2024, and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Ryan LaSala was a truly engaging and dynamic speaker.

YASD will once again host our "Meet the Board" meeting to discuss the upcoming year and find out how to best serve the needs of our teens and librarians on Thursday, January 11th at SCLS. Our Nassau/Suffolk virtual joint meeting will take place in February, where librarians from the Brooklyn Public Library will discuss their Books Unbanned initiative.

## ELSA



The 2023 Excellence in Library Service Award winner is Chance Sevigny from John Jermain Memorial Library. He was celebrated at the SCLA's Annual Dinner in October alongside runner up, Stephen Spataro of East Hampton.

Great job to both and keep up the good work.

## NYLA Advocacy Update:

Whether testifying at committee hearings, meeting with representatives of New York State's Division of Budget, or launching a Take Action campaign demanding increased library funding in Governor Hochul's FY 2025 Executive budget, NYLA is taking steps to keep libraries on the minds of decision-makers heading into the new year.

To help advocates like you keep up to date on the latest in library advocacy news, materials, and opportunities NYLA recently launched its [2024 Legislative Session](#) page. Keep an eye out for regular updates to the page throughout session that will reflect new developments on key issues, as well as additional materials designed to support you in your advocacy efforts. **As a reminder, NYLA's 2024 budget requests and policy initiatives are as follows:**

### Budget:

- Library Operating Aid: \$147.1M
- Library Construction Aid: \$69.4M
- Library Materials Aid: \$11.00/pupil
- NOVELny: \$3M

### Legislative Initiatives:

- Continuation of all unrealized [2023 initiatives](#)
- Preventing bans on library materials, services, and programming

**Take a look at NYLA's upcoming opportunities for community-wide advocacy, including Pre-Advocacy Day, Library Advocacy Day, and Spring on the Hill.**

Pre-Advocacy Day and Library Advocacy Day focus on meeting with legislators and learning the essentials of in-person and digital advocacy, while Spring on the Hill is an opportunity for experienced advocates to further hone their skills. This year's dates are below:

- Library Pre-Advocacy Day: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 – Albany, NY
- Library Advocacy Day: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – Albany, NY
- Spring on the Hill: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – Albany, NY

Thank you to all of you for your continuing advocacy efforts. If you have any questions about advocacy efforts, or anything else, please reach out! [lkropp@lindenhurstlibrary.org](mailto:lkropp@lindenhurstlibrary.org)

## Leveled Up Librarians





# *Long Island Library Conference*



## **46th Annual Long Island Library Conference Libraries: Banned and Dangerous**

Registration is now open for the 46th Annual Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the Melville Marriott. The keynote speaker for the 2024 conference is Bill Goldstein. He reviews books and interviews authors for NBC's Weekend Today in New York and was the founding editor of The New York Times books website. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Goldstein received a Ph.D. in English from the City University of New York Graduate Center. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.billgoldsteinbooks.com/>

This year, there will be a discounted rate for NCLA and SCLA members. Please have your credentials ready when registering for the conference.

To register, please visit:  
<https://libconference.org/registration>

Conference Registration Rates:

NCLA/SCLA Members \$80

Non-Members \$95

Current Students \$50

Same Day Registration \$150

# *Long Island Library Resource Council*

LILRC wishes everyone a happy new year!! Did you know that if your library/institution is a LILRC member, that you are a LILRC member?!

LILRC membership comes with many benefits, including Archives and Museum Services, Continuing Education opportunities, Grant opportunities, Resource Sharing Services and more! For more information, visit our [Member Services](#) page on our website.

For early 2024, we have a number of exciting new programs including:

Wednesday, January 10, 2:00pm **MLA Webinar: Assess Your Library's Services to Show Its Value and Make Decisions**

Thursday, January 11, 3:30pm **Hooked on Books with Karina González**

Tuesday, January 16, 2:00pm **2024 Eclipse Programs for Your Library!**

Wednesday, January 17, 1:00pm **Digitization Best Practices and Metadata Basics**

Thursday, January 25, 2:00pm **The Things We Didn't Know: Novelist Elba Iris Pérez**

Friday, January 26, 10:00am **Recent Developments in Labor & Employment Law**

Monday, January 29, 2:00pm **Etched in Stone: Lessons from Recipes Found on Gravestones**

All LILRC events are on our website's Upcoming Events and more are added all the time...so check back frequently and subscribe to email updates and newsletters.

