

JULY 2023

SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



A message from Carisse Mitchell:

Happy Summer (and summer reading to all who participate!),

Thank you to all who ran and all those who voted for our 2024 SCLA Board Members! Unfortunately, due to personal reasons several SCLA members have had to step down. We thank these members for their dedication to SCLA over the past few months and years.

We are looking for volunteers to join us!

- o Member-at-Large: Newsletter
- o Member-at-Large: Membership
- o Treasurer

SCLA is officially done with offering free memberships. We have updated the ListServ to be accessible to SCLA members in good standing.

This past month, SCLA had a security incident involving our backend access. It has come to our attention that access to the administrative section of our accounts was breached. Since then, the Executive Board has met multiple times, and has taken the following steps to ensure this doesn't happen again:

- Immediately upgraded password strength and access
- Removed multiple user access
- Updated our security procedures

I'd like to reiterate that this incident did not affect your personal, professional, or financial information that SCLA has access to. This has alerted the association to a weakness in our security procedure, and it was immediately rectified.

I'd like to personally thank all of you for your understanding and patience while the board works towards finding the most effective way to continue to be a resource for our members. One of SCLA's core beliefs is to be true to its members by being a fundamental resource for all library workers through quality education, professional activities, and responding to the needs of our members.

Our libraries and schools today across the country are facing attempts to restrict and censor materials - I wanted to reiterate SCLA's take on censorship:

The Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) has been serving librarians, staff, and trustees of Suffolk County libraries since 1939. The membership consists of library staff from across Suffolk County, including academic, special, and public Libraries. SCLA is committed to intellectual freedom and the freedom to read. This includes a firm opposition to the restriction, removal, or censorship of books, materials, and displays. We support library users from all backgrounds and communities. We believe that libraries are a place for all to feel welcome and supported.

Thank you for all of your support - please keep an eye out for our Professional Development Series, programs from all of our divisions, and upcoming networking events.

I truly value all of your dedication to Suffolk County and our Organization.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions or just to say hello! at cmitchell@wbpl.us

Best,
Carisse Mitchell

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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YASD:

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Reference and Adult Services Division

Kelly Fillipone, RASD President

RASD sponsored four successful, diverse and well-attended programs at the Long Island Library Conference on May 11th. We would like to extend a thank you to all of our presenters, committee members and those who arranged programs for aiding in a wonderfully successful conference:

Amber Gagliardi, Middle Country Public Library
Regina Dlugokencky, SeedSower Farm
Gabriella Pandolfelli, Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries Program
Dr. Lisa Benz Scott, Public Health at Stony Brook Medicine
Valerie Lewis, Suffolk Cooperative Library System
Stephanie DiChiara, Sayville Library
Alicia Collumbell, The Smithtown Library
Georgina Rivas-Martinez, South Huntington Public Library
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Martha Kahn, South Huntington Public Library



Coming Soon!

Calling all library marketers! The Public Relations and Marketing Committee will soon be taking submissions for the 2023 Suffolk Library Marketing Award. Be on the lookout for promotional materials being sent through the SCLA Listserv for more information.

2024 RASD Executive Board Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board. We would like to welcome Vice President/ President Elect Jessica Brown, Treasurer Valerie Harrison and Secretary Emma Cesario to join 2024 President Patricia Cruz. Thank you to all who ran for a board position this year.

The 2024 Board will be looking for a Programs Chair, Members-at-Large and a Historian. Please reach out to me at kfillipone@smithlib.org if you are interested in more information!

Division of Academic and Special Libraries

Bruce Seger CATS President

The Division of Academic and Special Libraries (DASL) recently sponsored a program at the Long Island Library Conference entitled Reuniting the Vanderbilts: A Case Study in the Rescue and Transfer of Archives From Dowling College to the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum. The presenters recounted the Dowling College archives journey from the closing of Dowling College to their permanent home at the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport. The records included not only archives, but also college records from the original Idle Hour property owned by William K. Vanderbilt.

Bruce Seger, president of DASL, introduced the presentation and the organizer Nicole Menchise, LILRC Archivist. Nicole also took part in the presentation together with Janet Soley (Friends of Connetquot River State Park Preserve), Jo-Ann Carhart (Advisory Board Member of the Friends of Connetquot River State Park Preserve), and Paul Rubery and Killian Taylor (both from the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum). Information was also provided by Diane Holliday (Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center, Stony Brook University) who also played a key role in preserving the archives.

Ms. Menchise described the incredible journey of the archives which resulted in their being saved and finding a permanent home in an appropriate location, the Vanderbilt Museum. The program was well attended and DASL has received excellent feedback.

During the course of the day, President Bruce Seger was available at a conference booth to answer questions about DASL and oversee a fun addition, a cardboard cutout of Ben Affleck available for attendee photo op's

Computer and Technical Services Division

Julia Sukhu, CATS President

"Hello from CATS!

Over the summer, please join us for the second meeting of the Technical Services Round Table! It is an 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. In this open forum, participants are encouraged to share victories, stories, and unique tricks!

The meeting is on Tuesday, July 18th at 10 am at SCLS, and you can register [here](#).

CATS had its first mixer at a brewery on April 28th and 37 people attended.

The Connetquot Makerspace Tour on May 3rd had 23 people attend."



CATS Mixer



Connetquot Makerspace Tour

Support Staff Division

Kate Regina, SSD President



After a productive June Meet and Greet, the Support Staff Division is looking forward to what's next. Been on the lookout for summer plans including a networking mixer as well as an upcoming Safety Conference in the fall.

We are also still on the hunt for a potential President, Vice President and Members-at-Large for the upcoming 2024 slate of officers, so if interested pass on your information to our president at kregina@wbpl.us.

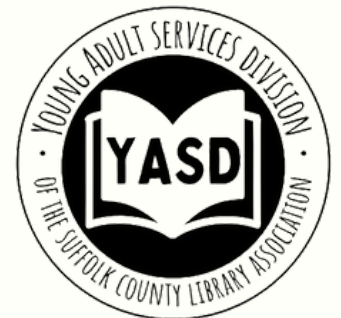
Young Adult Services Division

Lauren Strong, YASD President

We had 17 people attend our joint meeting with SCLS-YS on Wednesday, May 17 where we discussed Teen Dating Violence with Long Island Domestic Abuse and Violence.

YASD finally has a new webpage. A special thank you to Alex our webmaster for spending so much time creating it. Thank you to all of those that have voted on YASD's new logo.

We held the East End STEAM Faire on Thursday, June 15 in partnership with CATS and CLASC at Riverhead Free Library. A special thank you to all libraries that attended and shared their maker equipment from their libraries. It was so nice to learn from everyone.



ELSA Committee

Kate Regina- West Babylon Public Library

ELSA

There's just one more month to get in your nominations for this year's Excellence in Library Service Award. So, make sure to gather up your recommendation letters, fill out the form available on the SCLA website under awards and make sure to get the submissions to the ELSA committee no later than July 31st. The easiest way is emailing to elsacommittee@gmail.com. However, sending it through System Bag at West Babylon Public library or mailing to Kate Regina at WBPL is fine to, just be sure to shoot an email as well especially if the deadline is close so the committee will know to expect it and can potentially hold off voting until received as long as its postmarked before the due date.

We can't wait to read all about all the wonderful library workers going above and beyond!

Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Kimberly Zettwoch, CLASC President

CLASC Executive Board Election Results and New Member at Large Position

The following CLASC Executive Board Election results were announced at CLASC Meeting and Annual Dinner on April 26th: President, Kimberly Zettwoch; Vice President of Literature Conference, Joanne Browning; Corresponding Secretary, Tiffany Russo Malone; Member-at-Large: Newsletter: Justine Rivera Member-at-Large: Library Practices: Danielle Bliss. We are also happy to announce the appointment of Robyne Pinkteron as our first Diversity and Inclusion Member at Large.



Celine Liefbrig New Book Seminar

Wednesday, September 20, 2:30-4:30pm, East Islip Public Library and Zoom

Join us for our next Celine Liefbrig New Book Seminar where we will be reading the graphic novel Parachute Kids and author Betty Tang will be joining in via Zoom. Please watch our [website](#), for registration information.

Bruce Seger, SUNY Suffolk

Why did the cardiologist recommend that his patients go to the library?

He heard they're good for circulation.

How do librarians flirt?

They ask for your call number.

HAHAHA

Long Island Library Resources Council

LILRC FALL ANNUAL CONFERENCES

REGISTRATION OPEN! 32nd Annual Conference on Libraries and The Future: AI in Libraries
Friday, October 06, 2023, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM The Heritage Club - Bethpage

SAVE THE DATE! 28th Annual Long Island Archives Conference: Transcending Barriers: Opening Archives, Opening Minds
Monday, October 23, 2023 SUNY Old Westbury

LILRC Summer CE Highlights!

Wednesday, July 12, 2:00pm: UX Design Thinking for Libraries

Wednesday, July 19, 10:00am: Ask An Archivist Hands On Workshops - Paper Archive Repair and Simple Encapsulation Techniques (Riverhead Free Library)
LILRC members only

Thursday, July 20, 3:00pm: LILRC Grants Information Session
LILRC members only

Friday, July 21, 10:00am: Ask An Archivist Hands On Workshops - Paper Archive Repair and Simple Encapsulation Techniques (Elmont Memorial Library)
LILRC members only

Tuesday, July 25, 11:00am: A Sky Full of Poems

Wednesday, July 26 11:00am: Author Elizabeth Castellano: Save What's Left

Friday, July 28, 10:00am: The Culturally Competent Manager: Leadership and Teambuilding Skillsets

Tuesday, August 8, 11:00am: I Kick and I Fly: Ruchira Gupta on Human Trafficking

Thursday, August 10, 3:00pm: Coffee+Conversation: Social Media Librarians Virtual Meetup

Tuesday, August 15, 11:00am: Partners In Science

Wednesday, August 16, 2:00pm Departures and Arrivals: Succession Planning for Libraries

Wednesday, August 23, 10:00am: Ask An Archivist Hands On Workshops - Paper Archive Repair and Simple Encapsulation Techniques (South Huntington Public Library)
LILRC members only

Monday, August 28, 10:00am: Pandit Dasa: Mindfulness For the Wandering Mind

Tuesday, August 29, 10:00am: Ask An Archivist Hands On Workshops - Paper Archive Repair and Simple Encapsulation Techniques (Farmingdale Public Library)
LILRC members only

Wednesday, August 30, 10:00am: Workplace Productivity Skills: Presentation Software

[Register for events here](#)