



SUFFOLK COUNTY
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

This professional development series was brought to you by a partnership between NCLA, SCLA, & CLASC. CEU credits will be received by your participation

Programs are open to all library staff at no charge & presented virtually via Zoom. CEU certificates will be sent to the email address used for registration after the program.

Maximizing Your Seed Library's Potential

Monday, September 16th 11:00am-12:00pm

Sponsored by CATS of SCLA

Does your library have its own seed library? Are you looking for ways to extend your seed library's reach into your community? This program will demonstrate how to get seed donations for your library, how to present and distribute seeds to your community, and how to use various marketing and makerspace technologies to support your seed library and seed-related programming. Learn how to transform your seed library from an old card catalog into a hub of patron activity.

[Register here.](#)

Team Up with Teen Services

Tuesday, September 17th 2:30-3:30pm

Sponsored by YASD & SSD of SCLA

Hear from a panel of library staff about the ways in which they collaborate with Teen Librarians to bring unique programs, services, and collections to teen patrons.

[Register here.](#)

I Love My People: A Celebration of Black Culture

Wednesday, September 18th 10:00-11:00am

Sponsored by NCLA: Library Staff of Color Committee

Virtual Author Visit with African American Poet & Writer, Kim Singleton.

[Register here.](#)

Show the Rainbow

Wednesday, September 18th 2:30-3:30pm

Sponsored LILPA

Now, more than ever, libraries need to live their values out loud and be a safe space for all. Join LILPA to discuss ways to advocate for your LGBTQIA+ staff and patrons. Learn about the LGBT Network's certification program, ways to talk to admin, and what LILPA can do to help support!

[Register here.](#)



Grant Writing for Beginners

Thursday, September 19th 9:30-11:00am

Sponsored by the SCLA Executive Board

This workshop begins with an overview of grant writing, including the purpose of grants, the types of funding sources available, and the benefits of securing grant funding. Join The Holistic Writing Tutor to learn grant writing techniques and strategies. Learn how to tailor your proposal to meet funder requirements and expectations.

[Register here.](#)

Gamifying the Library Through AADL's Summer Game

Friday, September 20th 11:00am-12:00pm

Sponsored by NCLA Young Adult Services Division

Starting in 2011, the Ann Arbor District Library combined a classic Summer Reading Program with a scavenger hunt through AADL's catalog and the city of Ann Arbor resulting in the Summer Game! The Summer Game has only gotten bigger over the years with more scavenger hunts, puzzles, community partners, and codes for players to find throughout the summer! AADL librarian and Summer Game coproducer, Elle Bogdan, will give a Summer Game overview as well as answer questions.

[Register here.](#)

Where is the Line? Freedom of Expression and Transgressive Speech

Friday, September 20th 1:00-2:00pm

Sponsored by SCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

This presentation will explore the limits of freedom of expression by looking at the works of several "transgressive" artists. Does their work have socially redeeming value or are these artists purposely prurient, shocking, and socially subversive? Who gets to decide whether these artists are given a platform or are cancelled?

[Register here.](#)

Tech, Trends and Teens at the Public Library... Oh My!

Monday, September 23rd 11:00am-12:00pm

Sponsored by CATS of SCLA

In the evolving digital era, public libraries are at the vanguard of technological and societal change. Our panel, "Tech, Trends, and Teens at the Public Library... Oh My!" delves deep into the confluence of innovative technology, current trends, and teen engagement within the library realm. We'll journey through the digital revolution of e-books, VR, and AI-powered services, explore the latest library trends, and uncover strategies that make libraries resonate with teens. Alongside, we'll discuss the challenges and triumphs of integrating tech and ensuring libraries' relevance in a diverse, post-pandemic world.

[Register here.](#)

The Day The Music Died

Monday, September 23rd 2:00-3:00pm

Sponsored by NCLA Media Services Division

We've seen the news stories. We've heard all about how the music CD is a dying media, going the way of the VHS. But is this true, especially for public libraries? What does circulation look like for these music discs at public libraries in Nassau and Suffolk? What is the viability of physical music CDs at libraries? We will delve into these topics and more regarding music CDs and vinyl records at the library in a discussion with the head of Media Services at Port Washington Public Library, Jonathan Guildroy. A general discussion with attendees will follow this chat with Mr. Guildroy.

[Register here.](#)

Podcasts as Programming: Reaching Busy Parents on Their Time

Tuesday, September 24th 10:00-11:00am

Sponsored by CLASC

Co-host and podcast founder, Jessi Bouchelle, will explain the way that the Patchogue-Medford Library is pioneering a truly innovative approach to parenting education by implementing a "podcasting as a programming" initiative. Launched in 2023, the "Adventures in Parenting" podcast is the first of its kind, designed to meet the growing demand for authoritative, Library vetted parenting workshops by substituting in-person/virtual static programming with convenient and on-demand access to the same information. Each episode features topic experts alongside librarian hosts who are also busy parents themselves, and offers an engaging conversation-style sharing of information. This unique format allows the library to deliver vital parenting topics in a format that resonates with today's busy families.

[Register here.](#)

Demystifying the Civil Service Merit System

Tuesday, September 24th 2:30-3:30pm

Sponsored by RASD of SCLA

The presentation provides an overview of the NYS Department of Civil Service and their examination process. The presentation also highlights their new initiative, Centers for Careers in Government, that seeks to support recruitment efforts through educating the public about state employment opportunities in pursuit to build tomorrow's workforce today by promoting a diverse, inclusive, and talented workforce. Additionally, the presentation will go into their currently available program, NY HELPS, which helps to streamline the application process.

[Register here.](#)

Budgeting with Excel: Tips to Take the Headache Out of Budgeting

Wednesday, September 25th 9:30-10:30am

Sponsored by NCLA Children's Services Division

Whether you're new to budgeting or have been keeping track of your own budget for years, join us virtually as we learn tips to take the stress out of keeping track of a budget using Microsoft EXCEL. Pre-requisite: A basic knowledge of Microsoft EXCEL.

[Register here.](#)

Enhancing Your LinkedIn Profile

Thursday, September 26th 11:00am-12:00pm

Sponsored by RASD of SCLA

Join Amanda Augustine, a certified professional career coach and resume writer with over 20 years of experience, to learn how to make the most of the world's largest professional network. During this one-hour virtual workshop, Amanda will teach you how to leverage LinkedIn's latest features and optimize your profile to stand out in your field and become a more effective networker. Whether you're looking to expand your professional connections, explore new opportunities, or simply make the most of LinkedIn, this workshop will equip you with actionable advice to help you succeed. Don't miss this chance to elevate your professional brand and connect with industry peers!

[Register here.](#)

AI Ethics in Libraries

Thursday, September 26th 2:00-3:00pm

Sponsored by CATS of SCLA

As libraries chart a course in the age of AI, there are a host of ethical issues we'll need to navigate. This talk will discuss a number of concerns, ranging from algorithmic bias to user privacy, as we work to answer the question: how can we adapt to a changing technology landscape while staying true to our professional ethics?

[Register here.](#)

Supporting LGBTQIA+ Families

Friday, September 27th 2:30-3:30pm

Sponsored by CLASC and LILPA

Join members of CLASC and LILPA to learn how to support LGBTQIA+ families in the children's room, during programming, and beyond the library! We will provide book lists, program ideas and resources.

[Register here.](#)



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, October 24th
West Sayville Country Club

More information and registration forthcoming.

