



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Hello, Members Current and Prospective!

As you know, SCLA is in a state of transition and RASD is looking for information from YOU on what you're interested in! [Please complete our Membership Survey](#), created by Kelly, RASD VP/President Elect and Membership Chair. Please note that you must first fill out the [SCLA Membership Form](#) and select RASD as one of your divisions. If you haven't signed up for SCLA yet, membership is FREE for the calendar year of 2022, so now is your chance to take advantage of all that your county library association and the Reference and Adult Services Division has to offer.

As you move forward with summer programs and events, I encourage you to consider applying for the [Suffolk Library Marketing Award](#), which recognizes the Best Public Relations Marketing Campaign by a Public or Academic Library in Suffolk County. This is a commission of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee.

The summer doesn't always give us time to attend meetings, which is why it's the time to explore some of RASD's committees that have passive professional development opportunities.

- *Did you know* that the **New Adult Committee** has a podcast featuring conversations with various organizations to help you better serve new adults?

Check it out here: redcircle.com/shows/nac

- *Did you know* that the **Reader's Advisory Committee** has a blog featuring annotations of books on a predetermined topic/genre so you can see what your colleagues are reading and enjoying?

Check it out here: rasdreadersadvisory.blogspot.com

- *Did you know* that the **Health Concerns Committee** contributes to the Health Topic Guide which is available for staff and the general public?

Check it out here: suffolktopicguides.org/health

All of these links can also be found in one place, on the RASD website: scla.net/rasd

We are actively evolving and always open to suggestions. 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.

Salvatore J. Filosa, RASD President, Port Jefferson Free Library

Career & Reference Services Committee

The **Career & Business Reference Services Committee** held a virtual Financial Professionals Panel on Tuesday, May 17. The purpose of this panel was to present different program topics on financial literacy that might best appeal to librarians and that will have the largest impact on the patrons of each community. The main objective was to educate, as there is a severe lack of financial literacy and fair and unbiased education available to the public. Three financial professionals presented their own unique take on why it is important to empower yourself as an individual by sharpening your financial planning skills. Each professional showcased the different programs they can offer our patrons.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 20, 2022** at 2:30pm and will be held virtually via Zoom. Bill Carlson from Reference Solutions will be talking about the Data Axle database and how librarians can use it to provide our patrons with the end results they need. Registration details to follow.

Please contact Nicole Berroyer at nicole@connetquotlibrary.org or Alex Blend at blendalex@mcplibrary.org with any questions.

Health Concerns Committee

Navigating Consumer Health Information
Instructor: Jessica Koos, MLS, MEd, AHIP
Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 2:30 PM.

**Health
Concerns
Committee**

Reference and Adult Services Division of SCLA



Navigating consumer health information can be a daunting task, but fear not! This class will give you the skills and confidence you need in order to provide reliable resources to patrons and loved ones! This train-the-trainer model will introduce how to effectively use various websites and tools in the following areas: general consumer health, local health information, and up-to-date COVID-19 data. Tips and tricks for identifying misinformation will also be covered. Join us and learn how to lead your community along the right path to better health! Registration details to follow.

Please contact Stephanie DiChiara at s.dichiara@sayvillelibrary.org or Sal Filosa at sal@portjefflibrary.org with any questions.

New Adult Committee

The **New Adult Committee (NAC)** held a meeting with a representative from the National Student Debt Forgiveness Center to discuss student loan forgiveness options and how libraries can better serve patrons navigating the complex system of student loans and PSLF options. The conversation was recorded and published as our latest podcast episode. You can listen to the conversation by searching "New Adult Committee" on your favorite podcast app or visiting redcircle.com/shows/nac. If you want to get involved, please email alex@sayvillelibrary.org!

Outreach Committee

The next meeting of the **Outreach Committee** will be held on **Monday, August 8, 2022** at 10:00 am featuring guest speaker Long Island author Emily Ladau (Demystifying Disability), who will come to speak about her book, her work as a rights activist and how we can best serve members of our communities with disabilities. The event will be hosted virtually via Zoom and open to all who wish to attend. Full details are available on RASD's website here: scla.net/rasd.

Public Relations and Marketing Committee

Jim Garvey to Lead the PR & Marketing Committee

It was our great pleasure to introduce Jim Garvey of the Northport-East Northport Public Library as the new Chairperson of the PR & Marketing Committee. Jim has an awesome background in marketing and we know he will bring this committee into new and exciting territory. If you would like to be part of this committee, please reach out to Jim at James.Garvey@nenpl.org or Jo-Ann Carhart at jcarhart@optonline.net. Congratulations Jim!

Will Your Library Take Home the Suffolk Library Marketing Award This Year?

The application deadline for the 2022 Suffolk Library Marketing Award is **September 15, 2022**. Now's the time to think back over the last year about the wonderful campaigns or promotions you've done at your library, or you can include one of your summertime campaigns too. Winners receive recognition among their peers and take home the coveted 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, and learn more at rasdpr.wordpress.com.



Reader's Advisory Committee

Are you looking for a committee to join but are short on time? Then the **Reader's Advisory Committee** might be the right one for you. We meet three times a year on the last Thursday of the month in January, April, and September to discuss books on a specific theme chosen by the committee. Share your book with the group, write a short review, and submit it for our blog.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 29, 2022**, from 10 am-12 pm at SCLS. Topic: Book Award Nominees – we always hear about the winners, but what about the other nominations?

If you'd like more information, please contact Azurée Agnello at the West Babylon Public Library by calling (631) 669-5445 or emailing aagnello@wbpl.us. You can attend a meeting to see what it's like or jump right in and pick a book to share.

JOIN US!

**RASD
OUTREACH
COMMITTEE**

**WELCOMES
CELEBRATED DISABILITY
RIGHTS ACTIVIST
& LOCAL AUTHOR
EMILY LADAU**

Join in via Zoom for a coffee & chat session where we will discuss Ms. Ladau's book *Demistifying Disability*, her work as an international rights activist and how we all can best serve members of our communities with disabilities.

OPEN TO ALL!

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022
10:00-11:00AM**

Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82332802160?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82332802160?pwd=dS9mM092TC9LdHkvZkRsV3FuZ0p4QT09)
[pwd=dS9mM092TC9LdHkvZkRsV3FuZ0p4QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82332802160?pwd=dS9mM092TC9LdHkvZkRsV3FuZ0p4QT09)

Meeting ID: 823 3280 2160

Password: RASD2022

Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656

Passcode: 50145085

Please contact Alicia Collumbell
(acollumbell@smithlib.org)
if you have any questions.



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Meet Your RASD Board!

Welcome to the first of a new series of profiles for members of the RASD board! Our first profile is for RASD Vice President/President Elect, **Kelly Filippone!**

Tell us about your library! Favorite thing about it?

The Smithtown Library is a large special library district with 4 buildings throughout the town of Smithtown. It has a wonderful history in the community dating back to 1907. My favorite thing about The Smithtown Library is the Richard H. Handley Collection of Long Island Americana, better known as the Long Island Room, a special local history archives. We have a large collection of books, maps, archival and manuscript materials, historic atlases, account books, scrapbooks, audiovisual materials, paintings, engravings, photographs, daguerreotypes, tintypes, microfilm, newspapers, postcards, posters, subject files, and ephemera.

What made you want to become a librarian?

I have always loved going to the library to get all the books on my reading list but I never considered becoming a librarian. I decided to go to library school to pursue archives and preservation and took a part-time job as a Librarian Trainee. Now, I have the best of both worlds at The Smithtown Library - working as a reference librarian and as an archivist in the Long Island Room.

Job responsibilities/projects you're working on:

I split my time between the Adult Reference department and the Long Island Room. In the Long Island Room, we are always working on processing archival collections to provide accessibility to researchers and patrons. Currently, I am also working on adding these collections to our online platform.

Accomplishments/proud moments:

Leading a Next Chapter Book Club, starting a successful garden club for teens and tweens to grow produce for donation to a local food pantry, being appointed Deputy Historian of the Town of Babylon and being elected as Vice President of RASD.

A reason to join RASD:

RASD is a great way to connect with colleagues with similar professional interests. It is also the best way to stay up to date with professional development, support and education.

Mission Statement:

To unite in one division all those who are interested in any phase of reference and adult services. To give those having responsibility for the above services an opportunity to exchange information, develop techniques, and improve their professional experience. To have representation on the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Library Association.

2022 RASD Officers

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- Vice President/President Elect-** Kelly Filippone
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Membership

The Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) supports the professional development of librarians and library staff through a wide range of committees that concentrate on improving patron services. Through the efforts of these committees, we provide professional growth, continuing education programs and networking opportunities to develop and improve our profession.

New members are always welcomed!

Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, be sure to consider becoming a member of RASD.

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Become a member!
Click [here](#) to learn more about membership benefits!