

JULY 2022

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

*A Regional Chapter of the New York Library Association*



*Carisse Mitchell, SCLA President*

Thank you everyone who has been supportive of SCLA's transition to becoming our own organization and moving towards a more self-sufficient and independent entity. One of SCLA's core beliefs is to be true to its members by being a fundamental resource for all members through continuing education, professional activities, and responding to the needs of our members. I recognize that this has been a year of transition but please know that the Board and I are doing everything we can to continue to provide services and resources to our members. We're happy to announce that as of July 2022 SCLA will be totally financially independent from NYLA.

However, this is still only a step forward in the process. For us to grow as a self-sufficient organization, we need to secure our foundation. Although this will be a long process the Division Presidents and the SCLA Executive Board have been striving to keep our members informed along the way. One of the ways we've been doing this is by implementing a new SCLA Listserv. Creating our own listserv has allowed Library staff to push out announcements, programs, job postings and more. We encourage all of you to share the listserv information with coworkers.

Please remember that membership dues will begin January 1st so please take advantage and enjoy a free membership for the last half of 2022. Anyone interested in SCLA membership, either renewing or joining can do so by following this [link](#) and signing up today!

It has been a trying year at times, but I'd like to thank everyone involved in the process of helping make SCLA its own organization and for being understanding and patient as we take our next steps. I encourage you all to spread the word to your colleagues in each of your libraries as we grow and flourish. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Best,

Carisse Mitchell

SCLA President

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# Reference and Adult Services Division

Salvatore J. Filosa, RASD President

Hello!

I hope you are enjoying the warm weather. The committees of RASD have been busy putting together wonderful presentations and professional development opportunities to help you better assist your community. For more information about all RASD events, visit our website [scla.net/rasd](http://scla.net/rasd) or fill out the SCLA Google Form so you can be included on the new listserv.

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, a commission of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee. Visit [scla.net/rasd/awards](http://scla.net/rasd/awards) for complete details.

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](mailto:sal@portjefflibrary.org).

## Career & Business 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.

Please contact Nicole Berroyer at [nicole@connetquotlibrary.org](mailto:nicole@connetquotlibrary.org) or Alex Blend at [blendalex@mcplibrary.org](mailto:blendalex@mcplibrary.org) with any questions.

## For the Professional Development Series:

### Mark your calendars!

### Registration details to follow

#### Health Concerns Committee presents

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

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!

Please contact Stephanie DiChiara at [s.dichiara@sayvillelibrary.org](mailto:s.dichiara@sayvillelibrary.org) or Sal Filosa at [sal@portjefflibrary.org](mailto:sal@portjefflibrary.org) with any questions.

#### Career & Business Reference Services Committee presents

Reference Solutions by Data Axle: Applying Tools & Data for Superior Results  
Tuesday, September 20 at 2:30 pm

Reference Solutions offers wide-variety data used often by businesses, entrepreneur's, students, researchers, and job hunters. Learn about some of these use cases and the tools that can be used to provide you with the end results you desire or need.

Please contact Nicole Berroyer at [nicole@connetquotlibrary.org](mailto:nicole@connetquotlibrary.org) or Alex Blend at [blendalex@mcplibrary.org](mailto:blendalex@mcplibrary.org) with any questions.

## Computer and Technical Services Division

Anthony Giansante, CATS President

CATS welcomed Danielle Bliss as a member at large. Also, in September, we are hosting a joint event with CLASC titled: Women and Technology in Libraries . Click here to register!



# 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.

## SCLA and SCLS Vendor Fair

On May 17, 2022 SCLA and SCLS held an in-person Vendor Fair and Networking Day. We had over 25 vendors attend, and over 75 people stop in. We had information tables set up by LILRC, CLASC, YASD, DASL, CATS, SSD, RASD and Lit Suffolk. We also had an amazing display of the Lending Library and SLED run by SCLS staff. A huge thank you to everyone who attended the event and especially those who bought donations in for the Angels of Long Island in Patchogue. (@angelsolongisland). We look forward to partnering with other organizations and SCLS in the future to create more networking opportunities for the Long Island Library community. Please visit the [website](#) to see more pictures of the day.





## ELSA Committee

*Kate Regina- West Babylon Public Library*

# ELSA

With only a month to go, the deadline to submit nominations for this year's Excellence in Library Service Award is fast approaching on July 31st. So, if you have someone who you feel goes above and beyond the call of duty within the Suffolk County library world, fill out the nomination form found on the SCLA website ([www.scla.net/awards](http://www.scla.net/awards)), and gather those letters of recommendation to let us know about them. We love celebrating the wonderful individuals that make our county libraries great!

Everything can be sent to the ELSA chair through system.  
Kate Regina  
c/o West Babylon Public Library

## Annual Dinner

*Michele Cayea, Patchogue-Medford Public Library*



save the date

**SCLA**  
Suffolk County Library Association  
**Annual Dinner**

**THURSDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 20, 2022**

6:00 - 10:00 pm  
**WEST SAYVILLE**  
**COUNTRY CLUB**

DJ • Dancing • Networking  
Awards • Raffles



# Library Directory Associates Award

*Paula Bornstein, LDA Award Chair*

## 2022 LDA Library Award Recipient

The SCLA and NCLA LDA Award committees are pleased to announce the selection of Victor Caputo, Director of the Bryant Library in Roslyn, NY, as the recipient of the 2022 LDA Award. In his more than 26-year-career in libraries, Mr. Caputo has exemplified the true spirit of the LDA award. Some of his accomplishments include:

- Strong support of the Bryant Library staff and community
- Sharing of ideas and knowledge with colleagues through committee work with NLS, SCLS, and LILRC
- An advocate for the assistance and funding for all New York State libraries
- Comprehensive marketing and public relations skills
- And many more.

The award was presented virtually, via Zoom, to Mr. Caputo by Dr. Art Friedman on May 12. We thank Victor Caputo for his contributions to our profession and wish him continued success in his career.



## JULY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

*Peter Ward, Brentwood Public Library*

According to the library Bill of Rights, materials should not be excluded from library collections for the following except

- A. Origin
- B. Background
- C. Expense
- D. Viewpoint

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



**April Winners**

# Young Adult Services Division

Erika Irish, *Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library*



Hello from YASD! In April, we had our Nassau and Suffolk YASD Annual Joint Meeting where Julie Buxbaum, spoke about her new book "Year on Fire." We also awarded the winner for our Nassau and Suffolk B.E.S.T. Award.



## Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Lauren Scottaline, *CLASC President*

As a former SCLA Board Member and RASD Past-President, I am thrilled to be connecting with our colleagues in SCLA! First, I'd like to thank everyone who joined us at our CLASC Membership Meeting and Annual Dinner in April; it was wonderful to see so many of our colleagues again, and author Beth Ferry gave a fantastic presentation! It was also wonderful to see so many SCLA members at the Networking Event in May! CLASC has two events this autumn that where we hope you will join us:

CLASC is thrilled to be working with CATS on the September 22, 2022 panel presentation, "Women and Technology in Libraries." The event will be held at the Sachem Public Library from 6:30-8:30pm and will feature a panel of women library professionals from various facets of the library industry to discuss the joys, hardships, and hurdles of being a woman and utilizing technology in the field. Refreshments will be served and CEUs will be awarded.

Our 2022 Fall Literature Conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 13 from 8:30am – 3:30pm. The theme is "Stories for All Ages" and the conference is co-sponsored by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System's Youth Services Department. It provides the opportunity for librarians, teachers, and professionals working with children and young adults to remain current in the field of children's literature and to focus on children's and young adult books through outstanding speakers and peer driven book discussions. The keynote speakers will be Rita Garcia-Williams and Bob Shea. There will also be a workshop on Therapy Dogs International, presented by two humans and one canine ambassador from the organization. Early-Bird registration ends September 8, to view the conference brochure and register [click here](#)



## Student Outreach Committee

Colleen Navins, *The Smithtown Library*

The Student Outreach Committee of SCLA is looking to start a Mentorship Program for library school students for the Fall 2022 semester! We are looking for librarians from all types of institutions and departments. Please email me if you have any interest! [cnavins@smithlib.org](mailto:cnavins@smithlib.org)

## Scholarship Committee

Brian Schwartz, *Patchogue-Medford Public Library*

The Scholarship Committee is still accepting applications for the SCLA Scholarship for Library School students as well as the Continuing Education Scholarship. Interested parties should send an email to [bschwartz@pmlib.org](mailto:bschwartz@pmlib.org) for more information or visit <https://scla.net/awards/>

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STUDENT OUTREACH**

**CALL FOR MENTORS**

Support our local Library Students as they navigate job searching, create resumes and begin their career as a Librarian.

We are looking for Suffolk County Librarians from all types of institutions to become a support system for new students and those who are graduating.

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Interested in becoming a virtual mentor?  
Email Colleen Navins, Student Outreach for more information | [cnavins@smithlib.org](mailto:cnavins@smithlib.org)



# Long Island Library Resources Council

LILRC is excited to announce our Fall Conferences! Both conferences will be held in person, a detailed below.

## **31st Annual Conference on Libraries and The Future: Reaching for Leadership**

October 07, 2022, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Heritage Club - Bethpage

[Register Now](#)

### **Presenters:**

James Neal, University Librarian Emeritus at Columbia University.

David Weinberger, Senior Fellow and Researcher at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University.

Dr. Lambert Shell, Director of the Roosevelt Public Library on Long Island  
Marianne Lamonaca, Director, The Humanities Edge at Florida International University

## **Save the Date! Crime and Punishment: 27th Annual Archives Conference**

Monday, October 17, 2022

Nassau County Bar Association at The Esquire

Details and registration will be available soon!

For more information, please contact Eliscia Cirrone at [ecirrone@lilrc.org](mailto:ecirrone@lilrc.org)



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