

2023 SCLA and Divisions Nominations

SCLA 2023 Nominating Slate

Alex Blend, **President**
Colleen Navins, **Vice President/President Elect**
Carisse Mitchell, **Past President**
Rachel Cecchini, **Secretary**
Angela Breslin, **Member-at-Large**
Charlotte Buckleman, **Member-at-Large**



Colleen Navins, **Vice President/President Elect**

I am Colleen Navins and I have been working as a librarian in Suffolk libraries since 2009. I am currently the Head of Teen Services at the Smithtown Library and have been the Student Outreach Chair for SCLA for the past four years. I have worked in all departments throughout my career and found the perfect fit as a Teen Librarian. I strive to continuously bring literacy, programs and services to tweens, teens and new adults. As the Student Outreach Chair, I work tirelessly to share SCLA information and events to our library students enrolled at the neighboring library schools. Since being a part of local committees for the past six years, I understand the value in networking and leadership. I believe my work ethic, dedication to SCLA and knowledge of the association will allow me to be a positive asset as Vice President for our organization.



Rachel Cecchini, **Secretary**

Rachel Cecchini is the Teen Services Librarian at the Smithtown Library, Commack Building. She has been working in libraries for thirteen years. Throughout that time, she shelved books as a page, ran technology assistance programs and history book discussions as a reference librarian, and currently gets to channel her love for art projects as a teen librarian. Rachel has served on the RASD of SCLA Executive Board for five years; two of those years as Secretary. She has also served as Vice President, President, co-chair of the New Adult Committee, and co-chair of the Media Committee of RASD.

Rachel enjoys working with fellow librarians to spearhead learning initiatives and services for library staff to utilize. She would value the opportunity to continue on with those endeavors in the capacity as SCLA Secretary.

When Rachel isn't running programs for teens or taking the public library administration classes through Long Island University, she is fine-tuning her astrophotography skills, and goes to the beach with her new puppy, Penny.



Angela Breslin, **Member-at-Large – Membership**

My name is Angela Breslin, and I am the Head of Children & Family Services at the Connetquot Public Library.

I am running for the position of SCLA Member-at-Large, Membership Chair because this is an exciting time for our organization. As the current membership chair, I have been available for questions from our members and executive board. I have acted as liaison with NYLA to resolve membership issues that arise. When the Long Island Library Conference was in-person, I emailed the Director of each Suffolk County Library lists of employees who were active members and

entitled to the SCLA discount, for easier bookkeeping purposes and more recently, I aided in a campaign to get more Suffolk County Trustees to be part of SCLA.

Being the current membership chair has allowed me to work with NYLA and see what benefits await us on our own. Separating from NYLA will provide us with more opportunities for our members, including CEU and professional development opportunities, our own LISTERV, better control and oversight of our finances, and much more. As membership chair going forward, it will be my goal to increase our membership, reaching out to all library employees, library students, trustees, and friends. SCLA is and should be a go-to resource for all our members, and being on our own will help achieve that goal. I look forward to working with SCLA through this transition and moving forward through its bright, new future.



Charlotte Buckleman, **Member-at-Large – Membership**

My name is Charlotte Buckleman and I am a Teen Services Librarian at Lindenhurst Memorial Library. I am running for the position of Member-at-Large - Membership. I have served and been actively involved with YASD for the last four years. I was a Member-at-Large for two years and then Vice-President/President Elect and am currently Past President. I would like to run for this position because SCLA has benefited me in many ways and I would like to share my enthusiasm with others by encouraging them to join and maintain their membership with SCLA.

I have excellent communication skills, enjoy working as part of a team, and have experience being on a board.

CATS 2023 Nominating Slate

- Christopher Sarubbi, **President**
- Julia Sukhu, **Vice President/President Elect**
- Anthony Giansante, **Past President**
- Mary O'Grady, **Secretary**

- Alison Mirabella, **Treasurer**

Members-at-large:

- Debbie Antolini
- Stephen Burg
- Chris DeCristofaro
- Sara Fade
- Danielle Bliss
- Roseann Mammina
- Nicole Parisi Eberle
- Michael Bartolomeo
- Bob Johnson
- Lilly Keil

RASD 2023 Nominating Slate

- Kelly Filippone, **President**
- Patricia Cruz, **Vice President/President Elect**
- Antonietta Libardi, **Treasurer**
- Mary McNulty, **Secretary**
- Jessica Giannetti, **Member-at-Large**
- Lauren McDermott, **Member-at-Large**



Kelly Filippone, **President**

Kelly is a librarian in the Long Island Room and Reference Department at The Smithtown Library. She holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies with a concentration in Archives and Preservation from Queens College and a Post-Master's Certificate in Advanced Studies in Public Library Administration from The Palmer School of Library and Information Science at LIU Post. Working in the Long Island Room has given her the opportunity to share her love of Long Island's rich local history while preserving it for the future. Kelly is eager to learn and collaborate with others in her role and is excited to continue to find inventive new ways to serve the community.



Patricia Cruz, **Vice President/President Elect**

Patricia Cruz is an Adult Reference Librarian at Patchogue-Medford Library & part time at Bay-Shore Brightwaters Library. She has worked in public libraries for over 10 years-- as a page,

clerk, library trainee and now librarian. As a Spanish speaking librarian, Patricia serves the library communities by bridging the language gap for Spanish speakers. She has served as SCLA Secretary the last 2 years and would love to get involved in RASD as VP/President Elect.



Antonietta Libardi, **Treasurer**

Antonietta Libardi is new to the library world and currently enrolled in the MLIS program at the University at Buffalo. She primarily works in the Half Hollow Hills Community Library Business Office with a few hours a week dedicated to the Public Service desk, where she enjoys interacting and assisting patrons.

With over twenty years of working in various fields like printing, publishing, and education, she has gained a vast amount of experience in areas such as marketing, communication, administration, and project management, to name a few. Antonietta is adaptable and a team player with a great work ethic.

Antonietta maintains a work-life balance and enjoys hiking and writing in her free time.



Mary McNulty, **Secretary**

Mary McNulty graduated with an MLIS from St. John's University with a dual specialization in archives and youth services. She began at North Shore Public Library as a page, and worked circulation at Port Jefferson Free Library before getting her library science degree. For the last five years has been in reference and teen services at Center Moriches Free Public Library, where she manages the Passport Acceptance program.

Member-at-Large (choose 2):



Jessica Giannetti, **Member-at-Large**

Jessica is an Adult Programming Librarian at West Babylon Public Library. Being new to the position she has been trying to learn the best programs for her community. Jessica was first drawn to being a Librarian because of her knack for problem solving and love of research. As an undergrad at Stony Brook University she found a passion for history and teaching others. Librarianship was the perfect way to combine all her loves.



Lauren McDermott, **Member-at-Large**

Lauren earned her MLS from Queens College in 2013. Originally starting her career working as a Children's & YA Librarian, she shifted her focus after taking a position as an Adult Services Librarian at the West Babylon Public Library and realizing how much she enjoys working with that population. She has been in this position for five years and loves to communicate with and offer support to the community. She enjoys crafting and designing and is always trying to brainstorm colorful and innovative ways to catch the attention of current and potential library users.

SSD 2023 Nominating Slate

- Kate Regina, **President** – West Babylon Public Library
- **Vacant**, **Vice President**
- Aileen Clark, **Secretary** – Emma S Clark Memorial Library
- Roni Rauch, **Treasurer** – West Islip Public Library
- **Vacant**, **Member-at-Large**

YASD 2023 Nominating Slate

- Victoria Urbelis, **Vice President/President Elect**
- Kimberly Parry, **Secretary**
- Alexandra Giresi or Katelyn Moss, **Webmaster**
- Katie Brand, **Member-at-Large**



Vicky Urbelis, **Vice President/President Elect**

Hello all, I am Vicky Urbelis (she/her) and I am currently the Head of Teen Services at Hampton Bays Public Library in Hampton Bays, New York. During my five-plus years as Head of Teen Services, I work tirelessly to build a strong rapport with teens by running my own programs and making sure I interact daily with teens that enter the library. I work to make new relationships and nurture existing ones with local establishments and community organizations including the Hampton Bays School District, Southampton Police Department, Southampton Youth Bureau, Southampton Parks Department, The Retreat domestic violence prevention center, Quogue Wildlife Refuge, Southampton Animal Shelter, and others. These lasting relationships help to bring vital services to teen populations beyond books, such as violence prevention and mental health resources. Additionally, I helped to greatly expand the established annual prom dress drive by working with other libraries and community organizations, and have been vital to establishing the SHAPE program to help combat sexual harassment and abuse in teen patron populations, garnering attention from news outlets and other libraries across the county. I have also worked to secure funds from benefactors and grants to help fund upgrades to Teen department program materials, technology, and a large-scale art project in collaboration with local schools. Currently, I am working in partnership with my library's Adult Reference department to build a New Adult Department, with the goal of retaining the teen population as they age out. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from SUNY Stony Brook, a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences with a certificate in Childhood & Young Adult Service from CUNY Queen's College, and an Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration from Long Island University



Kimberly Parry, **Secretary**

I began my library career and education concurrently; in August of 2015 I began to take classes for my MLS in Library and Information Science while I began working as a page at Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton, NY and in East Hampton Library in East Hampton, NY. I

learned more than I could have imagined from these positions, observing librarians at work and being able to have hands-on experience with the day-to-day operations of a public library. In December 2016 I became a Library Trainee in East Hampton Library's new Young Adult department where I was privileged enough to help build a department and a teen following. Following my graduation in May 2018 I began working full time as the Head of Teen Services at John Jermain Library, and later became the Head of Youth Services at that same library. It was here that I was able to try out new ideas and build confidence in myself. As of March, 2022, I am the Head of Adult and Teen services at Amagansett Free Library. I feel that my experiences in several east end libraries and in several different library positions have built my skill set and I would love to become a part of YASD. Thank you for considering me for the position of Secretary.

Webmaster (choose 1):



Alexandra Giresi, **Webmaster**

Hello! My name is Alexandra Giresi and I am a YAFS librarian at Riverhead Free Library. I work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school age children, tweens, teens, and young adults. I coordinate programs, volunteer hours, and have great working relationships with youths of all ages. I love working with our tweens and teens the most, as I can have all kinds of conversations with them and get incredible points of view from them. I've had several positive interactions with helping teens come out as queer (being a visibly queer librarian), as well as helping teens of color find resources and lending them an ear to vent to. Although I am a white librarian, I aim to use my platform to educate myself and others, as well as be an ally and advocate for youths of color.

Katelyn Moss, **Webmaster**

Katelyn Moss is the Head of Teen Services at the Central Islip Public Library. She has been with the library for the past six years. She began her career in libraries at Hauppauge Public Library in 2009 as a Page and found her love of working with the public from that day on. Katelyn, attended Suffolk County Community College and Dowling college where she received her associate and Bachelor Degree in Communications. She then went on to attend Long Island University Post to obtain her Master's Degree in Public librarianship and School Media K-12. Presently she is working on her Public Library Administration Certification. Katelyn

brings with her more than a decade of library experience from her different roles including Page, Clerk, and Librarian.



Katie Brand, **Member-at-Large**

My name is Katie Brand and I am the current Head of Teen Services at The Smithtown Library's Smithtown Building. I currently serve as the 2021-2022 YASD Secretary and have served in the past as the 2020-2021 Member at Large: Teen Talk Newsletter and Webmaster. My experience as a member of the YASD Board these past two years has only grown my interest in becoming more involved with the organization as Member at Large: Membership and Fran Romer Annual Workshop Committee. I appreciate the opportunities that professional organizations like YASD provide for librarians serving youth adults to connect and share ideas that grow our profession.