

Chris Sarubbi - President, CATS Executive Board

Network and Systems Technician, Half Hollow Hills Community Library

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I have been working in libraries for eight years, having started as a Computer Page and rising to a full-time technician. As a Computer Page, I helped patrons use their technology and take advantage of library technology and services. In my current role, I have been able to make decisions on the type of technology services the library offers and assist in building an infrastructure to support our patrons when they use the library. Makerspaces have always been a passion of mine. With the help of our amazing Makerspace team, we grew the space from one 3D-printer into a full Makerspace at a new library building. I joined CATS because CATS brings together all these staff to make a true impact in libraries. From the technicians that program technology, technical services staff that process items in the catalog, and Librarians who help patrons utilize it -we are all in this together.

Julia Sukhu- Vice President, CATS Executive Board

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Julia is a Teen Services Librarian at the Deer Park Public Library. She has held positions at Longwood Public Library, Central Islip Public Library, and Half Hollow Hills Community Library. She received her MSLIS from St. John's University. She works with teens and technology on a daily basis and is always looking for different opportunities to give teens new experiences.

Mary O'Grady - Secretary, CATS Executive Board

Local History Librarian, Northport-East Northport Public Library

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I have served on the CATS executive board since 2014, and have held the position of recording secretary since 2020. My career as a reference librarian began in 2005 at the Northport-East Northport Public Library where I currently hold the position of local history librarian. Throughout my career, I have focused on digitization projects as well as learning and implementing the latest technologies for our library community. Since 2012, I have also held the elected office of treasurer for the staff association of the Northport-East Northport Public Library. I look forward to another year of serving on the CATS executive board.

Alison Mirabella - Treasurer, CATS Executive Board & TIF Co-president

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Alison Mirabella is the Digital Literacy Coordinator at The Longwood Public Library, where she teaches technology classes, conducts one-on-one appointments, manages the library's social media accounts and develops adult programming for the library's makerLAB. She also served as Past President of the Computer and Technology Services Division of SCLA and enjoys hosting monthly Technology Information Forum meetings with Chris. When she isn't teaching technology classes, she is trying (unsuccessfully) to train her two cats to stop walking across her desk during Zoom meetings.

Anthony Giansante - Past President, CATS Executive Board

Emerging Technologies Librarian, John Jermain Memorial Library

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Anthony is the Emerging Technologies Librarian at the John Jermain Memorial Library. He specializes in makerspace technology, emerging tech, and digital literacy. His career in libraries started as a circulation clerk at Longwood Public Library, and since then he has held positions at Middle Country Public Library, Sachem Public Library and Half Hollow Hills Community Library. He received his MSLIS from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at LIU Post. He's passionate about learning new techniques while using what he's learned to engage with the public's curiosities while offering them educational opportunities. In his free time, he enjoys reading, cooking, going to breweries, and traveling.

Nicole Parisi Eberle - Member at Large

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Nicole is a librarian who is passionate about technology and teaching. She currently manages Connetquot Public Library's innovative makerspace and teen department: the Learning Commons. She also teaches technology-based programs for various libraries across Suffolk County. She received her MLS degree from Queens College, and has previously held positions at the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, Lindenhurst Memorial Library and East Hampton Library. She is a former president of CATS, and has been an executive board member for the last 5 years.

Lilly Kiel - Member at Large

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I joined CATS to connect with other Librarians and Library Staff members that were apart of the same "world" I was. I wanted to grow what I offered at my Library via what inspired me upon seeing what other members were doing at their Libraries. As well as try new things, ask questions, and to be a part of a vital resource that supports Libraries growing technologically. I am excited to know my fellow members-at-large, learn about new emerging technologies, and discover new things to implement at my Library.

Bob Johnson - Member at Large

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Robert Johnson is currently the Information Technologist at The Emma S. Clark Library in Setauket, Suffolk County, New York. Robert is an active member of the Computer and Technical Services Division of the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) and a member of SCLA. He has spoken at numerous seminars and organizations across the Northeast region, including the New York Library Association (NYLA), He was previously the Information Technologist at the Port Jefferson Free Library in Port Jefferson, New York.

Danielle Bliss - Member at Large

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Danielle is a STEAM Specialist at Longwood Public Library. Her passion is empowering children with 21st century skills through coding, robotics, 3D printing, and maker activities. She started her career as a Page at Sayville Library in 2006, where she continues her work as a Youth Services Librarian. She attended Dowling College and obtained a B.A. in psychology, graduating summa cum laude in 2013. She then received a MLIS from St. John's University in 2015. When

she is not working (she works a lot), she can be found crafting home decor on her Cricut, watching cat and dog videos on Instagram, or going on long walks throughout her neighborhood.

Roseann Mammina - Member at Large, Tech Services Roundtable Organizer

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Roseann has been a Librarian for seventeen years and in the "library world" for close to twenty. She is currently the Technical Services Department Head at Longwood Public Library. Roseann is an experienced cataloger who is interested in how technology is changing the future of libraries.

Stephen Burg - Member at Large

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Stephen has been a member of CATS for many years. He is currently the Head of Digital Services at Mastics-Moriches Shirley Community Library.

Debbie Antolini - Member at Large, Hospitality & Tech Services Roundtable Organizer

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I have been in the library world for over 33 years and I have worked in multiple areas of multiple libraries over those 33 + years. I have worked at Longwood Public Library, The Smithtown Library, Middle Country Public Library, and North Shore Public Library. My positions have included Library Clerk, Computer Technician, Network & Systems Technician, Network & Systems Specialist, Principal Library Clerk, and Adult Librarian. I have worked in Technical Services, Computer Services, Customer Service, Circulation, and Adult Services.

Sara Fade - Member at Large

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My library career began as a library associate at New York Institute of Technology where I earned my M.A. in Communication Arts and my M.L.S. degree from Queens College. After obtaining my M.L.S. degree, I started working as a public librarian at Middle Country Public Library in the adult services department. I am fortunate enough to work on both young adult and adult projects and programs in my position where a large component of my job is creating and implementing programs and ordering/cataloging for specific core collections. In my spare time, I enjoy true crime shows, napping, and volunteering with local animal organizations.

Steven Alcalde - Member at Large

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My name is Steve Alcalde and I am an incoming Member at Large for the 2023 CATS Board. I've worked at Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton for the past eight years, working my way up from a Reference and Technology Librarian to the Head of Computer and Technology Services Department. Previously I had worked as a part-time YA Librarian at both Hampton Bays Library and Middle Country Public Library, and before that I taught 7th and 8th grade English AIS for seven years in the Eastport South Manor School District. While this is my first time serving on the CATS Board, I was a mainstay of the SCLA Executive Board for several years as NYLA Curator, Chairperson of Membership,

and eventually SCLA President. I joined CATS to help further immerse myself into a field I absolutely adore, to learn as much as I can from my brilliant and inspiring peers, and to use what I learn to help improve the library experience for both patrons and the library staff community. I look forward to being a part of this and can't wait to see what we accomplish together.

Chris DeCristofaro - Member at Large, TIF Co-president

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Chris DeCristofaro is the Head of Digital Services at the Sachem Public Library, in Holbrook New York. He specializes in makerspace technology and instruction and has over 20 years experience in the profession. Chris is the creator and co host of the podcast The Library Pros and also is the co-author of the book Best Technologies for Public Libraries (2020). Chris has been a speaker at numerous conferences and organizations including Novare Library Services, Computers in Libraries, New York Library Association Annual Conference and Trade Show, Long Island Library Conference and Long Island Library Resources Council's Libraries and the Future. Chris also moderates a monthly meeting of technology professionals for the Suffolk County Library Association.

Michael Bartolomeo – Member at Large

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Michael Bartolomeo is a technology enthusiast and librarian who has worked in public libraries since 2016. Receiving his MLIS from St. John's University, he quickly found a passion for raising awareness of and educating patrons and staff on emerging technologies. Michael is a strong advocate for intellectual privacy and believes libraries are an essential partner in maintaining a strong democracy. In his personal time, Michael enjoys creative writing, video games, and traveling.

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