

APRIL 2023

SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



A message from Alex Blend:

Dear members,

Effective April 1, I will be resigning from my position as SCLA President. Carisse Mitchell will be stepping in as Acting President in the interim. The Executive Board will be voting to reinstate Carisse as President at our April Board Meeting to help ensure SCLA continues to grow, and continues to move forward in the right direction. My time on the SCLA board has been a great and rewarding experience and I've enjoyed working with each and every one of you during my term as Vice President and President. I wish you all continued success in the future and look forward to see SCLA flourish in the coming years.

All the best,

Alex Blend
Sustainability Coordinator
Suffolk Cooperative Library System

A message from Carisse Mitchell:

Greetings, members!

I'd like to reintroduce myself. My name is Carisse Mitchell and I am currently the Youth Services Coordinator for the West Babylon Public Library. This is also my fourth consecutive year on the SCLA Board, previously serving as the President of YASD, Vice President of SCLA and President 2022 of SCLA. Additionally, I am a dog mom to 5 fur babies with my husband Patrick.

Over the past four years, myself and the Board have worked tirelessly to create and update an SCLA that will benefit all members of the Suffolk County Library Community. The last few years have been a time of change for all of us, personally and professionally. Libraries have been adapting to what their communities need for years, and I believe that is the future of SCLA. I look forward to continuing to adapt this Association into what our Library community needs and continue to be a resource for all of you.

Thank you Alex for your amazing service to this Association!

I look forward to a year of new and exciting programs from our talented Divisions, and truly value all of your dedication to Suffolk County and our Organization.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions or just to say hello! at cmitchell@wbpl.us

Best,
Carisse Mitchell

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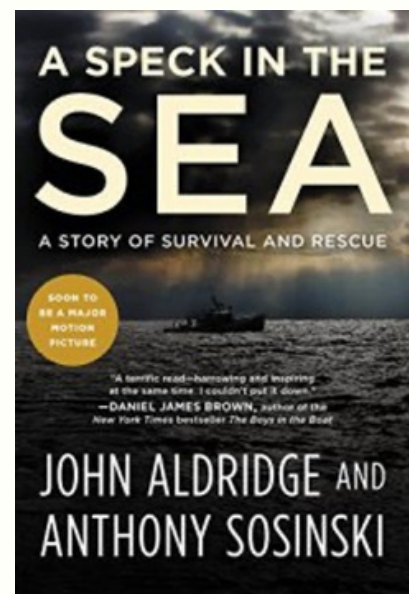
Reference and Adult Services Division

Kelly Fillipone, RASD President

Long Island Reads

The 2023 pick is...A Speck in the Sea: A Story of Survival and Rescue by John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski! Check out the Reader's Guide here.

Two veteran sailors who co-own and operate a Montauk lobster boat recount the 2013 search-and-rescue mission for co-author John Aldridge, describing how his partner, their families, the local fishing community, and the U.S. Coast Guard in three states mobilized an unprecedented and ultimately successful operation.



2023 Author Event

Authors John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski will be honored at the 2023 Long Island Reads Selection Award event for their book *A Speck in the Sea: A Story of Survival and Rescue* in a dual in-person and online program hosted by Half Hollow Hills Community Library on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 2 p.m. Free tickets to the in-person event will be available to the public beginning Saturday, April 1, at 9:30 a.m. Click the [EVENTBRITE](#) link for more information. For those who prefer to attend virtually, Half Hollow Hills Community Library will also host the event as an online program.

Career and Business References Services (C&B) and the Outreach Committees - Joint Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 2:30 pm

The Career and Business References Services and the Outreach Committees will be hosting a joint committee meeting at the Long Island Cares facilities.

The tour of the Center for Community Engagement and the Harry Chapin Regional Food Bank begins promptly at 2:30pm where we will learn about all of the resources and programs they provide to those in need. The tour should last approximately 45 minutes. There will be committee meetings following the tour in the Center for Community Engagements meeting rooms. Follow this [link](#) to register.

Readers' Advisory

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 10:00 am, SCLS with a Zoom option if needed

Are you looking for a committee to join but are short on time? Then the Readers' 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](#). Next meeting's topic: Biography. Contact Azurée Agnello at the West Babylon Public Library (631- 669-5445) or email aagnello@wbpl.us for more information and to register.

Computer and Technical Services Division

Chris Sarubbi, CATS President

"Hello! CATS has been hard at work creating opportunities to connect any and all who work with or are interested in computers and/or technical services!

First, we have the East End Tech Coalition which focuses on uniting the IT, Digital Services, and other Technology-Related Library Personnel of the East End! Registration is not required to attend meetings, but you must be a member of CATS. Meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month with the first one being on Tuesday, April 4th at 10:00am on Zoom. The second is on Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00 am on Zoom.

Next, we have the Technical Services Round Table! It is an opportunity for anyone involved with technical services duties to come together and share techniques, strategies, and procedures related to ordering, processing, cataloging, and securing library materials. In this open forum, participants are encouraged to share victories, stories, and unique tricks! The first meeting is on Tuesday, April 11th at 10 am, and you can register here. We hope this will become a forum where those in technical services can meet and discuss ideas and practices!

Then, we have the Technology Programming on a Budget program! Running technology programs does not have to break the bank (or your programming budget!). This webinar is designed for libraries and library personnel working with limited budgets or those who want to look before they leap into a new technology. Ideas for in-person and virtual programming will be discussed as well as helpful resources for getting the best price and getting inspired for your next potential program! It will be on Friday, April 21st at 2pmon Google Meet. You can register here!

Finally, CATS will also host a mixer on Friday, April 28th at 7 pm at Blue Point Brewery in Patchogue! Come and meet the CATS Board and other members. Must be 21 or older to enter the venue. If you feel like dropping by, let us know here!"

Support Staff Division

Kate Regina, SSD President



Happy spring to everyone. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our annual safety conference will be returning to the fall. So be on the look out for further information as it gets closer. We're looking to have our June 16 meeting in person at SCLS to start bringing us back in person! It will be open to all SSD members and anyone else interested in joining us at 2pm.

Young Adult Services Division

Lauren Strong, YASD President

We had a joint meeting with SCLS-YS on Tuesday, March 7 on Battle of the Books. A special thank you to all of our librarians that participated on the panel. YASD held our Annual Fran Romer Book Talk featuring author Kara Thomas on Thursday, March 23, 2023. It was wonderful to have this event back in person this year, and we are looking forward to planning next years workshop.

We are still accepting B.E.S.T. Award applications. If you would like to nominate a teen from your library, please fill out this [form](#). The winner will be announced at the Long Island Library Conference.

The YASD Board has sent out a survey for our members to vote on our new logo. If you belong to YASD, and have not voted, please vote [here](#).

Please join us for our joint meeting with SCLS-YS on Wednesday, May 17 at SCLS where we will be discussing Teen Dating Violence with Long Island Domestic Abuse and Violence. [Register here](#).



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CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS VS. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CEUs are awarded to a person for completing a formal training program

1 hour of training = 0.1 CEU

10 hours of training = 1.0 CEU

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

PDHs are awarded to a person based on contact hours of a presentation or training class. These are typically required to maintain a professional license or certification

1 hour of training = 1 PDH

ARE THE TWO INTERCHANGEABLE?

If needed, organizations requiring PDHs can convert a person's CEUs based on a 0.1 CEU to 1 PDH ratio.

This means 1 hour of training = 0.1 CEU = 1 PDH



With the start of April, nominations are officially open for this year's Excellence in Library Service Awards. So, if you know someone who you feel deserves to be recognized for going above and beyond in the library world, print out and fill out the form below and get those recommendation letters written. The brochure with full details of the award can be found [here](#). Nominations will be open until July 31, 2023 so anything emailed, mailed or sent through system will be accepted until then.

As always, we look forward from hearing about all the wonderful library workers we have here in Suffolk County.

Library Directory Associates Award

Noel Reich, LDA Award Chair

We are seeking nominations for the 2023 LDA Award. The LDA Award provides recognition to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to libraries on Long Island. By honoring the winner, we honor all the people who contribute to the profession. The LDA Award will be presented at the Long Island Library Conference on Thursday, May 11th 2023.

Please note the following eligibility criteria:

- Librarians, trustees, support staff, friends of the library, vendors and publishers are all eligible
- Nominees should have the following:
 - Outstanding achievement in developing and publishing library materials
 - A long and distinguished service in the advancement of librarianship
 - An original contribution for promoting the library
 - Progressive legislative activity
 - Promotion of intellectual freedom
 - Creative, innovative utilization of technologies
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Nominating packets can be submitted via Google Form, or emailed in a single PDF to ldalibraryaward@gmail.com.

LDA AWARD

Call for Nominations 2023

~Scan the QR Code or Link below to submit your nomination packet. We have extended the deadline through March 31st.~

Submit a nomination today!

Please email us at ldalibraryaward@gmail.com with any questions!

Student Outreach

Colleen Navins- The Smithtown Library

SCLA Student Outreach has ventured out to SUNY Geneseo students! Maggie T. who is in her junior year at Geneseo as a 7-12 education major, reached out about YA literature and incorporating titles into her student teaching curriculum. We scheduled a time for her to come in and discussed literature geared for that age group and possible assignments she can build around assigned reading. Maggie heard about us through a family member who is a local Librarian. Mentorship comes in all shapes and sizes and can span further than Long Island!

Interested in becoming a mentor? Send me an email: cnavins@smithlib.org



Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Lauren Scottaline, CLASC President

CLASC Meeting and Annual Dinner featuring Author Shauna J. Grant

Wednesday, April 26, 6:00pm at the Stonebridge Country Club

Books will be available for purchase from A Book Place & the author will sign them! Attendees will receive 2 credit hours. Click [here](#) for registration information.

Celine Liefbrig New Book Seminar

Tuesday, June 6, 2:30-4:30 pm at Islip Public Library and Zoom

Join us for a special New Book Seminar designed to help you plan for the Summer Reading Program! Bring your favorite books related to this summer's theme, get new ideas and more. RSVP by June 2, 2023. To register to here Attendees will receive 2 credit hours.

APRIL TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Peter Ward, Brentwood Public Library

This location was originally developed as a resort spot for library professionals:

1. Miami Beach
2. Aspen
3. The Hamptons
4. Lake Placid

Please submit your answers to Lauren Strong
lauren.strong@riverheadlibrary.org

Winners will be announced in the next newsletter



January Winners

Long Island Library Resources Council

Spring is around the corner, and LILRC is excited to share these upcoming events with you. Also, be sure to save the date, June 20, for LILRC's Annual Membership Meeting which will be held in person, at the Half Hollow Hills Community Library (Dix Hills) with keynote speaker Arlene Laverde!

Friday, April 7, 9:30am Digitization Best Practices and Metadata Basics

Wednesday, April 12, 10:00am Caring For and Digitizing Vinyl Records

Thursday, April 13, 11:00am "Immigration 101" Event: A "what's what" of Immigration Law

Thursday, April 13, 3:00pm Coffee+Conversation: Social Media Librarians Virtual Meetup

Friday, April 14, 10:00am Formal Workplace Complaints: Best Practices for Investigating and Addressing Workplace Harassment, Discrimination, and Other Workplace Complaints

Friday, April 14, 1:00pm Practicing Social Justice in Libraries: Building Equitable and Inclusive Collections

Wednesday, April 19, 2:00pm Library Marketing Plan 101: A Step by Step Approach

Monday, April 24, 10:00am I Can't get No [Job] Satisfaction: Trends and Strategies to Support Yourself and Other Library Workers (9th Annual Herbert Biblo Academic Libraries Conference, Half Hollow Hills Community Library)

Tuesday, May 2, 11:00am Temple Grandin: Great Minds Are Not All the Same

Tuesday, May 9, 1:00pm Chasten Buttigieg: I Have Something to Tell You, A Memoir for Young Adults

Tuesday, May 9, 3:30pm Building a Culture of Reading

There's still time to register for the 2023 Long Island Library Conference! With 24 educational sessions featuring a wide variety of topics, this year's conference has something for everyone. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet with vendors, and hear the adventures of Ellen Jovin, the Roving Grammarian. We hope to see you there on May 11, 2023! Click [here](#) to register.



Long Island Library Conference
Melville Marriot
1350 Walt Whitman Rd, Melville, NY 11747
Thursday, May 11, 2023
Register Today!
www.libconference.org