



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

2024 SCLA Executive Board Nominating Slate

President

Colleen Navins

Vice President/President Elect (choose one)

Lauren Strong

Anthony Giansante

Treasurer

Rebecca Goldstein

Secretary

Rachel Cecchini

Member-at-Large: Networking

Morgan Tamburro



LAUREN STRONG

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

My name is Lauren Strong, and I am running for the position of SCLA Vice President/President Elect . Before starting my career as a librarian, I taught elementary school for the NYC Department of Education for four years. Currently, I am the Youth and Family Services Coordinator at the Riverhead Free Library and am the YASD President and Newsletter Chair for SCLA. I have worked in libraries since 2005; including 4 years as a Part-Time Teen Librarian at Sachem Public Library. As the Department Coordinator, I am passionate about the culture that surrounds our ever growing population which includes but is not limited to; art, gaming, literature, pop culture, and technology. I enjoy planning and facilitating innovative programming for patrons of all ages where they are encouraged to be creative and explore new options through STEAM based programs. I am passionate about Student Outreach, and have created a Mobile Programming Initiative to go into schools and facilitate programs on site. Since becoming a Coordinator at the Riverhead Free Library, I have come to understand the importance of networking and leadership. When I am not at the library you can always find me with a good book, my beloved pup, and friends and family. I am a highly dedicated, motivated, creative, and service oriented individual that loves being involved in new projects and coming up with fresh ideas. I believe my work experience and dedication to SCLA will allow me to be a valuable asset as the Vice President/President Elect for our organization.



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ANTHONY GIANSANTE

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

Anthony is Head of Emerging Technologies 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.

As an active member of CATS, he realized the integral part that computers and technical services play in providing services to the public, maintaining and preserving collections, and engendering a sense of community between library workers and the public. He has held many positions in CATS including: Member at Large, Vice President, President, and is currently the immediate Past President. As President of CATS, he represented the division when SCLA separated from NYLA, worked with various local library related organizations to form and promote professional development with programs like: The Women and Tech in Libraries Panel, and Tween Makerfaire. He also is an active member of the East End Tech Coalition. 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.



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REBECCA GOLDSTEIN

TREASURER

Rebecca Goldstein is a full-time Teen Services Librarian at the Sachem Public Library, and a part-time Teen Services Librarian at the Patchogue-Medford and Longwood Public Libraries, where she started as a page. During her nineteen-year career in libraries, Rebecca has been a face painter, a dog biscuit baker, a button maker, a maker of Minecraft crafts, a crafter of tissue paper flowers, a creator of Cricut coasters, a builder of marshmallow bridges, a seed sorter, a t-shirt tie-dyer, an eBook educator, a technology tutor, a lost cause in Super Smash Bros., a Jedi cosplayer (she was a little too short to be a Stormtrooper), a green screen photographer, a poster producer, an accidental bane of IT's existence, a hotspot handler, a reader advisor, a Summer Reading Club video director, and a President of YASD.

Rebecca was almost a math major in college, and has put those differential equations classes to use over the past two years serving as the SCLA Treasurer, seeing the association through its separation with NYLA and establishing the practices that will see SCLA into the future. She still has some things to figure out, but she should have the hang of it all by the end of another term!

Rebecca enjoys murder mysteries, middle grade misadventures, and audiobooks read by Rebecca Soler. When she isn't working or reading, you can usually find her doing a crossword puzzle, collecting tarot decks, quoting Hocus Pocus, watching YA book adaptations, and generally avoiding the sun.



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RACHEL CECCHINI

SECRETARY

Rachel Cecchini is the Teen Services Librarian at the Smithtown Library, Commack Building. She has been working in libraries for fourteen 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. If elected, this would be Rachel's second term as SCLA Secretary. She has also served on the RASD Executive Board as President, Secretary, and co-chair of the New Adult Committee and the Media Committee.

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



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MORGAN TAMBURRO

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: NETWORKING

Morgan Tamburro is currently Head of Patron Services at Sayville Library where she manages Circulation, Technical Services and the Library's social media. Occasionally, she can also be found at the Adult Services Desk and is the main rider of the Library's new book bike, The Navigator. She has previously served as co-chair of the New Adult Committee of RASD. Morgan has over 12 years of experience working in libraries including two years out-of-state in a large urban library. She has a deep understanding of the differing needs and responsibilities of each department from her experience in various paraprofessional positions, professional positions and libraries over her career thus far. Morgan enjoys collaborating with colleagues on large library initiatives and seeing the results that come with creating successful teams that play to each person's strengths. If elected, she looks forward to planning events for SCLA members to network in a fun, inclusive environment. Outside of work, she can be found exploring the island, travelling, taking pictures, playing ultimate frisbee and volleyball, reading books, and playing with her dog, Nym.



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