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# SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A Message from the President: Carisse Mitchell

Happy Fall and congratulations on making it through Summer Reading!

I hope you had the opportunity to take advantage of our amazing Professional Development Series! A huge thank you to NCLA, CLASC & all of our Divisions, including the Executive Board for putting together such an amazing array of programs and opportunities. One of my goals for SCLA is for the association to reach all library staff, and I believe that our Professional Development Series did just that. SCLA is committed to being a resource for all library workers, and I want to thank all of you for your support as we continue to move forward.

Additionally, I'd like to invite all of you to our Annual Dinner this year, on October 26 at the West Sayville Country Club. It will be a night filled with dancing, networking and great food surrounded by amazing Library workers.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Cheers  
Carisse

## EXECUTIVE BOARD:

**President:**

Carisse Mitchell, West Babylon Public Library

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**CATS:**

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**SSD:**

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**YASD:**

Lauren Strong, Riverhead Free Library

**Newsletter:**

Carole Lingg, Hampton Bays Public Library

# Reference and Adult Services Division

Kelly Fillipone, RASD President

RASD sponsored two programs for the Professional Development Series hosted by SCLA, NCLA and CLASC. Coping with Vicarious Trauma and Stress in the Workplace, co-sponsored with NCLA Library Staff of Color and The Action of Inaction: Library Neutrality in the Wake of Social Justice. Thank you to our presenters Amanda Fludd, Katicscuia Gray and Mahasin Ameen for sharing these excellent programs with us.

The RASD has the following positions open for the 2024 Board:

- Member-at-Large (2)
- Programs
- Nomination
- Health Concerns Chair (there is a current co-chair)

If you know someone who may be interested in getting involved, please contact me at [kfillipone@smithlib.org](mailto:kfillipone@smithlib.org) and I'd be happy to share more information.

PR & Marketing Committee: The committee had a great group of applicants for the 2023 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA). Judging will begin shortly and the winner will be acknowledged at the SCLA Annual Dinner on October 26th.

Outreach Committee: Stay tuned! Applications for the Suffolk Library Excellence in Outreach Award (SLEOA) will be available soon.

Save the dates for our upcoming meetings and events!

The Health Concerns Committee will host their annual Fall Breakfast on Tuesday, November 7th at 9:30 am at the Sayville Library. A representative from Parker Jewish Institute will provide a presentation on their "Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands" program and other resources and services they provide to libraries and the community for people caring for those with Alzheimer's Disease or other types of dementia.

MOSAIC's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 10am at SCLS. They will be joined by the Hispanic Advisory Committee.

Finally, RASD's Annual Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th from 2-4pm. Information will be shared via SCLA's listserv as well as on our website at [scla.net/rasd](http://scla.net/rasd) as it is available. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Computer and Technical Services Division

Julia Sukhu, CATS President

Hello!

CATS has a number of programs happening this fall and we'd love for you to join us!

First, we have the 2nd Annual Women and Technology in Libraries panel! CATS has teamed up with CLASC again to celebrate and spotlight influential women who have harnessed the power of technology to innovate in their roles, serve their communities more effectively, and break through gender boundaries.

In this panel, our guests will share their insights into how they've utilized technology to continuously support and enhance the libraries and their communities, offering insight for aspiring librarians, library staff, and technologists alike.

Through this gathering, we not only celebrate women's achievements but also inspire a new generation to follow in their footsteps, reinforcing the significance of diversity in libraries and technology.

Join us on Thursday, October 12th from 6:30-8:30 at the Sachem Public Library. Register [here](#).

Next, CATS, CLASC, and YASD have joined forces for the 2nd Annual Tween Makerfaire on Thursday, November 9th from 10-12pm at Middle Country Public Library.

This is an interactive event showcasing the latest in emerging technologies, makerspaces and STEAM-related initiatives tailored for young patrons! Join us and collaborate, share insights, and learn from fellow librarians across Long Island.

To register, click [here](#). If you are interested in having a table at the event, click [here](#).

Lastly, CATS is having a fall mixer! Please join us at the [Po Boy Brewery](#) in Port Jeff Station on Nov 10th at 7pm. The CATS Board wants to get to know you and hear from our members, friends and colleagues. So, join us for an informal get-together and have some fun! Must be 21 or older to enter the venue. Cash bar. Register [here](#).

# Young Adult Services Division

Lauren Strong, YASD President

Happy Fall Yall! We hope everyone is recovering from the busyness of the Summer.

YASD will be partnering with CATS and CLASC again for the second annual Tween Maker Faire at the Middle Country Public Library on Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Here you'll be able to learn about new technology, makerspaces and STEAM related programming from libraries and librarians across Suffolk County. If you'd like to have a table at this event, click [here](#)

We will also be having our Annual Luncheon on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 12:00-3:00pm. Please look out for more information to follow. We will also be looking for nominations for our Teen Librarian Awards for Most Creative Program, Most Successful Program, and Best Community Service Program. Please click [here](#) to nominate a Teen Librarian

# SCLA Annual Dinner



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## Student Outreach

On Tuesday, August 29 The Student Outreach Committee of SCLA was invited to speak at the New Student Orientation for Long Island University's Palmer School. Dr. Bea Baaden led the Zoom meeting and spoke to over 45 new students about Library School and the benefits of joining outside organizations. Colleen Navins presented on behalf of SCLA and spoke about civil service, CEU's and becoming a student member of the Suffolk County Library Association. She was also able to talk about the Mentorship program and offered information to anyone who was looking to join that program. Working with LIU is always a highlight of the Student Outreach Committee and we look forward to Library School students joining SCLA for 2024.



# Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Kimberly Zettwoch Manise ,CLASC President

## CLASC Executive Board Election Position Change

During the August Executive Board Meeting the CLASC Board motioned and approved the appointment of Nicole Basil as the new Corresponding Secretary, after our previous Corresponding Secretary had to step down. Nicole is a Children's Librarian at the Half Hollow Hills Library. Nicole has been an active member of CLASC and SCLA, serving on the board of its Fandom Outreach Committee. We are so happy to have her on the board!

## CLASC General Membership Meeting and Mock Caldecott Book Discussion

Tuesday, December 5th, 9:30-11:30am – Mock Caldecott, 11:30am-12:30pm Membership Meeting and Lunch, SCLS Auditorium.

Join us CLASC for the Mock Caldecott Book Discussion followed by our General Membership Meeting and Lunch. Please watch our website, <http://clascincorg.blogspot.com/>, for registration information.



## Civil Service Basics

SCLA invites you to attend

# CIVIL SERVICE BASICS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19  
10:30AM - 12:15PM

Presented on **Zoom**  
by Cheryl Caniano from  
Suffolk County Civil Service

**This session will cover strategies for  
approaching civil service exams,  
the rule of three and how the  
Eligibility lists work.**

 Free for SCLA Members  
\$5 for non-members

The poster for 'Civil Service Basics' has a warm, autumnal theme with yellow and orange flowers and leaves in the corners. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. The SCLA logo is at the bottom center, next to the pricing information.

# Long Island Library Resources Council

LILRC Fall News!

LILRC is excited to host two in-person conferences this month, the [32nd Annual Conference on Libraries and The Future: AI in Libraries](#) (October 6 at the Heritage Club at Bethpage) and the [28th Annual Long Island Archives Conference: Transcending Barriers: Opening Archives, Opening Minds](#) (October 23 at SUNY Old Westbury).

Other fall highlights include:

October 13, 10:00am [Introduction to XR technologies such as Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Mixed Reality](#) at South Huntington Public Library

October 18, 11:30am [The Statue of Liberty: Iconic America Screening and Lunch](#) at Suffolk Cooperative Library System Auditorium.

October 19, 10:00am [Customer Service On All Platforms](#)

October 20, 10:00am [Learn How to Create an Extended Reality Virtual Art Gallery with Spatial.io](#)

October 24, 11:00am [Iconic America: Ellis Island](#)

October 25, 10:00am [Management of Aggressive Behavior \(MOAB\) Training](#)

October 26, 3:30pm [Hooked on Books with Richard Panchyk](#)

Please note carefully which events are held in person and the location. All other programs will be held on zoom. We hope to see you at many programs!

