



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Hello!

My name is Patricia Cruz, I am a librarian in the Reference Department at Patchogue-Medford Library and I am serving this upcoming year as RASD President. I joined RASD this year and served as Vice President/President Elect; prior to joining RASD, I served on the SCLA Board for 2 years as Secretary.

Joining me this year on our Board: Jessica Brown, Vice President/President Elect, Valerie Harrison, Treasurer and Emma Yohannan, Secretary. I look forward to working with them along with our appointed members and the chairpersons of each of our committees. A big thank you to Kelly Filippone, 2023 RASD President, for leading our Division, for her guidance and support in everything.

This year RASD participated in sponsoring programs for the Long Island Library Conference, the virtual professional development series hosted by CLASC, SCLA and NCLA, and recently held its Annual Luncheon at the Brentwood Public Library. In the upcoming year, we will continue to provide professional development opportunities and events relating to Reference and Adult Services, be sure to check out all RASD has to offer at www.scla.net/rasd.

Sincerely,
 Patricia Cruz
 Patchogue-Medford Library

MOSAIC

On **March 16, 2024** Members of Multicultural and Outreach Services Information Committee (MOSAIC) presented at the Long Island Language Advocates Conference at St. Joseph's College. See [page 3](#) for details.



Readers' Advisory

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.

If you'd like more information, please contact Azurée Agnello at the West Babylon Public Library (631-669-5445) or email aagnello@wbpl.us. You can attend a meeting to see what it's like or jump right in and pick a book to share. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 25, 2024**, at SCLS from **10 am-12 pm** where we will discuss the topic Folklore & Mythology (Fiction). Check out our blog for previous topics and reviews: <https://rasdreadersadvisory.blogspot.com/>

Services for New Americans and Limited English Proficient (LEP) patrons at Public Libraries



Lindsay Davis

Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

Lindsay Davis joined the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library in 2017 as the Head of Literacy Services and the Executive Director of the Community Family Literacy Project, Inc. For seven years prior, she was an instructor in the library's adult literacy program while working as a full-time elementary school special education teacher. Ms. Davis believes that education empowers individuals, families, and communities! She is a graduate of St. Joseph's College and received her master's degree from Stony Brook University.



Josh Tanski

Patchogue-Medford Library

Josh Tanski has worked at the Patchogue-Medford Library for over 5 years. Currently he co-coordinates the library's English classes and he previously tutored one of these classes while studying at Stony Brook University. A bilingual librarian, Josh assists patrons in English and Spanish with everything from filling out DMV forms to making appointments with different consulates in the NY area.



Amber Gagliardi

Middle Country Public Library

Amber Gagliardi has been an Adult Reference Librarian at the Middle Country Public Library (MCPL) since 2011 specializing in literacy services and programming. Ms. Gagliardi has a passion for bringing librarians together to share knowledge and has chaired of Suffolk County Library Association's Multicultural and Outreach Services Committee (MOSAIC) for eight years. She also a Board Member of Literacy Suffolk in effort to expand literacy services county wide.

MOSAIC Multicultural Outreach Services
And Information Committee



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Mission Statement:

To unite in one division all those who are interested in any phase of reference and adult services. To give those having responsibility for the above services an opportunity to exchange information, develop techniques and improve their professional experience. To have representation on the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Library Association.

RASD Executive Board

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President- Patricia Cruz

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Alex Cranshaw & Andrew Mihopoulos

Outreach- Alicia Collumbell

Programs- Amber Gagliardi

Public Relations and Marketing-

James Garvey & Christine Lyons

Readers' Advisory- Azuree Agnello

Appointed Positions:

Membership- Jessica Weber

Editor of Ramblings- Sean Walls

Website Administrator-

Meghan Roe-Mesenbourg

Historian- Georgiana O'Neill

Nomination- Vacant

Membership

The Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) supports the professional development of librarians and library staff through a wide range of committees that concentrate on improving patron services. Through the efforts of these committees, we provide professional growth, continuing education programs and networking opportunities to develop and improve our profession.

Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, be sure to consider becoming a member of RASD.

RASD is a division of [SCLA](#).

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