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SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Hello and Happy Spring!

I hope everyone is looking forward to some warmer weather and being outside.

The SCLA Executive Board has had a busy few months providing continuing education, networking events and collaborations for our members.

On February 29, we welcomed The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, for a presentation on Homelessness and Libraries. Over 40 Librarians and Library Staff attended this workshop and had wonderful reviews of the speaker and content. Jessica Labia of LICH is open to working directly with libraries and I can provide her contact information if any libraries would like to reach out to her.

SCLA hosted our joint Spring Mix and Mingle networking event with PLDA and CLASC on Thursday, March 28. We had over 50 professionals join us at James Joyce in Patchogue for food, drinks, raffles and fun. I must say it was an amazing experience! A big thank you to PLDA, CLASC, our Division Presidents and the SCLA Executive Board for making this event a true success. We look forward to future collaborations and networking opportunities.

We are looking forward to an amazing line up for the Long Island Library Conference and hope many of our members will be joining us on May 9, 2024. Please stop by our SCLA and Division tables for raffles, giveaways, member information and upcoming events.

Be on the lookout for more SCLA sponsored events for April - June 2024! We have Library Tours, Webinars and Membership tutorials all in the works for you. We value our members and look forward to providing you with edifying experiences that you can use in the Library field.

Best,
Colleen Navins
SCLA President

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Homelessness and Libraries



Spring Mixer



SCLA is now CASHLESS!

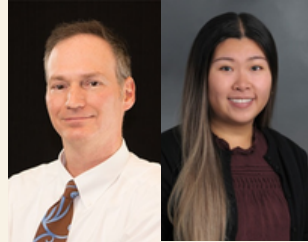


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Division of Academic and Special Libraries

Bruce Seger, DASL President

DASL will host THE HUMAN LIBRARY: Promoting Diversity and Dialog in Your Library at the Long Island Library Conference in May.



Chris Kretz and Sunny Chung, Special Guest Speakers for the Long Island Library Conference

DASL president Bruce Seger commented, "We are excited not only to be sponsoring this important and exciting diversity concept, but also to have two wonderful and dynamic speakers from SUNY Stony Brook Academic Libraries, Christ Kretz, and Sunny Chung."

The Human Library is an internationally recognized learning experience featuring people as "Open Books" discussing specific prejudices or stereotypes they have overcome. In an increasingly divided world, the Human Library is an opportunity to promote dialogue through personal conversations among diverse people, inviting the audience as "readers" to "unjudge someone." The presentation will include the concept of the Human Library, the logistics of applying for and licensing the event, recruiting of Books, managing marketing, running the event, and assessment activities. Along the way we can talk about building partnerships outside the library, training volunteers, and the overall "lessons learned."

DASL DAZZLES at Annual Luncheon



From L to R, Keith Pardini, Brian Adams, Sally Stieglitz, Danielle Gruttadaurio, and Bruce Seger at the DASL Annual Luncheon, held at Carnival Restaurant in Port Jefferson.

The Division of Academic and Special Libraries (DASL) held its annual luncheon at Carnival Restaurant in Port Jefferson. The special guest speaker was Danielle Gruttadaurio, the only Forensic Artist for the Suffolk Police Department. Danielle helps victims identify criminals by sketching their faces for identification. She also sketches faces from skulls found at crime scenes and has been an integral part of some of the major crimes scene on television. DASL president Bruce Seger commented that Ms. Gruttadaurio shared a wealth of knowledge, demonstrated her skills with examples of her criminal sketches, and explained the intricacies of her job including assisting victims recall their horrific criminal encounters for identification. She is a former art teacher and crime victim which she believes helps her relate to other victims to help identify their attackers. Everyone came away wowed with the presentation and were interested in potential future presentations by this unique forensic artist.

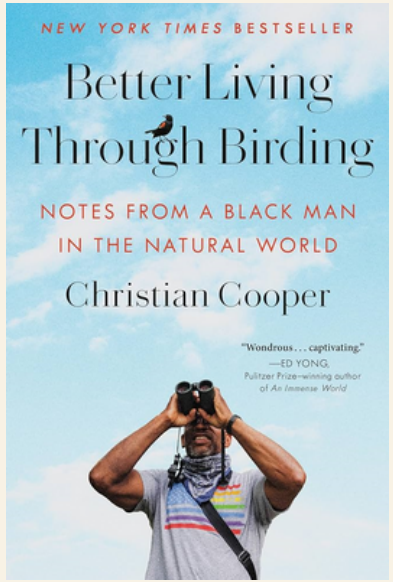


Reference and Adult Services Division

Patricia Cruz, RASD President

Long Island Reads

The 2023 pick is...Better Living Through Birding by Christian Cooper. Cooper tells the story of his extraordinary life leading up to the now-infamous incident in Central Park one morning in May 2020 when what might have been a routine encounter with a dog walker exploded age-old racial tensions. Cooper shows how a life spent looking up at the birds prepared him, in the most uncanny of ways, to be a gay, Black man in America today.



Long Island Reads will honor Christian Cooper in person and online at an award ceremony on April 21, 2024 at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library. Tickets will be available beginning April 1 for both in-person and virtual attendance. The Reader's Guide is available here. If your library is planning any Long Island Reads related programming, please use this form to let us know what you've got planned: <https://forms.gle/GyxEUwjv4FHkHssT8>.

Interested in joining an RASD committee?

RASD offers the opportunity to join a variety of committees that meet throughout the year to discuss various topics, professional development programs and networking events. Currently our New Adult and Outreach Committees are looking for anyone interested in getting involved as chairs/co-chairs--training will be provided!

If you're interested in joining any of the RASD committees, please contact Patricia Cruz at pcruz@pmlib.org

Young Adult Services Division

Ashley Sabatino, YASD President

YASD started out the year strong with our annual joint meeting with Nassau YASD Friday, February 9th on Zoom. Our speaker, Summer Boismier, spoke about her work with Brooklyn Public Library's Teen Intellectual Freedom Council. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Our Annual Fran Romer Memorial Booktalk Workshop will take place on Thursday, April 11th at the Patchogue-Medford Carnegie Teen Center. Our guest speaker will be Kat Cho, author of Once Upon a K-Prom.

YASD will have a table at the Long Island Library Conference on May 9th. Come visit us to learn how to get involved, get free swag, and enter raffles!

We hope you'll join us on May 23rd on Zoom for The Teens are Alright: How to get Everyone on Board with Providing Support and Respect to Teens in the Library. Librarians Katelyn Hara-Moss and Heather Massa will discuss ways to improve staff responses to teens being in the library. Keep an eye out on the listservs for a flyer with more information!

SCLA

SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION



SCLA SSD



The purpose of the Support Staff Division shall be to unite into one division all of those who are interested in clerical, security and/or custodial issues in libraries.

The Support Staff Division (SSD) of SCLA, was formed in 2001 with YOU in mind. It is the goal of the division to unite into one division all of the support staff of Suffolk County libraries.

Why Should I join?

- Members receive Suffolk Libraries (the SCLA newsletter)
- Discounts on fees for conferences, workshops, seminars & special events
- CEU's for many events
- Participation in the SCLA listserv
- An invitation to attend SCLA's annual dinner
- Networking opportunities!

How to Join?

- Become a member of SCLA
- Simply indicate the 'Support Staff Division' as the main division of interest on your SCLA application.

JOIN NOW!

SSD is currently looking for Board members - if you're interested in finding out more information please email Carisse Mitchell (SCLA Past President) at cmitchell@wbpl.us

Long Island Library Conference



46th Annual Long Island Library Conference Libraries: Banned and Dangerous

Don't miss out on the 46th Annual Long Island Library Conference, which will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the Melville Marriott.

The keynote speaker for this year's conference is Bill Goldstein. He reviews books and interviews authors for NBC's Weekend Today in New York and was the founding editor of The New York Times books website. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Goldstein received a Ph.D. in English from the City University of New York Graduate Center. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.billgoldsteinbooks.com/>

There will be a discounted rate for NCLA and SCLA members. Please have your credentials for individual membership available when registering for the conference. Institutional memberships are not applicable for the discounted rate.

To register, please visit:

<https://libconference.org/registration>

Conference Registration Rates:

NCLA/SCLA Members \$80

Non-Members \$95

Current Students \$50

Same Day Registration \$150

Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Kimberly Zettwoch Manise ,CLASC President

CLASC Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, April 18th, 6:00-9:00 PM, Garden Grill in Smithtown.

CLASC will be hosting our Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner featuring Children's Author/Illustrator, Lynnor Bontigao. Visit our website, <http://clascincorg.blogspot.com/> for registration information.

CLASC Barbara Fletcher Scholarship Available

The Barbara Flesher Scholarship is presented in recognition of Barbara Flescher's tremendous contribution to the field of Children's Librarianship and to honor our first president and founding member. Please visit our website, <http://clascincorg.blogspot.com/> for scholarship requirements and details on applying. Applications must be received by April 12th.

Save the Date CLASC Bi-Annual Literature Conference

Thursday, October 17th

Please save the date to join CLASC for our Bi- Annual Literature Conference, being held at a new venue, the Courtyard Marriott in Ronkonkoma. Additional details and registration information will be able soon on our website and social media pages.



ELSA



EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD

2024 Call for Nominations

Recognizing

**Reference · Children's · Young Adult · Technical Services
· Maintenance · Circulation · Support Staff**

The ELSA is designed to recognize dedication to public service demonstrated by any staff member of a public, school, special or academic library in Suffolk County.

**Nominations may be made by library patrons or staff
and must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.**

Deadline: July 31, 2024

Form found @ scla.net under Awards
For more information, please contact
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