



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

2025 RASD Nominating Slate

Vice President/President Elect

Jackie Narkiewicz

Treasurer (choose one)

Tova Harris

Valerie Harrison

Secretary (choose one)

Emma Yohannan

Kasey Doherty



JACKIE NARKIEWICZ

**RASD
VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT**

My name is Jackie Narkiewicz, and I am an Adult Reference Librarian II at the Huntington Public Library – Station Branch; and am running for RASD Vice President/President Elect position.

I have over 20 years of experience in Adult, Young Adult and Children's Departments at a variety of Suffolk County libraries. I have been a member of SCLA for many years and served on its board as secretary and then later as president. I was also a member of CLASC and served on its board as historian. I am currently a member of NYLA and ALA. My participation in these organizations has allowed me to observe leadership at its finest and I look forward to continuing a strong leadership standard in the future.

I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with my fellow Adult Reference Librarians to keep RASD on the leading edge of current issues and trends in public libraries. With your support, we can continue to keep our libraries in the forefront. Please vote for me, Jackie Narkiewicz, as RASD Vice President/President Elect.

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TOVA HARRIS

RASD
TREASURER

Tova Harris (she/they) is a BIPOC resident of Long Island. They are currently in the University at Buffalo's MS program, and is privileged to work at the amazing makerspaces of both the Sachem Public Library and the Longwood Public Library. They are looking to eventually create more Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) programming within SCLA. Tova has been able to participate in a 1-year Director mentorship through the PDLA Diversity Scholarship, and also writes a column on makerspaces in NYLA's newspaper publication, the NYLA Voice.

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VALERIE HARRISON

RASD
TREASURER

My name is Valerie Harrison. I am an Adult Librarian Trainee at the Bayport-Blue Point Library and the Patchogue-Medford Library. I have been in the library field for seven years, working as a Page, Circulation Clerk, and now Trainee. Additionally, I have served as RASD Treasurer for over a year now. As a Librarian Trainee, I have assisted in various projects, such as posting on the Libraries' social media pages and planning adult programs. In December of 2022, I was offered to fill the role of RASD Treasurer on short notice when the group was suddenly without a Treasurer. I quickly stepped in and fulfilled the Treasure position in January of 2023, and I have enjoyed working with and helping out RASD since. I understand that the role of Treasurer is important, and I have been working hard to keep RASD organized. My attention to detail and comfort with using spreadsheets have helped me make that goal possible. I am running for Treasurer with the hopes of getting the opportunity to continue assisting RASD to stay organized moving forward.

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EMMA YOHANNAN

**RASD
SECRETARY**

During the past few months as RASD secretary, I have enjoyed serving my fellow librarians, and I aim to continue this service next year. I love the ways our organization helps librarians grow so we can have an even greater impact on our communities. I look forward to hopefully working with many of you in 2025.

I am an Adult Reference Librarian at Central Islip Public Library, where I am responsible for our nonfiction collection, our book club, and our community resources webpage. I have worked at Suffolk County libraries for eight years, holding previous roles at Emma S. Clark Memorial Library and Patchogue-Medford Library. I am also a member of the RASD Reader's Advisory Committee. My favorite part of being a librarian is developing relationships with patrons, especially at book clubs and other library programs. I love bringing people together and starting conversations around books and big ideas.

I received my M.L.S. from Queens College in 2022 and my B.A. in English, summa cum laude, from Stony Brook University in 2020.

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KASEY DOHERTY

RASD
SECRETARY

My name is Kasey Doherty, and I am running for Secretary of the 2025 RASD Executive Board. I am a Reference librarian at Half Hollow Hills Community Library and have been working in libraries since completing my MLS and MA in History at Queens College in 2019. I love working in public libraries, and I am dedicated to providing the best reference services possible for our patrons. I believe that when librarians work together and collaborate we all benefit, especially our communities.