

July 2024



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Summer Reading is upon us!

I hope everyone is ready for a busy summer of adventures at the library.

The SCLA Executive Board has been working to provide members with Library Tours of our beautiful county Libraries. Be on the lookout for our South Huntington Tour this summer as well as some East End tours this fall.

The Long Island Library Conference brought together an amazing group of Library Staff and an overwhelming amount of visitors at our division tables. I want to thank our divisions and members for their hard work and dedication which led to a phenomenal conference for 2024.

Continuing Education is a top priority for the Executive Board. We are eagerly planning events for August and September. We will continue our Library Tours and are preparing for another wonderful Professional Development Series, which will be held in September. Please continue to open emails from the SCLA ListServ and browse our calendar events on our website.

We are also looking for members to join the SSD executive board! Please email me (cnavins@smithlib.org) or Past President Carisse Mitchell (cmitchell@wbpl.us), if you are interested in this opportunity. We would love to work with you.

Best,
Colleen Navins
SCLA President

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Division of Academic and Special Libraries

Bruce Seger, DASL President



DASL and Taylor Swift enjoyed great responses at the Long Island Library Conference

By Bruce Seger

DASL hosted The Human Library at the 2024 Long Island Library Conference. It was presented by Professors Christopher Kretz and Sunny Chung both from Stony Brook University. It is an internationally recognized learning experience featuring people as “Open Books” discussing specific prejudices or stereotypes they have overcome.

The Human Library is an opportunity to promote dialogue through personal conversations among diverse people, inviting the audience as “readers” to “unjudge someone.” The speakers provided insight into their training, and experiences hosting the event and also any glitches they encountered to better assist future programs.

The presentation drew a capacity audience and even had a drop in by celebrity Taylor Swift (CC).

By Bruce Seger

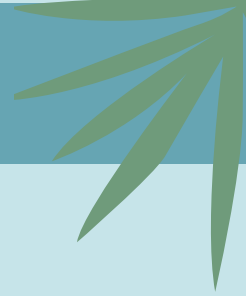


DASL CO-HOSTS 10th ANNUAL HERB BIBLO ACADEMIC INVITATIONAL

The Division of Academic and Special Libraries (DASL) once again co-hosted and sponsored the Annual Academic Invitational held at Half Hollow Hills Library. The theme this year was libraries bringing arts to teaching and learning and was entitled STEAM HEAT. Bruce Seger, DASL President was once again the host for the afternoon which included a talk by Nicolas A. Brown-Caceres, Assistant Chief of the Music Division for the Library of Congress as well as a movie screening and performance by Galileo's Daughters. The conference was attended by a mix of academic and special librarians and administrators and included, breakfast, lunch, and special gifts.

Reference and Adult Services Division

Patricia Cruz, RASD President



Hello! I hope everyone is having a great start of their summer! RASD sponsored several programs at the Long Island Library Conference on May 9th, we would like to thank everyone who attended any of our programs! Keep an eye out for RASD programs during SCLA's Professional Development Series this Fall as we keep on offering continuing education programs to develop in our profession.



Coming Soon!

The Library Marketing Committee will soon be taking submissions for the 2024 Suffolk Library Marketing Award. Be on the lookout for promotional materials being sent through the SCLA Listserv for more information.

Get involved!

If you are interested in becoming involved with RASD, consider attending meetings of the RASD committees (<https://scla.net/rasd/committees/>) or joining the Board in one of the following appointed roles:

New Adults Committee Chair/Co-Chairs

The New Adult Committee, or NAC, is dedicated to discovering and sharing innovative programming and materials to librarians in order to meet the needs of individuals just entering adulthood.

Outreach Chair/Co-Chairs

The Outreach Committee meets four times per year to discuss how to meet the evolving needs of our local communities.

Member-at-Large (2)

Work together to organize and support Division sponsored events as well as RASD's participation in county and island-wide professional development.

Nomination

Gathers and presents a slate of candidates to the RASD Board in accordance with the SCLA Election Timeline.

Please contact me at pcruz@pmlib.org if you are interested in learning more about these positions and the opportunity to join us on the RASD Board.

Sincerely,
Patricia Cruz
Patchogue-Medford Library

Young Adult Services Division

Ashley Sabatino, YASD President

As the summer draws closer, YASD worked hard to provide our members with programs and resources to help them gear up for the busiest time of year at their libraries! On Thursday, April 11th we held our annual Fran Romer Memorial Booktalk Workshop with speaker Kat Cho, author of *Once Upon a K-Prom*. Kat discussed her journey as an author, how her Korean heritage has influenced her writing, how far we've come with publishing stories by diverse authors and how far we still need to go. After Kat's talk, a light lunch was served as we broke into groups and discussed different romance novels. Overall, the workshop was a great success and I'm so proud of the YASD Board for working together to make it happen.

YASD sponsored the Managing a Teen Leaders Club at the Long Island Library Conference on May 9th. Our Vice President, Rachel Lupinacci, presented the Suffolk County B.E.S.T Award to Aiden Motz. We also had a table at the conference with swag, raffles, and information about upcoming events and how to get involved. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to chat with us!

On Thursday, May 23rd we held a virtual program called *Teens are Alright: Providing Staff with Skills to Engage Teen Patrons with Support and Respect*. Katelyn Hara-Moss from Central Islip Public Library and Heather Massa from East Rockaway Public Library provided attendees with strategies they have used to train non-Teen staff how to engage with teen patrons. We had several requests to record the program from people who were unable to attend. The recording went out on the SCLA listserv shortly after the program.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that YASD has updated the Teen Librarian Awards for 2024! The new categories include Best Community Service Program, Best Display, and Most Creative Program. You can submit a nomination [here](#). The form is open and we will continue to accept nominations through the summer and fall. Please consider nominating a colleague! It's a great way to recognize all of the hard work they put in all year long.

Excellence in Library Service Award

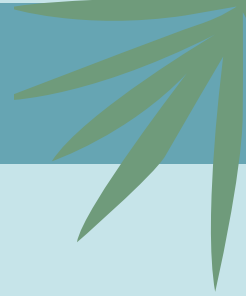
Kate Regina, ELSA Chair



It's quickly coming towards the end of the nomination period and the Excellence in Library Service Award Committee would love to hear about our outstanding library workers throughout the county this year. So please grab a form from the SCLA website under awards, fill it out and submit with at least two letters of recommendation to elsacommittee@gmail.com or send to Kate Regina, ELSA Chair C/o Wyandanch Public Library by Wednesday, July 31st 2024 for your nominee to be eligible for this year's award.

Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County

Kimberly Zettwoch Manise, CLASC President



CLASC Bylaws Update

CLASC members recently voted on and passed updates to our Bylaws regarding our election process and a change in title and duties of our Vice President position. The updates to the Bylaws will be available on our website under the Bylaws section.



CLASC Bi-Annual Literature Conference

Thursday, October 17th

Please join CLASC for our Bi- Annual Literature Conference, being held at a new venue, the Courtyard Marriott in Ronkonkoma. Registration is now open and available on our website:

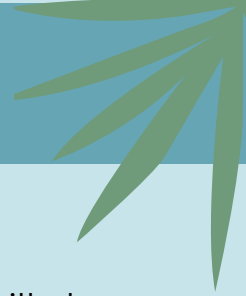
<http://clascincorg.blogspot.com/>.

Long Island Library Pride Alliance

Noel Reich, LILPA

LILPA marched in the 2024 LI Pride on June 9th. We had a group of nearly 50 people to represent public libraries on Long Island. We gave away over 300 books to parade attendees and got a lot of love for libraries!





Long Island Library Pride Alliance -Continued

LILPA also held a program for LILRC on June 13th, Sports Belong to Everyone, and are thrilled to announce that we will be presenting at the NYLA conference in Syracuse this fall. All presentation slides and book lists are posted on our website and are accessible to anyone.

Long Island Library Resources Council

Even though summer is just beginning, LILRC is planning its fall conferences! Save these dates now and details and registration links will be available soon.

Friday, October 18, 8:00am, Annual Conference on Libraries and The Future: The Future of Reading
The Heritage Club - at - Bethpage

Monday, October 21, 9:00am, Annual Long Island Archives Conference
SUNY Old Westbury

LILRC has some exciting continuing education opportunities slated for August and September 2024...we will be rolling out the details and registrations in a few weeks.



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