

**Reflect & Connect** is the theme of this year's children's literature conference co-sponsored by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System's Youth Services Department and the Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County (CLASC).

It provides the opportunity for librarians, teachers, and professionals working with children and young adults to remain current in the field of children's literature and to focus on children's and young adult books through outstanding speakers and peer driven book discussions.

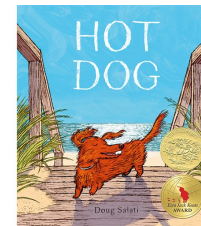
### Schedule of the Day

- 8:30 AM**     **Registration  
Coffee/Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 AM**     **Welcome Remarks:  
Kimberly Zettwoch Manise  
President, CLASC**
- 9:15 AM**     **AM Keynote Speaker:  
Todd Strasser**
- 10:30 AM**    **Book Discussions  
1st Group**
- 11:45 AM**    **Book Discussions  
2nd Group**
- 1:00 PM**     **Buffet Luncheon &  
PM Keynote Speaker:  
Doug Salati  
Introduced by Derek Ivie  
Youth Services Coordinator  
Suffolk Cooperative  
Library System**
- 3:00 PM**     **Closing Remarks:  
Kimberly Zettwoch Manise  
President, CLASC**



Todd Strasser is the author of many award-winning middle-grade and YA novels, including *The Wave*, *Give a Boy a Gun*, *Boot Camp*, and *Fallout*, which the *New York Times* called, "Superb entertainment... and gripping suspense." His recent YA novel, *Price of Duty*, received uniformly enthusiastic praise, including a starred review from *Booklist*. *School Library Journal* called it "highly recommended," and it was a New York Public Library *Best Book for Teens*. Todd has also written for *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, and *The New York Times*. His books have been translated into more than twenty-five languages, and several have been adapted for feature films, including *Drive Me Crazy*, based on his novel, *How I Created My Perfect Prom Date*. The feature film of *The Wave*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, and served as the inspiration for the six-episode Netflix series, *We Are The Wave*.

Doug Salati is the creator of the picture book *Hot Dog*, recipient of the Randolph Caldecott Medal and Ezra Jack Keats Award. His first book was *In a Small Kingdom* by Tomie dePaola, and his second, *Lawrence in the Fall* by his partner, Matthew Farina, was an Ezra Jack Keats Illustrator Award Honoree, a Society of Illustrators Original Art Show Selection and a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection. Doug graduated from the MFA Illustration as Visual Essay Program at the School of Visual Arts in 2014 and he was a 2015 Sendak Fellow.



## Fall Literature Conference

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

**8:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Courtyard Marriott Long Island**

**MacArthur Airport**

**5000 Express Drive South**

**Ronkonkoma, NY 11779**

### Co-sponsors:



## REGISTRATION FORM

Please indicate, in order of your preference (1,2,3,4,5,6), the Book Discussion Groups and/or Workshop in which you would like to participate. Every attempt will be made to honor your top two requests.

Group 1 - Celebrating Unique Identities \_\_\_\_\_

Group 2 - Get in the Game \_\_\_\_\_

Group 3 - Early Readers:  
The Good, The Bad and  
The Geisel \_\_\_\_\_

Group 4 - A League of Extraordinary  
Graphic Novels \_\_\_\_\_

Group 5 - Mirrors, Windows and Doors \_\_\_\_\_

Group 6 - Workshop:  
Outside the Box Outreach \_\_\_\_\_

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(your confirmation will be sent by email)

### Group 1 - Celebrating Unique Identities

*The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen*

by Isaac Blum

*Where You See Yourself* by Claire Forrest

*All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson

*I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*

by Erika L. Sanchez

### Group 2 - Get in the Game

*The Good War* by Todd Strasser

*High Score* by Destiny Howell

*Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

by Chris Grabenstein

*The Boy Who Thought Outside the Box*

by Marcie Wessels

### Group 3 - Early Readers: The Good the Bad and the Geisel

*Here is Big Bunny* by Steve Henry

*Gigi and Ojiji* by Melissa Iwai

*Fish and Wave* by Sergio Ruzzier

*Great Horned Owls* (Blastoff Readers)

by Christina Leaf

*Kitty-Cam* by Margie Palatini

*Fox Has a Problem* by Corey Tabor

### Group 4 - A League of Extraordinary Graphic Novels

*Duel* by Jessixa Bagley

*Frizzy* by Claribel A. Ortega

*Art Club* by Rashad Doucet

*When Stars are Scattered*

by Victoria Jamieson

*Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir* by Pedro Martin

*A First Time for Everything* by Dan Santat

### Group 5 - Mirrors, Windows, and Doors

*My Papi Has a Motorcycle* by Isabel Quintero

*The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhammad

*My Bed: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep*

*Around the World* by Rebecca Bond

*The Paper Boat* by Thao Lam

*The Talk* by Alicia D. Williams

*When Aidan Became a Brother*

by Kyle Lukoff

*Laxmi's Mooch* by Shelly Anand

### Group 6 - WORKSHOP: Outside the Box Outreach

Are you ready to hear the fantastic story of partnerships and collaborations outside the library's four walls? Libraries are vital to their communities as we offer access to information and resources, support literacy and education, promote lifelong learning, and provide a space for community gatherings. Being out in the community has positively impacted how our community perceives the library. The role of a Community Engagement Librarian involves working closely with school districts, school librarians, and community groups to increase our community presence, library card holders, and library usage. Growth doesn't happen overnight. In our case it all began with a single conversation and has gradually built up over the past seven years. In this discussion, we will highlight various ways our library has partnered with the schools and the community.

Presented by Kelly Sulima, Community Engagement Librarian at Sachem Public Library, and School Media specialists Madelyn Haussner and Elizabeth Bethold from Sachem North High School .

## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

**DEADLINE: Monday, August 12, 2024**

Registrations received between August 13, 2024 and September 9th, 2024 will be **General Registration** price.

### Early Bird Registration:

**Members Early Bird Registration: \$95.00**

**Non-Members Early Bird Registration: \$105.00**

### General Registration:

**Members General Registration: \$105.00**

**Non-Members General Registration: \$115.00**

### PAY BY CHECK

Checks should be made out to: **Children's Librarians Association of Suffolk County**

Mail check and registration form to Joanne Browning at: Commack Public Library  
18 Hauppauge Road, Commack, NY 11725

### PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Payment may be made on our website at <http://clascincorg.blogspot.com/> via PAYPAL.

**Payments made on our website will not be accepted without an accompanying registration form emailed to: [Joanneb@commackpubliclibrary.org](mailto:Joanneb@commackpubliclibrary.org)**

Purchase Orders will NOT hold registration.

Cancellations honored only if received by **September 16, 2024**. Refunds for valid cancellations will be sent after the conference. If you need accommodations because of a disability, please call 631-499-0888.