

October 2024



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Happy Fall!

I hope everyone has ordered a Pumpkin Spice Latte from their favorite coffee spot.

We completed our fourth year offering the joint Professional Development Series with CLASC and NCLA. To say it was successful is an understatement. We offered 15 virtual programs free of charge and saw over 500 registrants throughout the two weeks of the series. Thank you all for showing up, being excited to explore new opportunities and championing for SCLA.

Our Membership and CEU divisions keep record of professional development hours for our members, making it easy to document participation in workshops, conferences, and virtual sessions. This streamlined process not only helps members maintain their credentials but also fosters a culture of lifelong learning. By prioritizing professional development, we empower our librarians and members to innovate, share best practices, and ultimately better serve the diverse needs of our patrons. If you have any questions regarding your CEU credits, please email sclamembershipli@gmail.com.

Our Mentorship program which is a partnership between SCLA, PLDA and CLASC, is closing in on our first year. We have received positive feedback and are looking forward to hosting another Mix and Mingle event in November. One mentee says, "I was able to ask questions and gain understanding. It truly gave me a better concept of the administration roles and daily expectations." Another mentee states, "My Mentor has provided me with a lot of perspective and given me valuable advice each time we've met and I believe I have grown from the experience and I am very thankful to her and to you and the others who helped bring this program to life!" We are looking forward to continuing with this program and partnership, so be on the lookout for emails for 2025!

Save the date for our Annual SCLA Meeting and dinner on Thursday, October 24 from 6:00-10:00pm at the West Sayville Country Club. I hope to see you there!

Best,
Colleen Navins
SCLA President

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Reference and Adult Services Division

Patricia Cruz, RASD President

The RASD board proudly sponsored two programs for the Professional Development Series hosted by SCLA, NCLA and CLASC; Demystifying the Civil Service Merit System and Enhancing Your LinkedIn Profile. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Save the dates for our upcoming meetings and events:

Emerging Technologies Committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 3rd at 11:00am with presenter Tess Wilson, from the Library Freedom Project, on Privacy 101 for Librarians via Zoom. Register here: <https://scla34.wildapricot.org/event-5873203>

MOSAIC (Multicultural Outreach Services and Information Committee) will be meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd at 10am at SCLS.

Health Concerns Committee Annual workshop will be on Wednesday, November 13th at 9:30am at SCLS. Join us for breakfast and a special presentation by Dr. Konstantinos Spaniolas of the Stony Brook University Bariatric and Metabolic Weight Loss Center.

Save the Date for the RASD Annual Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd at 2pm. More information will be shared via SCLA's listserv & on our website at scla.net/rasd.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Patricia Cruz

Patchogue-Medford Library

New Adult Committee



Have you ever noticed that newly graduated teens seem to flounder, not sure where to go? A twenty-something fresh out of college trying to find their legs in the adult world? A new set of young parents working out how to take care of their budding family? The New Adult Committee is a part of the RASD community focusing on those patrons 18 years-30 years just starting out in the big wide world. Join us as we look to discover new ways to reach and serve these patrons and share what others already have done that works well.

No set meeting days right now as we try to reestablish, but if you're interested in sharing your voice or learning what you need, reach out to Kate Regina, the new chair, at Katherine.regina@wyandanchlibrary.org. For examples of previous work, check out our website <https://redcircle.com/shows/nac>

Young Adult Services Division

Ashley Sabatino, YASD President

After a busy summer, YASD hit the ground running this fall! On Tuesday, September 17th we hosted Team Up with Teen Services as part of SCLA's Professional Development Series. During the program, Katie Brand and James Buckman from the Smittown Library spoke about their Computer Build-a-Thon, in which Teen Services and IT Departments collaborate to teach teen volunteers to build computers that are then used for staff and at public workstations in the library. Rachel Lupinacci, Amanda Hayman, and Tate Crowell from Half Hollow Hills Community Library discussed how their digital services team helps the teen librarians bring makerspace programs to the teens in their community. Finally, myself along with Roseann Mammina at Longwood Public Library talked about how the Teen and Technical Services Departments worked together to genrefy the teen fiction collection. Many thanks to all of the presenters and to all who attended!

Mark your calendars! YASD and SCLS will be hosting a program all about unique community service ideas on Tuesday, November 19th from 10 am-12 pm at SCLS.

Keep an eye on the listserv for information about our annual luncheon this December. At the luncheon, we will announce the winners of the new and improved Teen Librarian Awards! There's still time to nominate a colleague! 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 until December 1st.



April 25, 1987 – August 24, 2024

Peter was the local history librarian at the Brentwood Public Library and served as a historian for the Brentwood Historical Society. A dedicated librarian and an active member of both NYLA and SCLA, he made a lasting impact in his field. Peter was also a devoted member and deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Babylon, where he taught Sunday school for many years. An avid reader with a remarkable ability to recall information from the media he consumed, Peter's dry and witty humor was a constant source of joy. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Peter is survived by his parents Peter and Deborah, his brother Matthew, and his sister-in-law Ana.

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save the date

SCLA
Suffolk County Library Association
Annual Dinner

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**Annual meeting • Awards • Networking
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2025 Long Island Library Conference

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Tracie D. Hall

Tracie D. Hall is the Distinguished Practitioner in Residence/Professor of Practice at the University of Washington Information School in Seattle and former American Library Association executive director.

In 2023, Hall was named to TIME Magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Melville Marriott

**Please Note:
Registration Opens December 2**

To register, please visit
<https://libconference.org/registration>

Conference Registration Rates

NCLA/SCLA Members \$85

Non-Members \$110

Current Students \$50

Same Day Registration \$175



<https://libconference.org>



Long Island Library Resources Council

Cooler weather means new and exciting fall LILRC programs! Check out these upcoming CE offerings (on zoom) and our two Fall in-person Conferences. More programs are always being added, so be sure to check our website's Event Page for more!

[Registration for all Events](#)

Local Book and Author

All Mixed Up: Middle Grade Novelist Raj Tawney

Monday, October 7, 1:00pm

Collections Management

Analyze How Inclusive Your Collections Are: Vendor Demo, CollectionsHQacademic

Tuesday, October 8, 11:00am

Book and Author

Abi Maxwell: Advocate for the Rights of Transgender Youth

Wednesday, October 9, 2:00pm

Data Management

Introduction to Bibliometric Research for Librarians

Wednesday, October 16, 10:00am

Fall Conferences

33rd Annual Conference on Libraries and The Future: The Future of Reading

Friday, October 18th, 8:00am - 3:00pm

Heritage Club at Bethpage

99 Quaker Meeting House Rd, Farmingdale, NY

29th Annual Archives Conference: Connecting to Communities

Monday, October 21, 9:00am-4:00pm

Student Union Building, Main Floor, Multi-purpose Room B

SUNY Old Westbury University

Emerging Tech

AI and Workforce Development in Libraries: Overcoming Barriers and Embracing Lifelong Learning

Tuesday, October 22, 2:00pm

Book and Author

Pillars of Creation: How the James Webb Telescope Unlocked the Secrets of the Cosmos

Thursday, October 23, 2:00pm

Affinity Group Meetup

Jewish Librarians Meetup

Wednesday, October 30, 3:00pm

