

Mentorship Program 2025



Join PLDA, SCLA and CLASC for a series of panel discussions from Suffolk Library Colleagues on topics for professional growth, decision making, Civil Service, networking, budgeting and more! Registration is required for each session. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Monday, April 28, 2025

2:30-4:30pm

Riverhead Free Library
330 Court St, Riverhead, NY 11901

How to Get the Most Out of Your Conference Experience:

This panel will share tips and tricks on how to get the most out of attending a conference, how to submit a program to be a conference speaker, Why making connections with Vendors matters and how to network and build relationships with colleagues from around the state and the nation.

Friday, May 16, 2025

2:30-4:30pm

Brentwood Public Library
34 Second Ave, Brentwood, NY 11717

Civil Service: The Civil service employment rules can be confusing for even the most seasoned civil servant. Panelists will discuss how civil service is different from association libraries, What is the Rule of Three, how to study for the entry level exams and what to include on your T&E.

Monday, June 23, 2025

2:30-4:30pm

West Babylon Public Library
211 NY-109, West Babylon, NY 11704

From Colleague to Administration: How to Navigate moving up in your career. Our coworkers often become our closest friends, but that dynamic can quickly change when you are promoted to a leadership position. Panelists will discuss what it is like and how to remain professional when your relationship changes from "friend" to "boss."

Friday, September 5, 2025

2:30-4:30pm

SAVE THE DATE
The Smithtown Library - Nesconset Building
148 Smithtown Blvd. Nesconset, NY 11767

Budgeting: Library Budgets are more than department spending and payroll. Panelists discuss their process for creating a budget for their institution, how trustees and staff are involved, and what financial decisions need to be made to ensure the Library runs effectively.

Monday, October 20, 2025

2:30-4:30pm

SAVE THE DATE
Port Jefferson Free Library
100 Thomson St. Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Getting Hired: Putting your best foot forward with your resume and in your interview. Panelists will discuss the hiring process, what catches their eye on a resume, and how an applicant can make a good impression when interviewing. We will also explore some of the common mistakes applicants make during the resume and interview process.

Friday, November 21, 2025

2:30-4:30pm

SAVE THE DATE
Suffolk Cooperative Library System
627 North Sunrise Service Road, Bellport, NY
Handling Emergencies as the Librarian in Charge:
Emergencies of all shapes and sizes happen, usually when the Library Administration is out of the building. Panelists will share their experiences and tips for remaining calm, solving the problem, and getting back to normal.

CEU certificates will be emailed after each program.



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