

July 2025



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Suffolk County Library Association has been very active meeting its obligation to support, educate, and advocate for its members. This Spring, we hosted our annual Mix and Mingle at James Joyce, this networking event was jointly sponsored with PLDA and CLASC, and highlighted our commitment to working with Suffolk County professional associations in order to grow our members' network and assist them in forming valuable professional connections. The SCLA Board believes that our industry prospers when we have a diverse range of perspectives and because of that, The Association was a sponsor of PLDA's EDI Scholarship.

The Suffolk County Library Association Executive Board stands ready to inform its members of instances where advocacy is necessary. SCLA intends on doubling down on its commitment to advocate for its members – we plan on working with other professional associations in an effort to amplify our voice, protect our members' interests, and support the populations we serve.

Our divisions and committees continue to host world class trainings and workshops that aim to engage with our members' interest while simultaneously educating them. We are working on establishing this year's Professional Development Series that is jointly sponsored by SCLA, CLASC, and NCLA.

SCLA's merchandise store is doing great! For Pride Month, the SCLA store launched a Pride line. We encourage all our members, their friends and family, and other library supporters to purchase items and show their support and affection for Suffolk County libraries and their workers.

Thank you to all those who made it to the Long Island Library Conference. The Association endorsed a wide variety of programs and it was wonderful to see SCLA's divisions and committees' commitment to educating our colleagues from all over Long Island. Success would not have happened if not for the tireless work of the Long Island Library Conference Committee – we thank them for providing a venue to meet with colleagues, see old friends and make new ones, all the while giving a space to learn something new. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's conference.

Community service is a meaningful part of what drives The Association. We are participating in multiple charity drives and events that will range from literacy to cancer fundraisers to collecting items for those in need. We encourage everyone to join us to support these causes.

We have plenty more coming up in the next few months so please keep an eye out on our events calendar for future networking events and classes!

-Anthony Giansante, SCLA President

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Spring Mix and Mingle



Reference and Adult Services Division

Jessica Brown, RASD President

The New Adults Committee had a successful meeting in April and launched their first newsletter in June. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15 at 10 am on Zoom.

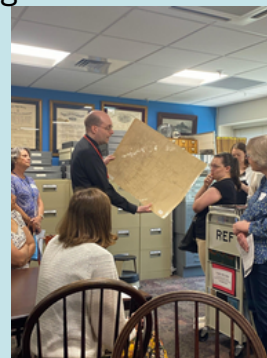
RASD sponsored two programs at the Long Island Library Conference in May. Our own division members Jessica Brown presented with April Earle "Lessons Learned from One-on-One Genealogy Research" Georgiana O'Neill was part of a panel for "Sharing Your Town's Story," and Anastasia Bazilevskaya presented "Reading Clubs for English Learners."



MOSAIC had another successful annual breakfast on June 11. The topic was "A Conversation with Community Partners to Support our Immigrant Patrons" with representatives from NYS Office for New Americans, NYCLU, Empire Justice Center, and Sepa Mujer. Their next committee meeting will be at SCLS on Wednesday, October 15 at 10 am.



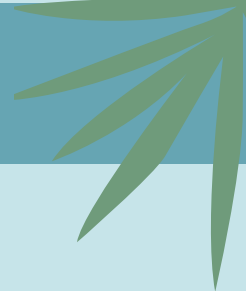
The Local History Committee of RASD had a great meeting and tour on Thursday, 6/12 at the Patchogue-Medford Library! The event started with breakfast refreshments and a meeting of the 18 members in attendance. After that, Gary Lutz, RASD Local History Committee member and Head of the Patchogue-Medford Library's Celia M. Hastings Local History Room, took the group on a tour of the facility and shared information about the local history resources and services that the department provides. The committee's next event is the Local History Programmers Showcase coming up in September at SCLS.



If you are interested in joining any of the RASD committees, please contact Jessica Brown at jbrown@pmlib.org

Support Services Division

Nicole Malley, SSD President



SCLA's Support Staff Division [SSD] has been busy! We attended the Long Island Library Conference and offered 3 themed raffle baskets to attendees.



It's election time! For the 2026 year, we have Rachel Robertazzi running for Vice President. Sean O'Halloran and Melissa Wyer are also running for Members at Large. Elections will run until July 9, so don't forget to cast your vote for SSD!

SSD hosted our first Summer Kick-Off Event on June 26th. We provided food, games, and a wonderful EAP Workshop presented by Eileen Mahon called Emotional Intelligence: What is Your EQ? It was a great time, and attendees were awarded professional CEUs. The workshop was well attended, and extremely insightful. Be on the lookout for more EAP programming sponsored by SSD—particularly fall programs that will be announced soon.



In August, CATS and SSD will be co-sponsoring a program at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library. It will be a Makerspace Round-table discussion, so we can better understand Makerspace trends in Suffolk County Libraries. This event will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025, from 10 AM-12 PM. Keep an eye out on the SCLA calendar to register for this event! We will be using the information discussed in this roundtable to create a future program with common questions and topics.

Let us know what you think! Contact us at our division email: ssddivisionscla@gmail.com

Have a great rest of your summer!

Nicole Malley, SSD President

Young Adult Services Division

Rachel Lupinacci, YASD President

In April, YASD we hosted our annual Fran Romer Memorial Workshop with special guest author Jen Calonita. Jen shared her journey into the book world and was a perfect fit for this year's theme of Twisted Tales.

We were also proud to sponsor two outstanding programs at the 2025 Long Island Library Conference:

- "School Outreach: Enhancing Library Services and Increasing Patronage" featuring Kelly Furnari, Teen Librarian at Sachem Public Library.
- "Developing Your Manga Collection – Featuring Manga Tablets!" with Dan McCoy, Teen Librarian at Longwood Public Library.

Both presentations were a great success, and we're proud to support such talented teen librarians! Just last week, YASD hosted a Meetup for the teen librarians of Suffolk County. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues, exchange program ideas, and create some adorable book-themed coasters.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the summer issue of YASD's Teen Talk Newsletter! If you have something you'd like to share, please email your submissions to youngadultsd@gmail.com.



Excellence in Library Service Award

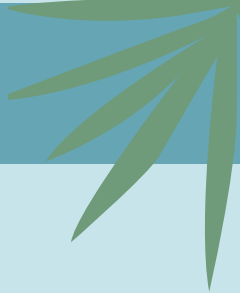
Kate Regina, ELSA Chair

As we enter July, we reach the last month to submit nominations for this year's Excellence in Library Service Award. The annual award that honors members of all jobs in the library field for going above and beyond the call of duty.



The deadline of July 31st is quickly approaching so be sure to send everything to Kate Regina c/o Wyandanch Library or email elsacommittee@gmail.com before then. The submission form can be found at scla.net under Awards. As always, the committee looks forward to seeing all the wonderful stories of our great colleagues, if not the hard time to be had just picking one winner.

Long Island Library Resource Council



Summer Learning at LILRC!

This July and August, LILRC is pleased to offer an array of Continuing Education programs for librarians. Check them all out at lilrc.org/events.

[Salary Survey Review](#)

Monday, July 7, 3:00pm

[Safe Labeling and Marking of Archival Materials 2025](#)

Wednesday, July 9, 10:00am

[MLA Webinar: Resource Sharing, Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery: What, Where, Why and How](#)

Wednesday, July 16, 2:00pm

[NASA en español : STEAM Education for Youth Services and Adult Services](#)

Friday, July, 18, 2:00pm

[MLA Webinar: Navigating the Health Sciences Information Landscape: Your Guide Beyond PubMed](#)

Wednesday, July 23, 2:00pm

[LILRC Grants Information Session](#)

(LILRC Members Only)

Tuesday, July 29, 10:00am

[Jewish Librarians Meetup](#)

Wednesday, August 8, 3:00pm

[Copyrights for Educational and Cultural Institutions: Common Considerations, Challenges, Pitfalls](#)

Wednesday, August 13, 10:00am

[Temple Grandin: How I Learned to Read](#)

Tuesday, August 19, 10:00am

[How to Effectively Manage Difficult Conversations and Personalities in the Workplace](#)

Friday, August 22, 1:00pm



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