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Program Highlights & Sneak Peeks

CATS had an active and engaging summer filled with programs and collaboration. We began with a well-attended Technical Services Roundtable (TSR) on June 12 at SCLS, which drew 21 participants. On July 30, 31 library professionals came together for Navigating the Future: Embracing Emerging Technology in Libraries at SCLS, where Anthony Giansante, Sara Fade, and Steve Alcalde shared strategies for adopting new tools and supporting staff. The season wrapped up with a joint CATS & SSD Makerspace Roundtable on August 22 at the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, where 32 attendees exchanged ideas, showcased projects, and discussed the evolving role of makerspaces in libraries.

The fall calendar is just as exciting. On Wednesday, October 1 at 11am, we'll tour the Learning Commons Makerspace at Connetquot Library. Rogers Memorial Library will host a joint East End Tech Coalition (EETC) and TSR meeting on Thursday, October 9 at 10:30am, followed by a virtual TIFF session later that day at 2pm.

In November, CATS members will present at NYLA with two sessions: Navigating the Future: Embracing Emerging Tech in Libraries and Creative Tech Solutions for Tight Budgets, led by Anthony Giansante, Dave Jones, and Steve Alcalde. Finally, save the date for our CATS Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 3 at SCLS, featuring NYLA Director AnnaLee Dragon on ebook legislation, plus a vendor "petting zoo" with CCP Solutions. And don't forget—the SCLA Dinner is right around the corner, where CATS will contribute two themed baskets. Be sure to follow our new CATS Instagram for the latest updates and highlights!





Technology Information Forum (TIF) Update

We had a fantastic turnout at our September 11th TIF meeting with 28 people joining in! Our discussion covered everything from firewalls and ISP woes to phishing attempts (and some wild library horror stories), plus solutions like Princh printing, security camera vendors, and a lively Q&A.

If you're a tech-minded librarian—or just curious about how libraries are tackling today's tech challenges—mark your calendar! Our next TIF meeting is happening Thursday, October 9th on Zoom. Come ready to share, learn, and connect with colleagues across the island.



Technical Services Roundtable Update

The Technical Services Roundtable met on June 12 at SCLS. We had an informative discussion about vendor challenges, options for managing discards, and strategies for packaging and circulating Library of Things collections.

We're working on putting together a book repair workshop—stay tuned for details!



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Upcoming CATS Dates

10/1 - Makerspace Tour @ Connetquot Public Library, 11:00 am
 10/9 - EETC/TSR joint meeting @ Rogers Memorial Library, 10:30 am
 10/9 - TIF meeting via Zoom, 2:00 pm
 10/22 - SCLA Annual Dinner @ Captain Bill's, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 11/5-11/8 - NYLA @ Saratoga Springs, NY - 2 CATS programs
 12/3 - CATS Annual Meeting @ SCLS