

October 2025



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Hello SCLA Members,

We hope you all had a great summer!

We're excited to bring you fresh opportunities for growth and learning with this year's Professional Development Series. SCLA takes its fiscal responsibility to its members very seriously and because of that, we have officially adopted a financial policy. A big thank you to our accountant, Al Coster and SCLA's treasurer, Wonda Miller for their dedication and hard work in preparing it.

Congratulations to the winners of the SCLA elections. We look forward to working with them in the future.

We're also excited to share that LEOC (Library Employees of Color Committee) has officially become part of SCLA. We welcome LEOC into the association and look forward to their important work and collaboration ahead.

SCLA is a proud sponsor of the 2025 Empire State Libraries Fundraiser Golf Outing & Dinner.

Looking ahead, the Annual Dinner will take place on October 22nd. We encourage everyone to attend as we celebrate our accomplishments and highlight the amazing job our industry does for our communities.

Thank you, as always, for being an active part of SCLA. We look forward to a fantastic fall together!

-Anthony Giansante, SCLA President

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This summer was a busy and engaging season for CATS. We kicked things off with a well-attended Technical Services Roundtable (TSR) meeting on June 12 at SCLS, drawing 21 participants. On July 30, 31 library professionals gathered for Navigating the Future: Embracing Emerging Technology in Libraries at SCLS, where Anthony Giansante, Sara Fade, and Steve Alcalde highlighted strategies for adopting new tools and supporting staff. We closed out the season with a CATS & SSD Makerspace Roundtable collaboration on August 22 at the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, which brought together 32 attendees to share ideas, showcase projects, and discuss the present and future of makerspaces in our libraries.

Looking ahead, fall is packed with opportunities to connect and learn. 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 later that day by an online TIFF session at 2pm. CATS members will also be presenting at NYLA in November, including another round of Navigating the Future: Embracing Emerging Tech in Libraries and Creative Tech Solutions for Tight Budgets, with Anthony Giansante, Dave Jones, and Steve Alcalde. Rounding out the year, we're very excited to announce that our CATS Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3 at SCLS, featuring NYLA Director AnnaLee Dragon speaking on ebook legislation, plus a special vendor "petting zoo" with CCP Solutions. Don't forget—the SCLA Dinner is also coming up, where CATS will contribute two themed baskets. Stay connected and follow along on our new CATS Instagram for updates and highlights!



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Reference and Adult Services Division

Jessica Brown, RASD President

The Local History Programmers Showcase took place on September 18th at SCLS. There were 5 presenters and 42 attendees. The speakers covered topics including genealogy, the Culper Spy Ring, Camp Upton, preserving family recipes, America's 250th anniversary and Long Island's maritime history and shipwrecks. The program was enjoyed by all.



Pictured are Caren Zatyk, Chair, and Mary O'Grady, Co-Chair, RASD Local History Committee with the presenters.

MOSAIC hosted their Annual Literacy Information Fair on September 24th at Middle Country Public Library in Centereach. This event was started as a MOSAIC initiative as a way for librarians and the community to learn about programs and services offered by local organizations. Their next committee meeting will be at SCLS on Wednesday, October 15 at 10 am.

Reader's Advisory Committee met on September 25 to discuss books they read on the topic of Popular Science.

Library Marketing Committee - Entries for the 2025 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA) have been received and our judges are working hard to choose this year's winners. The awards will be announced and presented at the SCLA Annual Dinner on October 22. Get more information about the SLMA on our NEW Library Marketing Committee website which we launched during the summer:

<https://scla.net/rasd/librarymarketing>. You'll find a list of useful marketing resources on the site, and we'd like to add your favorite educational websites, videos, blogs, etc., to the list. Please contact us with your suggestions.

The New Adult Committee will be meeting in-person on November 19th at 10:00 a.m. at SCLS.

Save the date! The RASD Annual Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 2 from 1-3 pm at Huntington Public Library – Station Branch. More details to follow. We hope to see you there!

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

Reference and Adult Services Division

Jessica Brown, RASD President



Support Services Division

Nicole Malley, SSD President

The SSD Committee had a wonderful summer! We co-hosted a Makerspace Roundtable in August with CATS at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, where we enjoyed a lively discussion on makerspace trends in libraries. It was fascinating to learn how each library uses its makerspace in unique ways, and colleagues shared many helpful tips and ideas. A highlight of the day was touring MMSCL's incredible new makerspace in their recently opened building.

Looking ahead, SSD and RASD are teaming up to host a Customer Service Roundtable, focusing on strategies and guidance to help us better serve our patrons. We're also exploring the opportunity to host an EAP workshop closer to the holiday season. This will be a timely way to support staff wellness and provide tools to navigate that always-busy time of year.

If you have any ideas for programming you would like to see in the future, please contact us at our division email: ssddivisionscla@gmail.com

Young Adult Services Division

Rachel Lupinacci, YASD President

YASD is excited to announce our upcoming Fall and Winter events! Join us for our next meetup on Wednesday, November 19th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Port Jefferson Library. Enjoy a morning of crafting and conversation, followed by a guided tour of the library's newly renovated Teen Center. All are welcome.

Also, stay tuned for details about our Annual Luncheon, happening in early December. This year's event will feature Veronica Agarwal and Lee Durfey, co-authors of the graphic novels *Just Roll with It* and *Sink or Swim*. Date and venue information to be announced soon.

Finally, it's time to celebrate the amazing work of our fellow teen librarians! We're pleased to announce the 2025 Teen Librarian Awards and invite you to submit nominations in the following categories: Best Display, Best Community Service Program, Most Creative Program. Submit your nominations and stay connected with YASD at <https://scla.net/yasd/>.





SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S

Annual Dinner

October

Wednesday 22 6-10 PM

Captain Bill's
122 Ocean Ave, Bay Shore

Annual meeting - Awards - Networking
Live Music - Raffles - And More!

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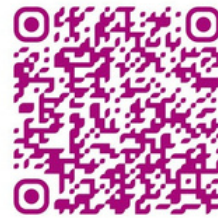
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Rolling start at 7:00am, Jones Beach State Park, Field 5



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Long Island Library Resources Council

Attending the NYLA Conference in Saratoga Springs? Please join LILRC and your fellow Long Island librarians at NYLA for our always popular and fun Long Island Reception!!

Thursday, November 6

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Jacob & Anthony's, Saratoga Springs

Kindly RSVP/Register before the event so we can plan accordingly.

