

REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

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President's Message

Happy summer! As most people wind down and enjoy their summer vacation time, we are gearing up for another busy summer reading season with many people coming in to report on books or take part in the Summer Tour.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out by covering the RASD table, monitoring our programs, and putting the raffle basket together at the Long Island Library Conference! It was greatly appreciated and I couldn't have done it without you. Many people stopped by and our Self Care raffle basket was very popular. It was wonderful to see old friends and meet some new ones.

I hope you are able to take some time for yourselves this summer and relax for a bit.

Best,

Jackie Narkiewicz

Library Marketing

2026 SLMA Competition Underway

Will your library take home the 2026 Suffolk Library Marketing Award (SLMA) this year?

The SLMA recognizes the best marketing campaign by a public or academic library in Suffolk County over the last year. This year marks the 13th annual SLMA competition.



Get the 2026 competition details and application documents on the Library Marketing Committee [website](#). The winner receives recognition among their peers and takes home the coveted SLMA plaque to proudly display in their library. To learn more, visit the SMLA [website](#).

Coming soon: watch for the video replay of our recent roundtable discussion with the 2025 SLMA winners. We'll send an email on the SCLA listserv when the video is posted.

Good luck to all of our 2026 SLMA competitors!

Local History

The RASD Local History Committee meeting and tour was held on June 4 at the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library at the Shirley building, which hosted 17 attendees. Following breakfast refreshments and a committee meeting, librarian Abigail Szwed took the committee on a tour of the recently renovated Shirley Library building and their local history room. Abigail highlighted some unique local history items within their collection.



Above: Caren Zatyk, Chair, Local History Committee; Mary O'Grady, Co-Chair, Local History Committee; Abigail Szwed, Collection Development Librarian



Above: Local History Committee Members

MOSAIC

✨ A Morning of Inspiration ✨

On June 4, MOSAIC hosted its Annual Breakfast at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, bringing together library staff and professionals from across Long Island for a morning of networking and learning.

The event began with breakfast and conversation, providing attendees with an opportunity to connect with colleagues. We were also pleased to hear from Elisha Feliz, who shared her experiences as a Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) intern and reflected on the impact of the program on her professional journey.

Our keynote speaker, Kimberly Phyfe, delivered an engaging and thought-provoking presentation, *Unfinished Revolutions: Telling the Stories We Didn't Know Were Missing*. Through interactive activities and powerful storytelling, Kimberly challenged attendees to consider whose stories are still untold and inspired us to have the courage to continue the unfinished revolution within our libraries and communities.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this event a success.

Please join us at upcoming MOSAIC meetings. For more information contact Amber Gagliardi, Lindsay Davis, or Joshua Tanski.

Readers' Advisory

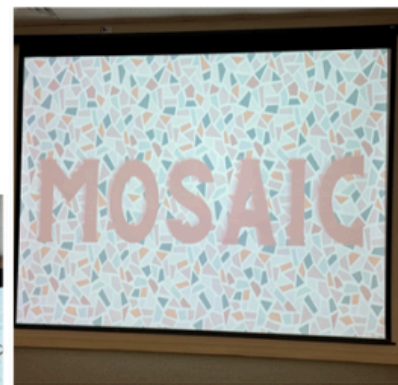
Are you looking for a committee to join but are short on time? Then the Readers' Advisory Committee might be the right one for you. We meet three times a year on the last Thursday of the month in January, April, and September to discuss books on a specific theme chosen by the committee. Share your book with the group, write a short review, and submit it for our blog.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 24, 2026**, from **10 am-12 pm at SCLS**. Topic: Fiction with a Non-Human Protagonist. If you'd like more information, please contact Azurée Agnello at the West Babylon Public Library by phone, (631) 669-5445 or email aagnello@wbpl.us. You can attend a meeting to see what it's like or jump right in and pick a book to share.



Annual Breakfast

June 4, 2026



Above: Collage of images from the MOSAIC Annual Breakfast on June 4, 2026, including a group of people on a stage, a projection screen with the MOSAIC logo, a speaker presenting to an audience, and a person speaking at a podium.

Membership

The Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) supports the professional development of librarians and library staff through a wide range of committees that concentrate on improving patron services. Through the efforts of these committees, we provide professional growth, continuing education programs and networking opportunities to develop and improve our profession.

Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, be sure to consider becoming a member of RASD.

RASD is a division of [SCLA](#).

Learn more about [membership benefits!](#)

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Readers' Advisory- Azurée Agnello

Mission Statement:

To unite in one division all those who are interested in any phase of reference and adult services. To give those having responsibility for the above services an opportunity to exchange information, develop techniques and improve their professional experience. To have representation on the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Library Association.

Ramblings, the official newsletter of the Reference & Adult Services Division of the Suffolk County Library Association, is published somewhat quarterly.

