

Computer And Technical Services Division of SCLA

2027 Executive Board Nominees

For the position of Vice President / President Elect:

Alex Cranshaw



Alex is an alum of Simmons University with an MLIS in Digital Librarianship and nearly a decade of experience in public libraries. As the Emerging Technologies Librarian at Sayville Library, he manages the library's makerspace, teaches tech classes for all ages, and serves in Adult Reference. Passionate about community engagement, Alex also hosts and produces the library's podcast, *Between the Shelves*, and organizes their annual comic con, the Sayville Fan Fest.

For the position of Secretary:

Mary O'Grady



I have served on the CATS executive board since 2014 and been the recording secretary since 2020. I look forward to continuing to serve on the CATS committee! In my current position as local history librarian at the Northport-East Northport Public Library I have focused on digitization projects, creating and maintaining local history archives, as well as learning and implementing the latest technologies for our library patrons. I also hold the elected office of treasurer for the Northport-East

Northport Public Library Staff Association, serve as co-chair on the RASD Local History Committee and serve as a member of the LILRC Committee for the Preservation of Local History.

For the position of Treasurer:

Dan Costa



Dan Costa, with a background spanning over 20 years in public libraries, serves as the Head of Information Technology at the Brentwood Public Library in Brentwood, New York. He holds an MS in Information Systems from C.W. Post/LIU and an MSILS from the University at Buffalo. Throughout his career, his focus has been on improving the patron experience by ensuring they have access to new and essential digital resources and technologies. Dan has been instrumental in redesigning websites, growing MakerSpaces, and providing IT guidance for a range of building initiatives, from minor upgrades to major construction projects. His experience, dedication, and

commitment to innovation would make him a valuable asset to the Computer and Technology Services Division of SCLA.

For the position of Member At Large: (12 positions open)

Andrew Tarantowicz



My name is Andrew Tarantowicz and I have served on the CATS Board since 2024. After studying at LIU Post, I began my library career as an Emerging Technologies Librarian at John Jermain Memorial Library. I now work in the Studio at Sachem Public Library as a makerspace librarian and the department's program coordinator. Through makerspace programming, patron appointments, and large-scale library events, I enjoy connecting patrons with the tools and technologies that support and foster creativity. I look forward to continuing as a Member-at-Large in 2027.

Alison Mirabella



Alison Mirabella is the Digital Literacy Coordinator at The Longwood Public Library, where she teaches technology classes, conducts one-on-one appointments, and develops adult programming for the library's makerLAB. She also served as Past President of the Computer and Technology Services Division of SCLA, manages the website/social media for The Long Island Library Conference and enjoys co-hosting monthly Tech Information Forum meetings.

Anthony Giansante



Anthony is the Emerging Technologies Librarian at the John Jermain Memorial Library. He specializes in makerspace technology, emerging tech, and digital literacy. His career in libraries started at Longwood Public Library, and since then he has held positions at Middle Country Public Library and Half Hollow Hills Community Library. He received his MSLIS from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at LIU Post. He's passionate about learning new techniques while using

what he's learned to engage with the public's curiosities while offering them educational opportunities. In his free time, he enjoys reading, cooking, going to breweries, and traveling.

Brigid Loughlin



Brigid Loughlin is the Digital Services Librarian at Westhampton Free Library, where she oversees makerspace services, technology instruction, and adult programming. She has worked in libraries since 2015 and has held positions at public libraries in both Connecticut and on Long Island. Brigid holds a Bachelor of Science in Information and Data Science from Southern Connecticut State University and an MLIS from Kent State University

with a specialization in Childhood Literacy and Development. She is passionate about digital literacy, emerging technologies, and creating engaging learning experiences for patrons.

Cindy Ilardi



Cindy has been a librarian for over 20 years, with experience at the Longwood Public Library, Sachem Public Library, and East Hampton Library. She currently serves as Head of Circulation and Technical Services at the Westhampton Free Library and works as a call-in librarian at Sayville Library. In 2025, Cindy joined the CATS Board to help organize the Tech Services Roundtable and to share her passion for cataloging and all aspects of

Technical Services.

Dawn Bauer



My name is Dawn Bauer (she/her/hers). I have worked as a full-time Library Assistant at the Smithtown Library in the Children's Department and makerspace, the LearnLab, for five years. During my time in the LearnLab, I created our maker services policy, developed procedures for various emerging technologies, and assisted patrons and staff alike in one-on-one technology instruction for all ages. I have also hosted a variety of technology-based programs for larger groups. I am passionate about emerging technologies in libraries and sharing them with the public, and I am interested in learning from others in the field!

Gregory Klein



Gregory has been working in libraries since 2004, beginning as a page at the Middle Country Public Library and progressing into librarianship. He currently serves as Head of Circulation and Technical Services at the Islip Public Library with more than 15 years of experience as a cataloging and reference librarian. In 2026, Gregory joined TAC to contribute to the development of PALS Best Practices and support ILS enhancements. Passionate about

cataloging and library services, he looks forward to contributing his expertise to the CATS Board.

Nicole Parisi Eberle



Nicole Parisi Eberle is the head of the Learning Commons, Connetquot Public Library's innovative makerspace and hybrid teen department. Since receiving her MLS from Queens College, she has served in various public libraries across the island since 2013. Nicole is passionate about emerging technology and teaches a variety of classes, including 3D printing, laser engraving, beginner computer skills, and beyond. In addition to her role at the library, she is a past president of CATS and a current member-at-

large, where she specializes in publicity and creates all promotional materials for the committee.

Robert Johnson



Robert Johnson is the Library Operations Manager at Emma S. Clark Memorial Library in Setauket, New York, where he oversees library technology, systems, facilities, and daily operations. He also serves as President of the Suffolk County Library Association and as a Computer and Technical Services Division board member. Outside of Emma Clark, Bob works as a library technology consultant,

building library specific applications and helping libraries put practical tools to work for staff and patrons. That hands-on experience gives him a grounded view of how new technology can serve libraries in ways that are realistic, useful, and centered on better service.

Roseann Mammina



Roseann has been a Librarian for twenty years and in the "library world" for close to twenty-three. She is currently the Technical Services Department Head at Longwood Public Library. Roseann is an experienced cataloger who is interested in how technology is changing the future of libraries.

Sara Fade



Sara is an alum from Queens College. She has more than 15 years of experience in the library science profession. Started working in the medical library at NYIT, she is currently an Adult Services librarian for Middle Country Public Library and part-time at Sayville Library. Not only does Sara catalog, she also develops collections, perform outreach initiatives, and facilitate programs.

Steven Alcalde



Steven Alcalde is Head of Computers and Technology at Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton, New York. With more than a decade of experience in public libraries, he focuses on technology services, intellectual freedom, digital literacy, and innovative public access solutions. Steven has presented at both local and national conferences, including sessions on emerging technologies, library infrastructure, and the evolving role of technology in public service. He previously served as President of the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA) and President of the Computer and Technical Services Division (CATS). His work centers on helping libraries adapt to changing technology while maintaining equitable, patron-focused services.