

Reference And Adult Services Division of SCLA

2027 Executive Board Nominees

For the position of Vice President / President Elect:

Alexis Camarda



My name is Alexis Camarda, and I have worked in the library field for over a decade. I began my career in library services as a page and have worked in various departments at public libraries over the years. I also worked at SCLS for 6 years as both a PALS operations clerk and a systems librarian. My experience working at the system gave me a glimpse into the inner workings of librarianship, specifically how it works in our local consortium.

My current role is the Operations Manager at Brookhaven Free Library, where I am in a unique position not only managing both the circ and tech services departments, but I am also responsible for the majority of the adult reference services we provide. I also work part time at Mastics on the reference desk and will be starting the public library administration certification this fall. As the current President of SSD, I feel that I have a good vision of what is expected of the divisions as SCLA and I am excited to take what I have learned in my previous roles and apply them in fresh new ways in RASD.

Jessicca Weber



Hi, my name is Jessicca Weber (formerly Newmark) and I am excited to be running as your potential Vice President-President Elect for RASD! I have been a librarian for 15 years, with the bulk of my career being employed by The Smithtown Library. I am currently the Head of Reference at our Kings Park Building and between mentoring new librarians, collaborating with my co-workers across all four of our library buildings, and serving the community, I love what I do! I have been a proud member of SCLA/RASD for my entire career and previously served as Membership Chair for RASD for many years.

I am highly motivated to continue the longstanding tradition of RASD excellence by assisting the RASD chairpersons in providing

interesting programming/continuing education opportunities throughout the year for our members, sponsoring innovative speakers at the Long Island Library Conference in May and planning an amazing luncheon/networking event in the fall!

For the position of Secretary:

Melissa Sutter



I'm Melissa Sutter and I'm running for RASD Secretary! For the last two years, I've served as a Member-at-Large on the SCLA Executive Board and would love to bring my skills to RASD. I have worked in Suffolk County libraries since 2014 in a variety of positions including page, circulation clerk, administrative assistant, librarian trainee, and outreach and adult reference librarian at Rogers Memorial Library. I graduated from St. Joseph's University with a BA in English and minor in history in 2016 and received my MLIS from the

University of Buffalo in 2021. From the outset of my career as a librarian, I have been passionate about outreach. Some members of the community who could most benefit from library resources are also those who have the greatest barriers to access. At a time when free and equitable access to information is threatened, we as librarians bear more responsibility than ever to bring services to patrons where they are. I strive to bring these principles to every decision made with the SCLA Executive Board, and will do the same for RASD. I would love the opportunity to represent my colleagues in Reference and Adult Services!

For the position of Treasurer:

Valerie Harrison



My name is Valerie Harrison. I am an Adult Librarian at the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library and am running for the position of Treasurer for RASD. I have proudly served as RASD's Treasurer for the past three years, during which I worked through the transition following SCLA's split from NYLA and stepped in to help when RASD needed a Treasurer on short notice.

I understand the important role of Treasurer, and I have worked hard to keep RASD organized. My attention to detail and proficiency with

spreadsheets has been key to achieving this goal. My respect for deadlines has allowed me to ensure timely reimbursements for RASD members.

I have been working in libraries for nine years in various roles and departments. My passion lies in working with adults and empowering them to feel comfortable using technology and making full use of their public library. I am running for re-election to continue supporting RASD's organization and helping it move forward.