

Support Staff Division of SCLA

2027 Executive Board Nominees

For the position of Vice President / President Elect:

Abigail Szwed



My name is Abigail Szwed. I have worked in libraries in Nassau and Suffolk, collectively, for 18 years. I have worked as a page, clerk, graduate assistant, library assistant, and now librarian. I went back to library school in 2024, to complete my school media specialist certification and I am currently certified to teach. At present, I work at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library as the collection development librarian for the adult department. Later this year, I will be starting my public library administration certification. I love to learn. I am a very curious person and I want to impart my curiosity onto others. I believe that there is always room for improvement and I am constantly finding new ways to broaden my horizons. As a vice president, I want to connect and build relationships with library professionals from across Suffolk County. I would like to develop skills that I can use in my current and future endeavors. Lastly, I want to gain experience for upper-level management exams

For the position of Treasurer:

Hailey DeVaul



My name is Hailey DeVaul. I am currently serving as the 2026 SSD Treasurer and would be honored to continue serving SSD's support staff as the 2027 Treasurer. I work at the Brookhaven Free Library as the Business Manager and Tech. Operations. I started here 8 years ago as a Circulation Clerk, and over time, I worked my way up to my current role. As a member of support staff, I know firsthand how important each supporting role is to our libraries. Support staff members are the backbone of our

libraries. By supporting them, we strengthen the foundation that allows our libraries and communities to thrive.

For the position of Member At Large:

Catherine Gorden



I began my library career as a page at the Callahan Library, St. Joseph's University in 1996. In May of 2012, I earned my MLIS from Long Island University and have served as a Librarian at Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library for the past 13 years. In my current role, I supervise the RASD clerks working in both the Computer Lab and Makerspace. My responsibilities also include planning and coordinating a variety of library programs and events.