What is SEE FOR YOURSELF 2014?

SEE FOR YOURSELF 2014: An Assistive Technology and Resource Fair for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired has been held at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System (SCLS) , every other year, for the past 20 years. It is the only event on all of Long Island where people can come to learn about assistive technology and other various daily living resources that enable them to live independent and productive lives. Our event includes vendors of high tech equipment and organizations and service providers who are working with people who are visually impaired or blind.

Millions of Americans are living with vision loss. There are many eye diseases that are causing vision loss, Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, Cataracts and of course Diabetes ( the leading cause of adult onset blindness in our country) just to name a few.As a result of vision loss, many people lose their independence, many seniors end up having to live in a supervised living environment or institutionalized setting, and many people living with vision loss, are unemployed, living on social services and living in poverty.

The fair has become particularly important because there are very few services left on Long Island for people living with vision loss. The Lighthouse no longer has an office on the island. Catholic Charities no longer has Loe Vision Services on the island and Helen Keller Services for the Blind has one location in Suffolk and two in Nassau, one of which only serves the needs of people who are Deaf/Blind. Additionally, there are virtually no resources available in accessible formats for people with print disabilities.

SCLS Outreach Services invites you to join us on Saturday May 17, 2014 from 10:00am to 4:00pm for SEE FOR YOURSELF 2014. Admission is FREE!!!!!

The “FAIR” is open to the public and to library administration and staff. Exhibitors will provide information on a wide array of resources and vendors will offer hands-on demonstrations of various types of assistive technology designed for people living with vision loss.

Please contact us to receive SEE FOR YOURSELF flyers. We can provide flyers in hard copy, electronic, Braille and Audio formats.

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System is also the home of the Long Island Assistive Technology Center. This area of the library system is dedicated to assistive technology for individuals who cannot use traditional print materials. It offers demonstrations of Adaptive hardware and software for people living with a visual or a learning disability. Demonstrations are by appointment only. Please call 631-286-1600, x1354 or email [valerie@suffolknet.org](mailto:valerie@suffolknet.org)

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627 North Sunrise Service Road

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Exit 55 Sunrise Highway-East of Route 101/Sills Rd.

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Please let us know in advance if you will need a reasonable accommodation for a disability We do not provide transportation

If you have questions about SEE FOR YOURSELF 2014 or the Long Island Assistive Technology Center, please call 631-286-1600 and ask for the Outreach Services Department.