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Registration for NYLA Library Advocacy Day, February 28, is Open!

Libraries will get you through times of no money, better than money will get you through times of no libraries.

On Tuesday, January 16 Governor Cuomo released his 2018-2019 Executive Budget.

Mike Nepl, General Counsel and Director of Government Relations for NYLA, is still reviewing the Article VII and Appropriations Bills, which will take a little more time. Here are the initial details RCLS has received:

Proposed State Library Aid: \$91.6M
(\$4 million cut from the 2017-2018 State Aid)

Proposed Library Construction Aid: \$14M
(\$10M cut from the 2017 Construction Grant)

The Governor's Budget includes a 3% increase in school aid, yet for years we have been telling our legislators that library aid should be tied to school aid. Libraries are education!

We knew this was going to be an extremely difficult year with the State facing a \$3.9B deficit.

It is essential for us to have a strong, vocal delegation visit Albany for NYLA Library Advocacy Day. We need you to join us in Albany. Please encourage Library Champions (library users who are willing to speak on behalf of libraries) to come with us.

[Check the flyer](#) describing the bus routes and pick-up times and [then register](#) to join us on **Wednesday, February 28**. Let's fill four buses with committed advocates to make the case for the importance of funding libraries!

You are Invited

Join us on **Wednesday, January 31** at 10 a.m. for System Orientation at RCLS. Any member libraries' employees, trustees or Friends are invited to attend. You will meet with the RCLS director and the various department heads to get a total picture of the services offered to member libraries. Register today using the [RCLS calendar](#) before it's too late.



Reporting Censorship Challenges

The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) is seeking information on censorship challenges that occurred between January 1 and December 31, 2017. Librarians are encouraged to complete this [brief online reporting form](#) by **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**. OIF estimates that 82-97% of challenges remain unreported. This is an obstacle the office is determined to tackle, says OIF Assistant Director Kristin Pekoll, who provides follow-up support to educators during challenge crises. A "challenge" is a direct request to a library, school or university to remove or restrict material or services due to content or appropriateness. OIF tracks challenges to materials (books, movies, magazines), databases, displays, filtering, meeting rooms, programs and author visits.

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Teen Video Challenge Contest

*Sharon B. Phillips, NYS Library, DLD
Summer Reading Program Coordinator*

The New York State Library is pleased and excited to announce the details for the 2018 Teen Video Challenge to help promote *Summer Reading at New York Libraries!* This challenge gives teens, aged 13-18, the opportunity to work with their local public library to encourage the use of public libraries and create a short video promoting the Summer Reading Program and the 2018 slogan of "Libraries Rock!"

Video submissions from teens are due to their local libraries by **Wednesday, February 21**. Entries are then submitted to the New York State Library for judging, and one winning video will be chosen from each



participating state. Winning videos are sent to the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) and will be featured on the State Library and national CSLP sites all summer long. Winners from each state will receive a \$100 cash prize and the sponsoring public library receives a \$50 gift certificate from CSLP and Upstart!

Detailed information including entry forms and timeline, may be found on the [Summer Reading at New York Libraries website](#). A [promotional flyer](#) is also available.

2018 NYS Literacy Award

With the generous support of the Library of Congress, the Empire State Center for the Book is again administering a state literacy award program. Libraries in New York are invited to submit nominations until **Saturday, March 31** for this award which will be given to a not-for-profit organization whose literacy project delivers impact through partnership within the New York State library community.

A panel of judges will read the nominations and select an award winner. The winner will be notified by Monday, April 30. The award will be accompanied by a check for \$1,000 to support the work of the literacy project and will be presented at the New York State Writers Hall of Fame Induction on Tuesday, June 5, in New York City, at the Princeton Club. Applicants should be cognizant of the fact that, if they win, their presence is required at the induction. The winner will be the guest of the Empire State Center for the Book. Unfortunately, the Center for the Book cannot underwrite travel expenses.

Contact Ellen Rubin, Literacy Award Coordinator, with any questions at ellenbr47@gmail.com.

To submit a nomination visit [Survey Monkey](#).

Two written references must be [e-mailed to Ellen Rubin](#) once the application is submitted.



Know Your Legislator

According to the American Library Association (ALA) Library Advocate's handbook, the more you know about a legislator or official, the more effective you can be in communicating the library message and ensuring a successful outcome from your advocacy efforts.

In preparation for New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day, **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**, the *RCLS Weekly Memo* will be taking a closer look each week at one of the eleven legislators that represent the RCLS area.

98th Assembly District Assemblyman Karl A. Brabeneck

Political Party:	Republican	
Assumed Office:	November 4, 2014	
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor/Budget Officer, Town of Deerpark, New York, 2010-2014 • Council Member, Town of Deerpark, 2008-2010 • Vice Chair, New York State Young Republicans, 1999-2001 	
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPA, Public Administration/Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice • BA, Political Science/History, Mount Saint Mary College 	
Family:	Two Children: son and daughter	
Primary supporters :	Vote Smart Facts Matter	
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging • Cities • Election Law • Labor • Local Governments 	
Priorities:	Improving the quality of life for his community by alleviating the crushing tax burden facing residents with smarter budget solutions and spending cuts	
Libraries in District:	Florida, Greenwood Lake, Monroe, Port Jervis, Sloatsburg, Suffern, Tuxedo Park, Warwick	
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Photo of the Week



RCLS Executive Director Robert Hubsher testified before the Assembly Standing Committee on Libraries and Education Technology hearing on Wednesday, January 10. The purpose of the hearing was for the Committee to review the impact and effectiveness of funding of libraries in New York State including funding for library construction and the allocation of State Aid to libraries. Robert Hubsher's testimony and the materials he shared with the committee are available on the [RCLS web-site](#).

A video recording of the public hearing is available on the [Applied Web NY website](#).

Share a library-related photo, include a brief caption, your name, position and the library's name. A photo release is required from recognizable individuals in the photo. [Click here](#) for the RCLS photo release. Submit the picture to rclsmemo@rcls.org with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.

News Worthy

Regional

- [Plattekill Library board still at odds over new building](#) | Wallkill Valley Times 1.17.18

National

- [Push To Restore Funding To Libraries](#) | Spectrum News 1.11.18
- [The story of a library](#) | Times Union 1.11.18

- [New York Prisons Impose 'Draconian Rules Limiting Books Inmates Can Read to' Sex Novels, Bibles and Coloring Books](#) | Newsweek 1.9.18
- [Librarians Scrambling to Meet Demand for 'Fire and Fury'](#) | Publishers Weekly 1.8.18
- [Ban on Book About Mass Incarceration Lifted in New Jersey Prisons After A.C.L.U. Protest](#) | The New York Times 1.8.18
- [LA County libraries go fine-free for their younger readers](#) | Marketplace 1.8.18

2017 RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

At the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting held on Friday, September 15, Annual Awards presentations were made. The following is a nomination for the *Member Library Youth Program of the Year Award*:

Program: “Stuffed Animal Sleepover ”
Nominator: Marj Linko, Director
Nominating Library: Liberty Public Library

Have you ever wondered what it’s like in the library at night? Well, the Liberty Public Library offered young children ages 3-6 and their families a chance to find out during an evening program held on June 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. called “Stuffed Animal Sleepover.” During this program, each child brought a stuffed animal with them to the storytime that they would then allow to stay at the library for a sleepover. The stuffed animals slept over – not the children!

During the program, both the child and their stuffed animal listened to classic bedtime stories and rhymes. Then the children completed a worksheet of what their stuffed animal needed for their sleepover. Before the child left for the evening, they tucked in their stuffed animals and were told to return the next day to pick up their stuffed animal along with souvenir booklets of what their stuffed animals did that night!

After the children left, staff took photos of each of the stuffed animals doing silly things in the library. From raiding the refrigerator, to brushing their teeth, reading their favorite storybooks and sliding down the railings (naughty teddy bears!). The next day, the children were thrilled to have their animals back and to get their very own copy of a booklet with photos of their stuffed animals’ adventures in the library.

This was a very creative and fun program developed by Ruth Mallard with assistance by Cheryl Shelton. It

was a fantastic way for us to bring in young children who don’t normally attend our daytime story hours. I am certain that we will plan a similar program in the future.



Deadlines

- ★ Monday, February 5
[State Annual Reports](#) to RCLS

Job Openings

- ✓ [Job Postings](#)
- ✓ [Building Your e-résumé](#)

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System Calendar

For a complete and up-to-date list of events, including links to additional information, see the [RCLS Calendar](#).
To add information, contact [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).

January

Monday, 22

[CLOUSC Mock Caldecott & Newbery Discussions](#),
Newburgh—9:00 a.m.

[RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Award Discussions](#),
Newburgh—2:00 p.m.

Monday, 22

ANSER Committee – **CANCELED**

Thursday, 25

LARC-Adult Services, Spring Valley—10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 25

RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS—10:00 a.m.

Friday, 26

[State Annual Report Workshop](#),
Washingtonville—10:00 a.m.

[State Annual Report Workshop – Hands-on Training](#),
Washingtonville —1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 30

[LARC-YS Mock Newbery & Caldecott Discussions](#),
Valley Cottage—9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 31

[System Orientation](#), RCLS—10:00 a.m.

February

Monday, 5

RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS—10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 7

Directors Association Executive Committee,
RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Friday, 9

SUPLA, Monticello—9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 10

[Orientation—Trustee Education Session 101](#), Valley
Cottage—10:00 a.m.

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(PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE)

**Wednesday
February 28,
2018**

- West Nyack 6:45 a.m. (Palisades Center)
- Newburgh 7:30 a.m. (Newburgh Mall)
- New Paltz 7:45 a.m. (Thruway Exit 18 Parking Lot)
- Kingston 8:15 a.m. (Thruway Exit 19 Park & Ride)
- Catskill 8:40 a.m. (Thruway Exit 21 Park & Ride)

Leaves Albany at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments, advocacy information and a schedule of appointments will be provided on the motorcoaches.

Register online @ <http://calendar.rcls.org/>

Make checks (\$5 per person - non-refundable) payable to **RCLS**.
Thanks to donations from the many Friends Groups,
we are able to subsidize the price.

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 21

Late registrations will not be accepted.

PLANNING TO DRIVE YOURSELF?

Use the online registration and check "Driving myself" under
"What is your preferred pickup location?"
You will receive an information packet.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Dan Hulse @ RCLS

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