



# Weekly Memo

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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Tuesday, February 20** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Head-quarters in Middletown.

This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.

## URGENT ACTION NEEDED

### Speak Up for NYS Library Aid 2018-2019

We need your help to get our legislators to restore State Aid to libraries and library systems that the Governor proposed cutting in his 2018-2019 Executive Budget.

If you are able, please join us for New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day in Albany on **Wednesday, February 28**. Here is the link to the [flyer](#) with all of the information you need about motorcoach pickup locations and departure times.

Here is the [link to register](#) to join our delegation whether you ride the motorcoach or drive yourself.

If you are unable to attend in person contact your [legislator using NYLA's Online Advocacy Center](#). It is easy use and an effective way to let your legislators know you care about libraries and want them to support State Aid for libraries and library systems.

## Library Horror Stories

YOU are an integral part of New York Library Association (NYLA)'s 2018 Library Advocacy Campaign!

NYLA is collecting photos and comments to show the New York State Legislature, Governor, and policymakers just how critical an increase in library construction aid really is.

NYLA is looking for photos of:

- Inaccessible buildings and bathrooms
- Ancient HVAC equipment
- Wildly overcrowded meeting spaces
- Old or crazy wiring schemes

Libraries are used to doing a lot with very little – but these infrastructure projects and upgrades can't wait any longer.

Please fill out this [online survey](#) by **Tuesday, February 20** and help NYLA help you!

Photos can be uploaded [here](#).

## Banned Books Symposium

In partnership with Mount Saint Mary College, Dutchess, Orange/Ulster, Sullivan, and Ulster School Library Systems, a **Banned Books Symposium** will be taking place on **Saturday, March 10** on the campus of Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. This half-day conference will feature a keynote presentation by the author of *13 Reasons Why*, Jay Asher. In addition, there will be breakout sessions on banned and challenged books.

See the [two-page flyer](#) for the registration URL and a list of the breakout sessions.

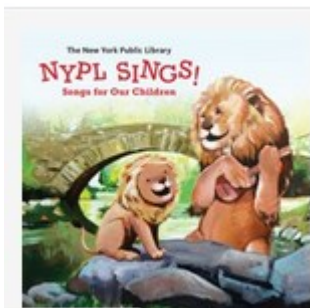
## NYPL Sings!

*Kristen Rocha Aldrich, The New York Public Library, Manager, Early Childhood Education & NYPL's Early Literacy Team*

It is with great pride that I announce the launch of [NYPL Sings! Songs for Our Children](#), an album of children's songs written and performed by New York Public Library (NYPL) staff. Each song represents an easy practice a caregiver can engage in daily to help their child become a successful and enthusiastic reader and learner. *NYPL Sings!* demonstrates the power of the Library community to provide essential support to families raising the next generation of lifelong learners and Library users.

We thank all of our friends and supporters, near and far, who have enabled us to develop a greater early literacy presence.

The album and accompanying booklet are now available for free on the [NYPL website](#). We hope that you find this resource useful and fun!



## Libraries Transforming Communities

Lear how to foster conversation and lead change in your community with [Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change](#), a free learning series on dialogue and deliberation specially designed for small, mid-sized and rural public libraries.

Register now for the following free webinars:

- [Introduction to Dialogue & Deliberation for Public Libraries Serving Small, Mid-Sized and/or Rural Communities](#) – **Wednesday, February 28** at 2 p.m.
- [Future Search](#) – **Wednesday, April 25** at 2 p.m.
- [Conversation Cafe](#) – **Wednesday, May 23** at 2 p.m.

View all three webinars (live or recorded) and you will be invited to attend a free one-day pre-conference workshop at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Space is limited.

Twenty-five travel stipends of \$800 each are available for people representing small and rural libraries. [Learn more and apply for a travel stipend by Friday, March 9.](#)



These *Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change* sessions are brought to you by the American Library Association (ALA), the Public Library Association (PLA), and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD).

Questions? [Email ALA's Public Programs Office.](#) *Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change* is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant number RE-40-16-0137-16.

## Libraries, Social Media, and Politics: Do You Know What to Post?

During [Libraries, Social Media, and Politics: Do You Know What to Post?](#), a free webinar, Dustin Fife and Mary Naylor Stephens will discuss the recent research they did for the peer-reviewed library journal, [The Political Librarian](#)

about the ambiguity surrounding libraries and social media when it comes to politics. Most library professionals feel like they have little direction regarding politics and social media and unnecessarily censor themselves on topics that they should be discussing.

The webinar, which will take place **Thursday, February 15** at 2:00 p.m., is presented by EveryLibrary and sponsored Kixal. The webinar will be recorded and archived for those who cannot attend live.



## 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* is taking a closer look each week at one of the eleven legislators that represent the RCLS area.

### **101<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Assemblyman Brian D. Miller**



Political Party:	Republican, Independence
Assumed Office:	2017
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oneida County Legislator in the 16th District, 2000-2016</li><li>• Bridgewater Town Supervisor</li></ul>
Education:	Graduated, Mohawk Valley Community College
Family:	Wife Dawn and 1 son
Primary Supporters:	<a href="#">Vote Smart Facts Matter</a>
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Environmental Conservation</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Local Governments</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Real Property Taxation</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Social Services</a></li></ul>
Priorities:	Reduce taxes and unfunded mandates, overhaul the Common Core education standards, and eliminate the restraints of the SAFE Act, as well as increase employment opportunities and mental health services for veterans. To address the heroin epidemic by increasing treatment options and improving education on the dangers of opioids and heroin.
Libraries in District:	Cragmoor, Ellenville, Grahamsville, Montgomery, Pine Bush, Walden, Walkill
Local Office:	14 Central Ave, Suite 101, P.O. Box 247, Walkill, NY 12589
Local Phone:	845-895-1080
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## Photo of the Week



Shadowy meeting of contractors and architect during renovations at the Blauvelt Free Library

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](mailto:rclsmemo@rcls.org) with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.

### News Worthy

#### Regional

- [My View: Libraries make us richer; urge Cuomo to fund them](#) | recordonline.com 2.4.18
- [New Highland Library celebrates public opening](#) | Highland Public Library | Hudson Valley One 2.2.18

#### National

- [Syracuse music producer uses public library space to jumpstart music career](#) | The Daily Orange 1.30.18

- [The unexpected role librarians are playing in Sacramento's homeless crisis](#) | The Sacramento Bee 1.29.18
- [The Libraries Bringing Small-Town News Back to Life](#) | The Atlantic 1.28.18
- [How Library Gardens are Growing Communities in Georgia](#) | Institute of Museum and Library Services 1.26.18
- [What truths about us will future libraries tell?](#) | The Washington Post 12.29.2017

## 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 Adult Program of the Year Award*:

- Program:** “VCL Holiday Craft Fair”
- Nominator:** Joanne McNally
- Nominating Library:** Valley Cottage Library

At Valley Cottage Library we wanted to introduce a fun-filled community event to draw people together during the holiday season. We created the “Holiday Craft Fair” where patrons could observe quality craftsmanship, talk to the artisans about their work and be able to purchase something unique and special. We felt it would be a great way to inspire people, showcase local artisans and help the arts. We wanted to attract not only our many regular patrons and families but also those residents who do not normally use the library. We had our first event in 2015, but saw the potential to make this into something really special in 2016.

Taking some lessons learned from year-one, we started promoting the show to artisans earlier in the summer to assure a high level of quality craftsmanship and originality of entries, which were reviewed by two staff members, both ceramic artists with art and design backgrounds. We advertised the fair via our newsletter and posting flyers all around Rockland County. We created a Facebook event page to keep folks posted as artists were accepted and to keep the event in mind.

We sent e-mail blasts to our Library Events List. In November we placed a 4' x 8' double-sided banner facing Route 303. We added ten lawn signs that local staff and board members, living on busy streets, displayed weeks before.

It was a group effort that took seven months to get the program together but on the day of the event we had a steady crowd of attendees. It was great to observe people of all ages gathering around and having conversations with the artisans, rekindling old friendships, meeting their neighbors and friends and for some, seeing what the library has to offer. The library felt like a real community center and was buzzing with activity. The door counter recorded over 750 which surpassed the first fair and is more than double the count on a regular Saturday.

The response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive; from the artisans who were happy with their sales; to the patrons, new and old who communed with neighbors or picked up a unique holiday gift; to the staff who engaged with the community on a festive Saturday. The craft fair has proven to be an exciting and fun activity which we hope to continue in the years to come.



## Deadlines

- ★ **Friday, February 16**  
2018 CE Surveys to Grace Riario @ RCLS

## Job Openings

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

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article to

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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](#).

### February

**Monday, 12**

[Advocacy Session; Tell your library story effectively](#), Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, 13**

[Advocacy Session; Tell your library story effectively](#), Nanuet – 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, 13**

RUG, Spring Valley – 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, 17**

[Intermediate – Trustee Education Session 102](#), Valley Cottage – 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, 19**

**Presidents Day – RCLS CLOSED**

**Tuesday, 20**

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 22**

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

**Friday, 23**

Performers' Showcase, Middletown – 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, 26**

CLOUSC, Walden – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 28**

[NYLA Library Advocacy Day](#), Albany

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## CONVENIENT MOTORCOACH LOCATIONS and DEPARTURE TIMES!

(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?

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