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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.

NYLA Library Advocacy Day

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Join library advocates from across New York State as they converge on Albany to voice support for funding and policies that benefit libraries. New York is facing serious budget problems in the coming year, so let us make certain that our representatives understand the value in preserving funding for libraries.

View the [informational flyer](#) on taking the motorcoach to Albany. To reserve a seat on the motorcoach or to indicate you are driving yourself, visit the [RCLS calendar](#).

- **The Rally for Library Advocates at 12:00 p.m.**

Gather in the “Well” of the LOB (Legislative Office Building) at noon for a Library Advocate’s Rally! Join fellow Library Advocates and plan to make your voices heard!

- **Legislative Office Visits**

Meetings with individual Legislators (or their office staff) are coordinated by RCLS. Visit the [RCLS website](#) for the schedule and more information.

- **Ready, Set, Go: Albany, Here We Come!**

View the [Sustainable Thinking News](#) for tips about spending time with legislators on Library Advocacy Day.



SENY-Con 2018

SENY-Con is an annual conference to highlight the unique talents and skills that are held by the library professionals in the Southeastern region. This event is made possible due to an outpouring of enthusiasm from the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) members. The event is free for all SENYLRC members.

SENY-Con 2018 will take place **Friday, April 13** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the SENYLRC headquarters in Highland, NY. Members are free.

For more information on SENY-Con 2018 and to register, visit the [SENYLRC website](#).

News Worthy

Regional

- [Cornwall Library to get a quiet space](#) | The Cornwall Local 2.9.18
- [Woodstock Library board sets out to plan new building](#) | Woodstock Public Library District | Daily Freeman 2.5.18
- [Libraries across the state call for more funding](#) | Columbia County Libraries | Hudson Valley 360 2.1.18

National

- [Secretary of State pushing for more money to support broadband in libraries](#) | Columbia Missourian 2.11.18
- [Universities purging dusty volumes](#) | The Washington Post 2.7.18
- [The most beautiful libraries you've never seen](#) | The Washington Post 2.6.18
- [When the newspaper closed, this town library started one](#) | The Washington Post 2.6.18
- [Montana's Lewis & Clark Library celebrates 150 years](#) | Helena Independent Record 2.5.18
- [Yonkers library opens Local History Incubator, wants public to share photos, memories](#) | lohud.com 1.31.18

New York Heritage Digital Collections

The [New York Heritage Digital Collections](#) offers an exploration into the history of New York State. Share this resource with your history buffs, students, genealogists and lovers of NYS heritage.



Toxic Behaviors in the Library Survey

Kathie Mason,

Collections Librarian, Eastern Michigan University

Wichita State University and Eastern Michigan University are conducting a research study about bullying and other toxic behaviors in libraries. You are invited to participate in a survey about your experiences with toxic behaviors. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes. Participation is voluntary and your responses will be anonymous. [Click here](#) for the survey.

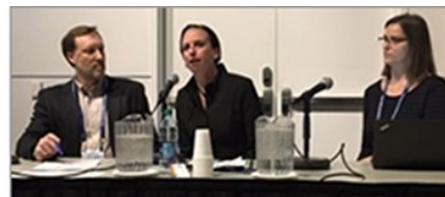
The survey will remain open until **Friday, February 23**.

Thank you for your time.

Imagining a Fine-Free Future

AL: The Scoop, Feb. 11

Phil Morehart writes: “To fine or not to fine? The question divides the library community. In ‘Fine Free Future’ on Saturday, February 10 three librarians waded into the argument to advocate for the elimination of fines for overdue materials and to advise librarians on how to make a case to administrators and community members who may be opposed to the idea.”



RUSA: Library Services to an Aging Population

Reference and User Services Association

The [RUSA Library Services to an Aging Population](#) Committee met on Sunday, February 11 morning at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver.

Some of the new resources under discussion were: [RUSA Guidelines for Library Services with 60+ Audience](#) (2017), [ODLOS Keys to Engaging Older Adults @ your library](#) (2017),



[ASCLA Interest Group on Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Review of Related Standards](#), the [Powerful Tools for Caregivers](#) curriculum, the Population Reference Bureau's [Aging in the United States](#) report, and the Brookdale Foundation's [National Group Respite Program](#).

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.

103rd Assembly District Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill



Political Party:	Democrat
Assumed Office:	1992-1994, 1998-present
Previous Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minority Leader/County Legislator, • Ulster County Legislature, 1986-1992
Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD, Albany Law School, 1980 • BA, Political Science, SUNY New Paltz, 1977
Family:	2 children
Primary Supporters:	Vote Smart Facts Matter
Committees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry • Health • Higher Education • Insurance, Chair • Ways and Means
Priorities:	On the forefront in the effort to providing New Yorkers with quality, affordable insurance for home, health and property; promoting renewable power generation, sustainable building practices, energy efficiency and the development of a green workforce; protecting our environment thereby preserving the beauty and natural resources of New York State for future generations; committing to higher education and providing a strong education to young people; and supporting local arts organizations.
Position on Libraries:	Pro-libraries. Grade of B on 2012 Library Voting Guide The Assemblyman has championed funding for improvements for local libraries and the Mid-Hudson Library System.
Libraries in District:	Gardiner
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Local Phone:	845-338-9610
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Albany Phone:	518-455-4436
E-mail:	CahillK@nyassembly.gov
Website:	http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill/
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/AssemblymanCahill

Photo of the Week



The New City Library Staff Association sponsored its 4th annual Sweet Dreams Pajama Drive in January. Putting out collection baskets for the public and the library staff, we netted 83 sets of pajamas for children. These will be donated to The Center for Safety and Change in New City, which serves families escaping abusive domestic relationships.

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.



NYLA Library Advocacy Day is fast approaching,
Wednesday, February 28.

The deadline to register for the motorcoach to Albany is
Thursday, February 22.

If you have been procrastinating, now is the time to register!
We need your presence!
Register using the [RCLS Calendar](#) today!!

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: “New Year’s Eve @ noon”
Nominator: Myrna Sigal, Head of Public Services
Nominating Library: West Nyack Free Library

Because children are usually asleep on New Year’s Eve and miss the rumpus and festivities, the West Nyack Free Library Public Service Department, under the leadership of Myrna Sigal, hosted a New Year’s Eve @ Noon family program. We invited local families to our festively decorated Community Room to celebrate the upcoming 2017 New Year. Parents with children from throughout the community participated, as there are very few afternoon events for multiple age levels that cater to those hoping to celebrate New Year’s as a family.

The party began with music playing as teen volunteers handed out materials so each young party-goer could artistically design and create an original New Year’s hat. Children were taught various circle and party games including the Chicken Dance, the Hokey Pokey and Freeze Dance. When everyone was suitably tired and “midnight” was approaching, we served simple healthy snacks – individual bags of Goldfish, chips, small bottles of water. Pre-cut squares of bubble wrap and noisemakers (our version of “fireworks”) were handed out to the parents with instructions to give them to the children right before the ball came down. Shortly before noon/midnight, the lights dimmed and a hush fell – the big moment had arrived. The twinkling New Year’s Ball, designed by Joanne Seward (Library Assistant) and her husband (a theater tech and lighting designer by trade) attached to a scaffold with pulleys, was slowly lowered as the celebrants counted down (loudly!) in one second increments-10, 9, 8...as the ball reached the bottom of

the scaffold, exuberant shouts of “Happy New Year” resounded throughout the library...(and possibly to Times Square). The ultimate New Year’s song, *Auld Lang Syne* was played at “Midnight.” A wonderful time was had by all 94 participants, including many new faces and patrons from throughout the library system.



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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

- 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**
System Services Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 26**
ANSER Committee, Newburgh – 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 26**
CLOUSC, Walden – 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 28**
[NYLA Library Advocacy Day](#), Albany

March

- Monday, 5**
[Teen Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#), Chester – 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, 7**
Directors Association, Middletown – 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, 9**
SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, 9**
LARC-YS, Sloatsburg – 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, 11**
Daylight Saving Time Begins – Set clocks ahead one hour
- Monday, 19**
[Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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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?

Contact: Dan Hulse @ RCLS

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RCLS TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM PLANNING WORKSHOP



PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Hear a roundup of program ideas and find out what people are planning to do.
- Experience hands-on new teen summer program ideas.
- See suggestions for program ideas, promotion, structuring the teen programs, prizes, crafts, etc.

**MONDAY,
MARCH 5, 2018**
**CHESTER PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

9:30 coffee
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Workshop

PLAN TO ATTEND!

Registration is required
by Thursday, March 1
@ 8 a.m.
use the [RCLS online Calendar](#)

Please read the
Libraries Rock! Manual



**Does all of this
raise a question? Contact:
Randall Enos at RCLS**

This is a Young Adult & Youth Services Workshop;
participants will receive
3 contact hours for attending

Snow Date: March 12
at Chester Public Library



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