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## And the Winners are...

*Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services Consultant*

Saturday, September 8, at SUNY Orange in Middletown, 18 library teams representing 16 RCLS member libraries met to battle for the honor of being the 2018 RCLS Teen Battle of the Books Champs.

At the RCLS Battle of the Books competitions, all of the participants are winners! They read the eight books, they remember the facts and they all seem to have fun. There were some very close battles; however, only one team can prevail as the championship team.

For the fifth year in a row, the winner of the Battle was the Daniel Pierce Library Team from Grahamsville. They survived a couple of tough games and managed to fight their way to the top. They will reign as the 2018 Champions. Congratulations to the Team and Coaches Matt Haynes and Geri Newmann. Go BIG ORANGE!

The powerhouse Middletown Thrall Library Two Team expertly managed to work its way into second place. Congratulations Team and Coach Theresa Zacek.

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Five Time Champion – Daniel Pierce Library Team from Grahamsville

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Bard College offers Humanities course to low-income adults at Kingston Library](#) | Kingston Library | Daily Freeman 9.18.18

### National

- Perspective | [Do we really still need Banned Books Week?](#) | The Washington Post 9.26.18
- [New library being built in Nebraska to include computer lab, storm shelter](#) | Lincoln Journal-Star 9.24.18
- [‘Drag Queen Story Hour’ Fights Critics with a New Campaign](#) | Spectrum News 9.23.18
- [Permanent New York Public Library exhibit allows you to check out array of treasures](#) | Metro 9.14.18
- [From ‘The Breakfast Club’ to book club](#) | Albany Times Union 9.10.18
- [Children’s Book Authors Are Selling More Than Books. They’re Taking a Stand](#) | The New York Times 9.5.18

The team from the Nanuet Public Library came back from an earlier loss and placed third this time around. Congratulations to Coach Kristie Revicki and the team.

We were especially pleased to have two new teams representing libraries that had not participated before – Newburgh Free Library and Wallkill Public Library.

Special thanks to the SUNY Orange Education Department for cosponsoring the event this year and for making the facilities and staff at Orange Hall available to us. Thanks also to all who participated - volunteers, coaches, planners, and most of all the team members. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

For a diagram of how all eighteen teams fared, photos and more information about RCLS Teen Battle of the Books, visit the [RCLS website](#).



Middletown Thrall Library Two Team



Nanuet Public Library Team

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## Photos of the Week



RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Committee members (Karen Golding, Goshen Public Library; Jessica Gordon, Finkelstein Memorial Library; Kristie Revicki, Nanuet Public Library and Mary Phillips, New City Free Library, Committee Chair) discuss some of the new books for teens that are being considered for the 2019 Printz Award in an effort to narrow down the list of titles that will be chosen for the RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Award Discussions scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at RCLS. All RCLS member library staff are encouraged to submit titles for consideration by the group and participate in the discussions.

*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.*

## October Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

### ✓ **Bookface & Beyond: Creating Engaging Content for Social Media**

**Tuesday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

This session is made available to RCLS member libraries' staff in collaboration with the Orange County Library Association.

Libraries often struggle to provide consistent, captivating content for their social media platforms. This hands-on workshop will demonstrate how to draw in new followers and keep them engaged. We'll unravel the mystery of Facebook's algorithm and work with you to develop a strategy to increase your individual library's social media reach, using real-world examples!

**Speakers:** **Nick Tanzi**, Assistant Director, Technology Services, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library and **Sara Roye**, Public Relations Specialist, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ **Everyone Serves Families with Young Children**

**Wednesday, October 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

This program is open to all library staff, but is aimed at non-youth services staff since the focus is on why it is important for ALL library staff to support family engagement. Participants, regardless of their position at the library, will gain an understanding of the importance of a public library as a welcoming place for families with young children, learn strategies for providing excellent customer service to young children and their parents/caregivers, hear about the latest brain and child development research and how to incorporate these into their interactions with young children; and acquire confidence in handling difficult situations in which young children are loud, upset, or misbehaving in the library.

**Presenter:** Mary Fellows, Manager, Youth & Family Services, upper Hudson Library System

**CE Credits:** 3 Young Adult & Youth Services credits

**Audience:** All Library Staff

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ **A CAPS Record Refresher**

**Thursday, October 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (repeat)**

**Location:** RCLS

Let's refresh our skills! Why go through the process of creating a new CAPS record when there's already a record in Symphony? Learn to search Symphony for bib records, learn more about how a MARC record is constructed, and then apply that knowledge using Boolean operators and other techniques. This is a hands-on workshop, where we will be searching the database in real time. This workshop is limited to 30 people.

**Presenter:** Dan Donohue

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar for 10/4](#)

[RCLS Calendar for 11/1](#)

### ✓ **Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families for LIBRARY STAFF**

**Tuesday, October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at RCLS**

**Thursday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Nyack Library (repeat)**

This interactive training assists library staff in improving access for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer-identified, and questioning (LGBTQ) communities. Participants will explore common challenges encountered by LGBTQ individuals of all ages and leave better equipped to serve as resources, particularly for youth. The training provides promising practices for communication, privacy, collections, and

programming to better meet the needs of LGBTQ individuals and families.

**Presenter:** For over 15 years, [Lyndon Cudlitz](#) has been providing training and technical assistance for libraries, schools, healthcare providers, and organizations seeking to enhance environments and services for LGBTQ individuals. Lyndon has worked for several LGBTQ organizations in the Northeast and has founded and directed youth leadership camps nationally. Additionally, Lyndon currently serves on a transgender advisory committee to the NYS Department of Health and is the Board Vice President for an NYC-based LGBTQ organization.

**CE Credits:** 3 Special Client/Customer Service credits

**Audience:** All Library Staff

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar for 10/9](#)

[RCLS Calendar for 10/11](#)

## ✓ System Orientation

**Wednesday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

Attendees will first meet with the RCLS Executive Director to gain an overview of the System. Visitors will then walk through the building and meet with department supervisors who will explain the services their departments provide to member libraries. Attendees will also have ample opportunity to ask questions.

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

## ✓ Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families for LIBRARY DIRECTORS and TRUSTEES

**Tuesday, October 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

See Tuesday, October 9 for details

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

## ✓ WorkFlows Circulation Basics Refresher

**Wednesday, October 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, October 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

During the session, you will review: User Registration, Checkout, Checkin, Daily Reports, Paying Bills.

Each session limited to 15 people each day. Preference given to getting as many libraries as possible represented.

Lunch break: 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

**Presenters:** Jerry Kuntz and Martha Sullivan

**CE Credits:** 6 Technology credits

**Audience:** All Library Staff

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

## ✓ Making the Most of Library Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

**Thursday, October 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

In this day and age, making the most of our volunteer recruitment and retention efforts is critical to our overall programs success. We can't ignore the impact that the current economic challenges have on volunteer recruitment, training, retention, recognition, and—most importantly the community need that we meet by having volunteer opportunities at our libraries.

**Presenter:** Deborah L. Worden, Executive Director of Action Toward Independence

**CE Credits:** 2 Project Management/ Supervision credits

**Audience:** Library staff working with volunteers.

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

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## ✓ **Advanced – Trustee Education Session 103**

**Tuesday, October 23 From 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

If you have served as a Board member of a library for more than three years, you are encouraged to attend this session. This is not an introduction course. A basic knowledge of the role and responsibilities of a library trustee in the State of New York (attendance at sessions 101 and 102) is required.

Advanced Trustee Education Session 103 will look at recruitment, the library's Plan of Service and Civil Service.

A light dinner will be served.

**Presenter:** Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

**Register:** [RCLS website](#)

## ✓ **“Where did I put that?”: Saving your archival collections without losing your mind**

**Thursday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS

Local history and archival collections in public libraries pose unique challenges regardless of size, budget, and staffing. Mission statements, collection policies, and inventories all help in the making sure your special collections are appropriately managed and provide documentation for grant proposals and projects.

**Presenter:** Matthew Thorenz, Head of Reference & Adult Services at Moffat Library, and Contract Archivist at Wallkill Public Library will be here to show the basics of keeping track of your library's treasures without losing your mind!

**CE Credits:** 2 Archives and Special Collections credits

**Audience:** Library staff interested in the preservation of local history.

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

## ✓ **Cybersecurity: How it relates to your library**

**Tuesday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at RCLS**

**Tuesday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello (repeat)**

**Wednesday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Tappan Library (repeat)**

**(Please park on the street or use the gravel lot down the street)**

Cybersecurity, hacking, virus attacks, and you, there is no escaping the fact that cybersecurity will be a part of your professional and personal life. Cyber Security covers a broad spectrum as it can refer to activities, practices, and technology that keep computers, networks, programs, and data secure and protected.

We will spend time looking into the basic cybersecurity issues that face libraries today and in the near future and will cover the following topics:

1. Security
2. Identification
3. Protection
4. Detection
5. Respond
6. Recover

This course will cover the underlying problems that occur when a cybersecurity breach occurs and what responsibilities the library has. These topics are vital to establishing the cybersecurity protections for the library and community members' data.

**Presenter:** John R. Hurley – RCLS IT Manager

**CE Credits:** 2.5 on Technology credits

**Audience:** All Library Staff

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar for 10/30](#)

[RCLS Calendar for 11/13](#)

[RCLS Calendar for 11/14](#)

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## October Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

### ✓ An Introduction to Assistive Technology

**Tuesday, October 2 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

This webinar will provide an overview of available assistive technology with an emphasis on working with individuals who are visually impaired. Topics include service strategies, equipment, and resources.

**Presenter:** [Herrick Heitman, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library.](#)

**Register:** [First Tuesdays website](#)

### ✓ Take Action: Using and Presenting Research Findings to Make Your Case

**Wednesday, October 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

You've formulated the hard questions. You've collected your data. What stories do your findings tell, and what do they suggest? This final session of a three-part series explores how to present findings to your library's key stakeholders and decision-makers in a compelling way, and how to turn those findings into action that benefits your patrons.

**Presenters:** **Melissa Bowles-Terry**, Head of Educational Initiatives, UNLV Libraries (NV); and moderated by **Marie L. Radford**, Professor of Library and Information Science, Rutgers University, School of Communication and Information.

**Register:** [WebJunction website](#)

### ✓ New Ways to Supercharge Your Storytimes

**Tuesday, October 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Whether you are new to storytimes or a seasoned provider, Supercharged Storytimes can deepen and enhance the great work you already do. Based on the powerful [VIEWS2 research](#) which confirmed the value of key early literacy strategies used intentionally in storytime, WebJunction translated those findings into practical application. With early literacy instructor Saroj Ghoting and other experts in the field, WebJunction recently updated and expanded the training to fully cover the early literacy components, to consider storytimes through an equity lens, and to strengthen assessment of the impact of library storytimes. Find out why HOW you interact with children and families is as important as what you do or how frequently you do it.

**Presenters:** **Saroj Ghoting**, Early Childhood Literacy Consultant, Curriculum Developer for Supercharged Storytimes for All; and **Betha Gutsche**, WebJunction Programs Manager, OCLC.

**Register:** [WebJunction website](#)

### ✓ JOBNOW Webinar – Refresher Course

**Tuesday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

The JOBNOW online tool is available to all RCLS member libraries. The Central Library funds this online tool that can assist your community members with their career needs. Most libraries close their doors by 9 p.m. A career counselor can help your community members after your library is closed via an online chat, which is available from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Join us to learn more about what JOBNOW has to offer and how you can help your library users.

The webinar information will be emailed to you one day prior to the event.

**CE Credits:** 1 Technology credit

**Audience:** All Library Staff

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

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## ✓ **Book Tasting in the Library: A recipe for reading**

**Tuesday, October 30 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Hosting a book tasting might be the answer you need to increase engagement with your collection, collaborate with another local librarian, or answer a research question. Book tasting events engage users in a curated collection using a 30-60-minute restaurant themed event.

In this webinar, presenter Angela Maxwell will share examples of multiple book tasting events targeted at a teen audience. Attendees will have access to templates, as well as free online tools to implement their own book tasting event.

**Presenter:** [Angela Maxwell, MLIS](#)

**Register:** [Infopeople website](#)

## Database Workshops at the Newburgh Free Library

*[Beth Zambito](#), Head of Adult Services, Newburgh Free Library*

The Newburgh Free Library is offering workshops regarding databases. Although geared toward non-profits and/or business owners, these presentations may be of interest to librarians in the system. Please see below for more information. Registration required.

### ✓ **Introduction to Finding Grants with Foundation Center**

**Thursday, October 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Newburgh Free Library**

An introduction to funding sources, including a discussion of what funders want from non-profits seeking grants, and how to identify and approach potential funders. Demonstration of Foundation Center database included.

Register: [Newburgh website](#)

### ✓ **Start, Manage, & Grow Your Business with ReferenceUSA**

**Thursday, October 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Newburgh Free Library**

Network with other local business owners over a complimentary lunch, and learn how to use ReferenceUSA database to market your business and increase sales.

Register: [Newburgh website](#)

## New LibGuide to Free Online Learning Opportunities

*[Peggy Johansen](#), Director, Mamakating Library*

Check out the free online learning opportunities accessible through the new LibGuide, [Continuing Education Opportunities Online](#). This guide has been developed by the RCLS Director's Association Continuing Education Committee for you. Your suggestions, corrections and additions are welcome.

Sessions vary by level and time, running from six-minute talks (TED) to full-blown college courses (edX). Below is a sample list showing the diversity of classes, webinars and talks to which you can link from the LibGuide:

- *New ways to supercharge your storytimes* (WebJunction)
- *Job search and networking* (GCF Learn Free)
- *HTML & CSS* (Codecademy)
- *Earth geological and climatic history* (Khan Academy)
- *Japanese culture and art* (edX)
- *The simple genius of a good graphic* (TED)
- *Responsible computing* (Open Learning Initiative)
- *Where do you find data describing your community?* (NYS Division of Library Development)
- *Gale database: Kids InfoBits* (Gale Webinars)



## RCLS Biblio Basket Raffle

Seven literary-themed baskets are being offered in the RCLS Biblio Basket Raffle and YOU could be a lucky winner. Each one is overflowing with goodies and includes items designed and manufactured by Storiarts (an Oregon-based company whose sale of literary-themed products aids children worldwide in learning to read, write, and create)! Contents of *each* basket is valued at over \$75.

View photos of the baskets and ticket ordering information on the [RCLS website](#).

Why enter? The person whose winning ticket is drawn takes home a basket filled with wonderful items and the proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets benefit the RCLS Delivery Van Fund. Plus, a portion of the proceeds from every item sold by Storiarts is donated to LitWorld, a non-profit organization dedicated to on-the-ground innovative solutions to tackling illiteracy worldwide.

The drawing of the winners will take place **November 19, 2018**. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email.

Address questions via e-mail to: Anita Baumann, Chair of Advocacy & Fund-raising Committee, at [abaumann@rcls.org](mailto:abaumann@rcls.org)

Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets, and GOOD LUCK to ALL the entrants!



*The Jane Eyre Basket*

## 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](#).

### October

#### Monday, 1

RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 10:15 a.m.  
 BOTB Planning – 9:00 a.m.  
 Mock Printz Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, 2

[Bookface & Beyond: Creating Engaging Content for Social Media](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 3

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

#### Wednesday, 3

[“Everyone Serves Families with Young Children” Training](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, 4

[CAPs Record Refresher](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Monday, 8

**Columbus Day Observed**  
**RCLS CLOSED – No Deliveries**

#### Tuesday, 9

[Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families – for Library Staff](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 10

System Orientation, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, 11

[Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families – for Library Staff](#), Nyack – 10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, 12

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

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