



# Weekly Memo

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## Tell Albany to Support Libraries!

Governor Cuomo is in the process of finalizing his FY2019-2020 Executive Budget proposal. He has a history of cutting library aid.

Therefore, take a moment to send an e-mail to your legislators in Albany and let them know that you support funding for libraries. Visit the [NYLA website](#) today; it takes less than two minutes to send your message.

## We Have a Winner!

Congratulations to **Maureen Jagos**, Director of the Chester Public Library, for being the first to submit her Annual Highlights (AH) article and win a SAR-AH Award. This is Maureen's first time to win the award. The deadline for submitting highlights of about 200 words to Ruth Daubenspeck is **Friday, February 15**.

The SAR Award will be given to the first Director to complete the State Annual Report. The deadline for submitting the reports to RCLS is **Friday, February 1**.

The SAR-AH Award winners receive prizes compliments of the RCLS staff.

## Thinking Money for Kids

ALA, in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, invites public libraries to apply to be part of a national tour of the traveling exhibition *Thinking Money for Kids*.

Inspired by the success of the popular *Thinking Money* exhibit, *Thinking Money for Kids* is a new financial literacy experience for children ages 7 to 11, as well as their parents, caregivers and educators. The interactive exhibit will help children understand what money is, its function in society, money choices, and money values, such as fairness, responsibility and charitableness.

The exhibit will travel to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2019 and 2021. Applications will be accepted until **Friday, February 8**.

To learn more and apply online, visit the [ALA website](#).



## News Worthy

### Regional

- [‘Rise like a phoenix’: Pleasant Valley library lifted by community after fire](#) | Pleasant Valley Library | Poughkeepsie Journal 12.19.18

### National

- [Lower Cape TV - Peak Time - "Public Libraries: Obsolete or Essential?"](#) | Cape Cod Today 12.17.18
- [Local Libraries Prepare for 2020 U.S. Census](#) | Spectrum News 12.21.18
- [Libraries seek funding for census help](#) | Daily Messenger 12.20.18
- [For the First Time in More Than 20 Years, Copyrighted Works Will Enter the Public Domain](#) | Smithsonian Magazine January 2019

### International

- [Closing libraries puts vulnerable new mothers out in the cold](#) | The Guardian 12.17.18

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## State Law Requires Public Library Trustees to Take Oath of Office

Many library trustee terms begin on January 1. This is an important reminder that New York State [Public Officer's Law §10](#) requires all public library trustees (except association library trustees) to take an oath of office within 30 days of beginning their term of office. Public library trustees are public officers and the oath of office is required to officially undertake and perform the duties of a public library trustee. The board approved Treasurer must also take the oath of office.



If a public library trustee does not properly complete and file an oath of office, the trustee's position may be deemed vacant. See [Public Officer's Law §30\(1\)\(h\)](#).

For more information about how and why the oath of office is administered, and where to properly file an oath of office, please see the *Oaths of Office FAQ* on the [New York State Library website](#).

For questions about the legal requirements for oaths of office or about library types, contact Stephen Hoefler, Fiscal Officer at RCLS ([shoefler@rcls.org](mailto:shoefler@rcls.org) or ext. 223).

## “Love Your Library” Tax Check Off

In August 2017, Governor Cuomo signed [A.1094 - A Galef / S.3021 - A Ritchie](#), affectionately known as the tax check off bill, into law. Learn more about this bill and how to promote it in your libraries! Click here to continue reading on the [NYLA website](#).



## Beyond Bilingual: Making Storytimes ELL-Friendly

Over 200 languages are spoken in New York State and libraries are seeing a growing number of immigrant families at their programs. What do you do when storytime leaders and storytime families do not speak the same language? Learn how Brooklyn Public Library has developed simple strategies and techniques to make storytimes for young children friendly to parents and children who are English Language Learners (ELL) by creating visual schedules, incorporating simple props, using translated resources, using Plain Language, and more!

Visit the [NYLA website](#) to learn more.

## Civics & Citizenship Toolkit

Your library is eligible for a **free copy** of the [Civics and Citizenship Toolkit](#). Libraries with the 2007 or 2009 editions in their collections, should replace them with the newest 2016 edition.



## Photos of the Week



The Evolution of the Library Chair

## NYS Library Bicentennial Farewell Exhibit

The New York State Library closed out 2018 with an exhibit on its public floor that bade a fond farewell to its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, with special emphasis on past and present staff and its current home in the Cultural Education Center. For an online glimpse of the exhibit, visit the [NYS Library website](#).

In addition to curious early ephemera, inspirational in-house publications, and a scorched card catalog drawer that barely survived the 1911 Capitol Fire, displayed are vintage photographs of bygone colleagues in their old haunts and a wide array of contemporary photos that sing the glories of print materials and deep research, provide behind-the-scenes views, and may one day – perhaps at some future milestone anniversary – shed light on who they were and what they did.

As the New York State Library prepares to begin its third century of service to New York, the staff sends best wishes to all its library colleagues and patrons for a happy and healthy new year!

*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.*

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## 2019 Conference Dates

- [American Library Association \(ALA\) Midwinter](#): January 25-29 in Seattle, WA
- [Computers in Libraries 2019](#): March 26-28 at Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA
- [Urban Librarians Conference](#): Friday, April 12 in Brooklyn, NY. Theme: *Library as Place*
- [Youth Services Section \(YSS\) Annual Spring Conference](#): Friday, April 26 at Doubletree Hotel, Tarrytown, NY. Theme: *Through the Looking Glass*
- [2019 Library Trustees Association of New York \(LTA\) Trustee Institute](#): TBA
- [Hudson Children's Book Festival](#): Saturday, May 4 in Hudson, NY
- [Book Expo America](#): May 29-31 at Javits Center, NYC
- [American Library Association \(ALA\) Annual Conference](#): June 20-25 in Washington, D.C.
- [BookCon](#): June 1-2 at Javits Center, NYC
- [Warwick Children's Book Festival](#): Saturday, October 12 in Warwick, NY
- [Fall Into Books](#) TBA
- [New York Library Association \(NYLA\) Annual Conference](#): November 13-16 in Saratoga Springs, NY

## Library Holidays

Start planning now for some of the many “library holidays” coming up in 2019! Many of these events are sponsored by the American Library Association or other organizations that provide marketing materials for the event. These can be great programming and PR opportunities in your community:

- [Read Across America](#) –Year Long
- [National Reading Day](#) – TBA
- [Library Lovers Month](#) – February
- [World Read Aloud Day](#) – Friday, February 1
- [Take Your Child to the Library Day](#) – Saturday, February 2
- [Digital Learning Day](#) – Thursday, February 28
- Return the Borrowed Books Week – First Week of March
- [Teen Tech Week](#) – March 3-9
- [Freedom of Information Day](#) – Saturday, March 16
- [World Storytelling Day](#) – Wednesday, March 20
- [School Library Month](#) – April
- [National Poetry Month](#) – April
- [National Library Week](#) – April 7-13  
Theme: Libraries = Strong Communities
- [National Library Workers Day](#) – Tuesday, April 9
- [National D.E.A.R. Day \(Drop Everything and Read Day\)](#) – Friday, April 12
- [Money Smart Week](#)<sup>®</sup> – March 30-April 6
- [Preservation Week](#) – April 21-27
- [Children's Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros \(Día\)](#) – Tuesday, April 30
- [Children's Book Week](#) – April 29-May 5
- [Choose Privacy Week](#) – May 1-7
- [National Library Legislative Day](#) – June TBA
- [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) – September
- [International Literacy Day](#) – Sunday, September 8
- [Banned Books Week](#) – September TBD
- [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#) – Wednesday, September 25
- [Teen Read Week](#) – October 13-19
- [The Great Give Back](#) – October 19
- [National Friends of Libraries Week](#) – October 20-26
- [Picture Book Month](#) – November
- [International Games Month](#) – November

## Trustee FYI

The autumn edition of the *RCLS Trustee FYI* is on its way to member library trustees, directors, Friends presidents and is posted in PDF format on the [RCLS website](#). An archive of *Trustee FYI* can also be found on the [Web page](#).

This issue's lead article is "59<sup>th</sup> Ramapo Catskill Library System Annual Meeting;" highlighted from the event held on Friday, September 14, 2018 are the 2019 RCLS Budget presentation and election of RCLS Trustees.

Other articles you and your trustees will enjoy reading are: 2019 "New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day," "2018 Edition of Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State Now Available," "Regents Appoints Members to Advisory Council on Libraries," "Cybersecurity: How it Relates to You" and "2018 RCLS Annual Meeting Awards."



## 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

#### Wednesday, 9

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

#### Wednesday, 9

CTUG, Middletown – 10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, 11

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

#### Friday, 11

LARC-YS, New City – 10:00 a.m.

#### Monday, 14

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

#### Monday, 14

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

#### Tuesday, 15

[JOBNOW Webinar - Refresher Course](#) – 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 16

RCLS Managers, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, 17

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

#### Thursday, 17

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

#### Monday, 21

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

#### Tuesday, 22

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

#### Tuesday, 22

[RCLS Board](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

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