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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Tuesday, January 22 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Conducted the annual reorganization of the RCLS Board of Trustees including the election of the following officers:
 - Anita Baumann – President
 - Lynn Skolnick – Vice President
 - Carla Randazzo Amthor – Secretary
 - Bernard Marone – Treasurer
- Endorsed Library Advocacy Day training that is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12 at RCLS, Thursday, February 14 at Monticello and Wednesday, February 20 at New City for the “save the date” event in Albany on **Wednesday, February 27**. Five buses are reserved to take advocates to the Capital Building.
- Save the date of Friday, September 13 for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting.
- Noted that everyone should be made aware of the importance of the 2020 Census and obtaining a complete count in New York State to keep its representation in Congress and services supported by federal funding.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the January Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 19 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports, Executive Director's Report and Assistant Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

News Worthy

National

- [Ebooks seem like 'Netflix for libraries,' but they're a drain on budgets](#) | The Inquirer Daily News 1.17.19
- [Woman turns dead tree into a magical outdoor library](#) | Albany Times Union 1.16.19
- [Census Resources for Libraries](#) | American Libraries Magazine 1.15.19
- [The State of Net Neutrality](#) | American Libraries Magazine 1.2.19



Census Resources for Libraries

AL: The Scoop, Jan. 15

Gavin Baker and Larra Clark write, “The [2020 Census](#) begins April 1, 2020, and libraries will play an essential role in helping their communities be counted. Now is a good time for libraries to begin thinking about what activities they might undertake to meet these special, once-a-decade demands, and how to access resources to fulfill those needs. Libraries can look for funding opportunities from government, philanthropy, and business partners. A good way to find out about opportunities is by participating in a [Complete Count Committee](#).”

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grants

Established by children’s book author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, the [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation](#) is accepting applications for its mini-grants program, which supports projects that foster creative expression, collaboration, and interaction with a diverse community.

Through the program, mini-grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to educators in support of special activities and events outside the standard curriculum. Projects funded in the past have included murals, pen pal groups, quilts, theater productions, student newspapers and other publications, intergenerational activities, and programs that bring disparate communities together.

Complete program guidelines, a video tutorial for applicants, and the application form are available at the [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation website](#). Deadline to submit an application is **Sunday, March 31**.

Several RCLS member libraries have received this grant. Apply and add your library to the list!

2019 Library of Congress Award

The Library of Congress invites organizations committed to the advancement of literacy to apply for the 2019 Library of Congress Literacy Awards. Created and supported by philanthropist David M. Rubenstein, the Literacy Awards Program is designed to broaden and stimulate public understanding of the essential role of literacy in all aspects of society.

Organizations may submit applications for one of three major prizes: the David M. Rubenstein Prize (\$150,000), the American Prize (\$50,000) and the International Prize (\$50,000). Applications in all categories will also be considered for Best Practice awards of \$5,000 each.

The application, rules and other information are available on the [Library of Congress website](#). The deadline for applications is midnight **Friday, March 8**.

YSS Spring Conference

This year the YSS Spring Conference is on **Friday, April 26** in nearby Tarrytown at the Double Tree by Hilton.

Two annual Spring Conference Scholarships are offered to encourage continuing education in the field of library youth services by participating in the annual YSS Spring Conference. The first is the *New Member Spring Conference Scholarship*, given to a new member of the profession. The second is the *Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship*, given to a highly motivated established librarian who has had a significant impact on youth and youth services in her/his community. Each of the scholarships is designed to cover registration fees and up to \$250 reimbursement for hotel charges, meals, and transportation costs for attending the conference. Applications are due **Friday, February 1**.

- [YSS 2019 Spring Conference Scholarship Page](#)
- [2019 YSS Spring Conference Scholarship Application Form \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 YSS Spring Conference Registration Page](#)

Photo of the Week



Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services Consultant extraordinaire, "takes the cake" after 37 years of service. He was surprised during the CLOUSC Mock Discussions with the clever cake made by Beth Balogh from the Josephine-Louise Public 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 with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.



NYLA Library Advocacy Day is **Wednesday, February 27.**

The deadline to register for the motor coach to Albany is
Thursday, February 21.

Don't procrastinate – register now, whether you plan
to take the motor coach or drive yourself!

We need your presence. Register using the [RCLS Calendar](#) today!!

February Workshops and Events — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

✓ **Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively**

Tuesday, February 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at RCLS Headquarters

Register: [RCLS website](#)

Thursday, February 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Monticello

Register: [RCLS website](#)

Wednesday, February 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at New City

Register: [RCLS website](#)

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- ◆ **\$75M for Library Capital Infrastructure Improvements**

✓ **System Orientation**

Wednesday, February 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS

Attendees will first meet with the RCLS Assistant 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](#)

✓ **Performers' Showcase**

Friday, February 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS Headquarters

Twelve performers give a brief glimpse of their programs for potential bookings by member libraries for programs for youth and families.

Flyer: [RCLS website](#)

Register: [RCLS calendar](#)

February Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ **For NOVELNY: Info Trac Newsstand Refresher Webinar**

Monday, February 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

[NOVELNYWebinarInfo-Trac](#)

InfoTrac Newsstand provides access to more than 2,300 major U.S. regional, national, and local newspapers, as well as leading titles from around the world. It also includes thousands of images, radio and TV broadcasts and transcripts. In this webinar, we'll explore how to find what you need from current news to obituaries for genealogy researchers!

Register: [GoToWebinar](#)

✓ **JOBNOW Webinar – Refresher Course**

Tuesday, February 5 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 9:00 p.m. A career counselor can help your community members after your library is closed via an online chat, which is available from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 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

✓ **Fake News**

Tuesday, February 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Are you seeing a growing need in your community for better information literacy, especially when it comes to discerning online news? Join Di Zhang, Adult Services Librarian at The Seattle Public Library, to learn about resources and best practices for engaging students and community members around media literacy, and how to develop curriculum resources to teach about fake news.

Register: [First Tuesdays website](#)

✓ **Balancing Books and Social Issues : Homelessness and Trauma**

Wednesday, February 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

With numerous budget cuts to social services programs, public libraries are encountering more individuals experiencing homelessness, and poverty. For many, a library may be the only place of refuge from the weather, or noise from a downtown cityscape. The increasing volume of need arising in many communities may leave library workers feeling ill-equipped or overwhelmed.

Because of this, libraries are asking the questions: Why are there so many people experiencing homelessness in our libraries? How do we better serve our vulnerable customers? How do we educate and support our library staff? During this webinar, presenter and social worker Elissa Hardy will address these questions and explore some solutions.

Presenter: Elissa Hardy

Register: [Infopeople website](#)

✓ **Make Your Mark: Logo Design for Librarians**

Tuesday, February 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[NYLA-SMARTLogoWebinar](#)

Logos are a crucial visual element of every brand. As a part of your institutional brand, your logo is the face of your library. This webinar will provide an introduction to the fundamentals of graphic design, including typography and color theory. We'll discuss branding and look at successful examples of logo brand design -- like the New York Public Library's iconic lion logo and Nike's distinctive "swoosh". This session will also provide an overview of logo creation tools, including Canva, a free, online graphic design tool.

Register: [NYLA website](#)

✓ **Administrative Teams: A New Approach for Friends Leadership**

Tuesday, February 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[Friends-GroupsNYLA-FLSWebinarAdministrative-Teams](#)

Looking for an alternative to the traditional Friends of the Library leadership model? Today's volunteers need flexibility in their involvement in community organizations. Coming from their work world, these volunteers want to provide input into how a task is completed, focusing on tangible results. Officer positions in most Friends organizations have so many duties that they are full-time jobs. It is unrealistic to recruit volunteers willing to devote the number of hours needed to provide careful oversight to such an important support group focused on the community library.

Register: [NYLA website](#) (Free to YLA members)

✓ **Reduce Waste, Build Community: Hosting Repair Events at Your Library**

Wednesday, February 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Libraries around the world are hosting repair events, inviting people to bring damaged household items and clothing to be repaired instead of throwing them away. Repair events can help your library reach diverse communities, teach and maintain valuable repair skills, and engage with skilled volunteers and invested community partners. Help your patrons save money on electronic, mechanical or sewing repairs and divert waste from the landfill with fix-it fairs, repair cafes and U-fix-it clinics. Join us for this webinar to learn everything you need to know about hosting a repair event, from finding partners to recruiting fixers, and from getting management approval to effectively getting the word out.

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

✓ **Just the Winter Blues? Facts and Myths about Seasonal Affective Disorder**

Friday, February 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

From 1-10% of the population, about 10 million people experience Seasonal Affective Disorder, a type of major depression that has a seasonal pattern. While many people think of S.A.D. as merely "Winter Blues," the symptoms of this disorder are distressing, disabling, and can be life-threatening. There is relief available when properly diagnosed and treated.

This interactive webinar distinguishes between two types of Seasonal Affective Disorder, and explores the various facts and myths about this form of depression, including symptoms, treatment approaches, and strategies for coping if you know you are prone to S.A.D. This one-hour webinar includes time for questions and answers, and includes helpful resources.

Register: [South Central Regional Library Council website](#)

✓ **Help Teens Build Financial Wellbeing at Your Library**

Tuesday, February 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This webinar, in collaboration with [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#) (CFPB), provides resource and programming ideas for libraries to help teen patrons become empowered to navigate their financial futures.

As children grow, their potential to manage money and understand financial concepts grows as well. The knowledge, skills, and behaviors kids learn when they are young lay the groundwork for their financial wellbeing as adults, and libraries can play a role in building these important financial literacy skills.

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

Share your library news with the *RCLS Weekly Memo*. Send your article to rclsmemo@rcls.org



Modular Items to Diversify Your Library Space

[*American Libraries* column, Jan./Feb.](#)

By the time your library's interior remodeling project is finished, patron demands may have changed. That's why many libraries are shifting to modular solutions. By providing private spaces for nursing mothers, exam-weary students, or frequent phone callers, libraries are creating flexible options for patrons without modifying their buildings—or breaking the bank. For example, MetroNaps EnergyPods were designed for power-napping, and some academic libraries have adopted them for students.



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

Friday, 25—Tuesday, 29
ALA Midwinter, Seattle, WA

Monday, 28
OLA, Warwick – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 29
[Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

February

Monday, 4
RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 5
[JOBNOW Webinar—Refresher Course](#)

Friday, 8
SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 11
ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 13
Directors Association Executive Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 13
[System Orientation](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 13
RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, 14
[Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively](#), Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

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Presidents Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES

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10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Audience

All library staff.

Presenter

Diane Weltzer

CE Credits

This is a Technology webinar; participants will receive 1 contact hour for attending.

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**Thursday,
February 14,
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10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Ethelbert B.
Crawford Public
Library**

479 Broadway
Monticello, NY
845.794.4660





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**Wednesday,
February 20,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New City Library

220 North Main Street
New City, NY
845.634.4997

Audience

All library Staff, Trustees, Friends and Library Champions.

Presenter

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RCLS Youth Services Presents

2019 Performers' Showcase

Twelve performers will give 15-minute presentations of programs that are available for your library or organization
The performers are:

**Friday,
February 22,
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**9:30 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m.
Program**

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10:00	Pamela Schembri	World Folktales
10:15	Andy Morse	The Music Man
10:30	Christine Adams	Black Sheep Arts/Felting Facebook page: Black Sheep Arts
10:45	Joe Fischer	Joe Fischer Magic
11:00	KB Mercer	Traveling Lantern Theatre Co.
11:15	Gabriele Tranchina	Jazz for Kids
11:30	Robert Friedman	Drumming Celebration
11:45	Li Liu	Traditions of Chinese Acrobats
12:00	David Engle	Pirate School
12:15	Jonathan Kruk/ Tom McCoy	Finger Fables
12:30	Dominic Rizzo	Rizzo's Wildlife World
12:45	Nathan Gross	Culinary Corner With Chef Nate Facebook: The Culinary Corner with Chef Nate

Handouts and performance rates will be available at the showcase.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#) by 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019

If you are unable to attend the showcase and would like copies of the handouts, please e-mail [Eileen Acosta](#)



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Advocacy Day 2019

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CONVENIENT MOTOR COACH LOCATIONS and DEPARTURE TIMES!

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE)

- West Nyack 6:45 a.m. (Palisades Center)
- Newburgh 7:30 a.m. (Newburgh Mall)
- Wurtsboro 7:30 a.m. (Route 17 Exit 113 Park & Ride)
- 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.

Send to Ruth Daubenspeck/RCLS • 619 Route 17M • Middletown, NY 10940

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 20

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

845.243.3747 ext. 245 or 866.364.4329 ext. 245 dan@rcls.org

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