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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Tuesday, February 19** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

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

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## Robert Hubsher, RCLS Executive Director Announces Retirement

*Anita Baumann, RCLS Board President*

*Diane Arcieri, Chair, RCLS Personnel & Finance Committee*

The RCLS Board of Trustees has received and accepted a letter from Robert Hubsher, Executive Director of the Ramapo Catskill Library System, announcing his early retirement in advance of the end of his current contract, due to expire at the close of 2019. Grace Riario, Assistant Director, will assume the position of Acting Director, effective April 27, 2019.



Robert Hubsher, RCLS Executive Director

The Personnel and Finance Committee is working to establish a plan

to address the vacancy, which includes the formation of a Search Committee to conduct a nationwide call for suitable candidates. The Search Committee will be comprised of individuals representing the various stakeholders whom the selection will impact. There is no anticipated disruption to the services that RCLS provides to its member libraries.

Robert's leadership of the organization has brought both financial stability and visionary changes to the Library System. His many accomplishments positioned us well to meet the challenges faced during his tenure. The coming years will bring new hurdles for his successor to ensure RCLS' continued viability and advancement.

Information concerning the formation of the Search Committee, a proposed timeline for the search activities, and details on other related matters will be communicated as they become available. Any e-mail response received concerning this announcement will be presented to the Personnel and Finance Committee as a whole for review.

## And the Winner Is...

Congratulations to **Nicole Lane**, Director of the Gardiner Library, for being the first to submit her State Annual Report (SAR). This is Nicole's first time to win the award.

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

## News Worthy

### Regional

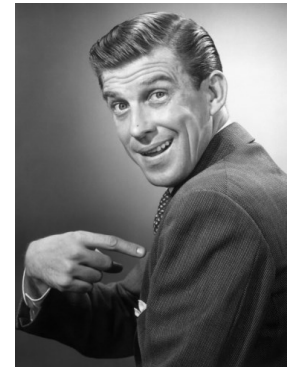
- [Storytelling event on March 2 in Rhinebeck to benefit Pleasant Valley Free Library](#) | Daily Freeman 2.7.19
- [Rockland library wants your old prom dress](#) | LoHud.com 2.06.19
- [Wallkill Library unveils Lego wall](#) | Wallkill Valley Times 2.06.19
- [From mahjong and storytimes to tax help and seed swaps, libraries offer plenty to do](#) | Poughkeepsie Journal 1.31.19

### National

- [10 of the coolest libraries in America](#) | Gatehouse Media 2.1.19
- [Grow with Google bringing digital workshops to libraries across the U.S.](#) | 9to5Google 1.28.19
- [Libraries Speak Out About E-Book Costs](#) | Forbes 1.30.19
- [Imagination Library's success is real for thousands of kids](#) | Cedar Rapids Gazette 1.19.19
- [Colorado Springs libraries add social workers for homeless patrons](#) | The Denver Post | 1.5.19

## Who ME?

Yes, YOU! We need YOU to attend New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day on **Wednesday, February 27**, which is less than two weeks away. The Thursday, February 21 deadline for registering for the motor coaches is fast approaching. Our goal is to send five buses to Albany. Won't you plan to join us on this important annual Library Advocacy event?



Talk to your co-workers, Friends, staff, patrons, trustees, directors and high school teachers about spending the day February 27 to advocate for libraries. The cost this year is only \$5 per person (make checks payable to "RCLS" and send them to the attention of Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS before Thursday, February 21).

Appointments in the legislators' Albany offices will soon be finalized. In light of the Governor's proposed cuts to library aid, this is the year for YOU to visit your State legislators to help them understand why this is bad for New Yorkers.

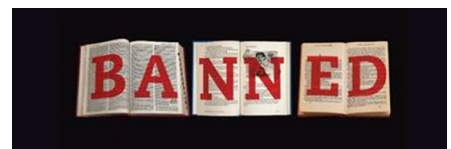
Register today to ride one of the motor coaches using the online [RCLS calendar](#). Planning to drive yourself? Register to keep informed of issues and activities. For more details, visit the [RCLS website](#).

## You Can't Read That – It's Immoral!

On **Wednesday, February 13**, Kaplan Library at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh will host a talk on an important and timely topic. "Defending A Dangerous Book" presents the real-life account of how a banned book threat was faced and successfully overcome.

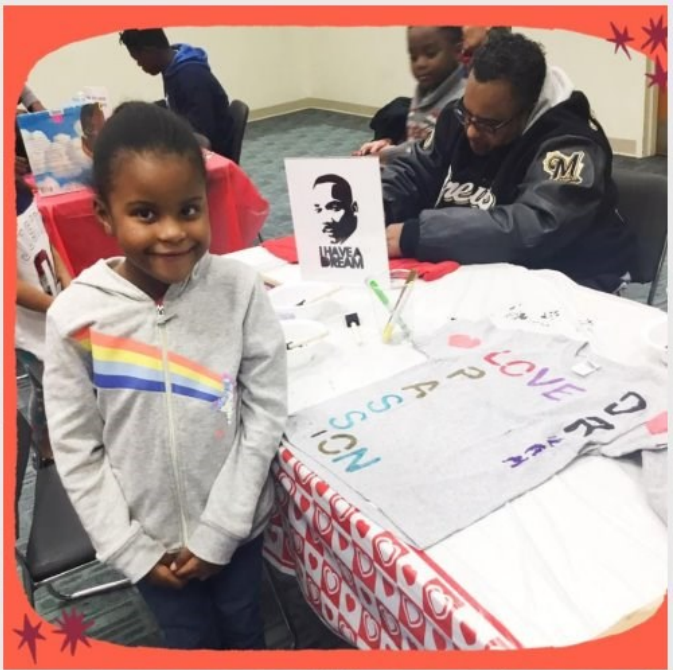
Madelyn Folino, director of the Florida Public Library, will share her library's experience with a "dangerous" picture book. *King & King* is a Dutch tale of two princes who marry and live happily ever after. Madelyn will describe what happened when parents demanded that this book be removed from her library and even brought their demands to national attention on conservative talk radio. Who in our community has responsibility for defending intellectual freedom? Such questions are not always easily answered.

In today's polarized society, where intolerance for dissenting views is increasingly the norm, banning books is alive and well. As librarians, educators, and citizens, we have to learn to confront these threats and resolve them effectively and respectfully. "Defending A Dangerous Book" is an opportunity to inform ourselves, our students, and other library users.



"Defending A Dangerous Book" is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served. The talk will take place at 4 p.m. in the Kaplan Family Library, Room 218, on the MSMC campus.

## Photos of the Week



On Tuesday, January 15, kids at the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr.'s (MLK) birthday by watching the film MARTIN'S BIG WORDS, and then decorating tee-shirts with the inspirational words of MLK. There were also activity sheets to work on and raffle prizes were won by two lucky participants.

*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.*

## Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grants

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and libraries that offer literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General in 44 states through the following grant programs:

- [Adult Literacy Grants](#) support organizations that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance in one of the following areas: Adult Basic Education, GED or High School Equivalency Preparation, and/or English Language Acquisition. Maximum grant amount: \$15,000.
- [Family Literacy Grants](#) support family literacy service providers that combine parent and youth literacy instruction. Maximum grant amount: \$15,000.
- [Summer Reading Grants](#) help nonprofits and libraries with implementing or expanding summer reading programs for students who are new readers, below grade level readers, or readers with learning disabilities. NEW this year—schools are eligible. Maximum grant amount: \$3,000.

Deadline for submitting applications for each of the grants is **Thursday, February 21**. For more information visit the [Dollar General website](#).

## 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, 12

Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively –, **CANCELED**

#### Wednesday, 13

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

#### Wednesday, 13

System Orientation – **CANCELED**

#### Wednesday, 13

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

#### Thursday, 14

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

#### Monday, 18

**Presidents Day  
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

#### Tuesday, 19

Fine-Free Follow-up, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday, 19

RCLS Board, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, 20

[Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively](#), New City – 9:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, 21

LARC Executive Board, Sloatsburg – 10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, 22

[RCLS Performers' Showcase](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Monday, 25

CLOUSC, Monroe – 9:30 a.m.

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And don't forget to register using the [RCLS online calendar](#) to travel on a motor coach to Albany for NYLA Library Advocacy Day.

**Thursday,  
February 14,  
2019**

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

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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,  
2019**

**9:30 a.m. Coffee  
10:00 a.m.  
Program**

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10:00	Pamela Schembri	<a href="#">World Folktales</a>
10:15	Andy Morse	<a href="#">The Music Man</a>
10:30	Christine Adams	Black Sheep Arts/Felting Facebook page: Black Sheep Arts
10:45	Joe Fischer	<a href="#">Joe Fischer Magic</a>
11:00	KB Mercer	<a href="#">Traveling Lantern Theatre Co.</a>
11:15	Gabriele Tranchina	<a href="#">Jazz for Kids</a>
11:30	Robert Friedman	<a href="#">Drumming Celebration</a>
11:45	Pamela Golben	Frogs and Toads
12:00	David Engle	<a href="#">Pirate School</a>
12:15	Jonathan Kruk/ Tom McCoy	<a href="#">Finger Fables</a>
12:30	Dominic Rizzo	<a href="#">Rizzo's Wildlife World</a>
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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## NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2019 YOUR Support Needed @ your library™



### 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 Park & Ride)
- 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 1-866.364.4329 ext. 245 [dan@rcls.org](mailto:dan@rcls.org)

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Join us on the  
Motor Coaches  
to Albany!

