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## NY State Legislative Session Wrap-Up

The Legislative Session wrapped up with excellent news for the **State Aid for Library Construction Program**; both houses approved a bill to restore the \$20 million that the Governor cut from the program. This should put the program back to its high-water mark of \$34 million, which was reached last year.

**Legislative Grants-in-Aid Program:** Discretionary funds assigned to the Senate and Assembly areas were awarded to libraries through the Grants-in-Aid or “Bullet Aid” program. Funds available this year were greatly reduced from prior years, with only \$5 million available to each the Senate and Assembly. Thirty-eight RCLS member libraries and one county organization will benefit from these funds this year:

### Senate Grants-in-Aid

- Albert Wisner Public Library \$2,000
- Blauvelt Free Library \$3,571
- Cornwall Public Library \$15,000
- Cragmoor Free Library \$2,000
- Daniel Pierce Library \$2,000
- Ellenville Public Library & Museum \$2,000
- Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library \$2,000
- Fallsburg Library \$2,000
- Finkelstein Memorial Library \$3,571
- Florida Public Library \$2,000
- Gardiner Library \$2,000
- Goshen Public Library and Historical Society \$2,000
- Greenwood Lake Public Library \$2,000
- Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library \$15,000
- Josephine-Louise Public Library \$5,000
- Liberty Public Library \$2,000
- Livingston Manor Free Library \$2,000
- Mamakating Library \$2,000
- Nanuet Public Library \$3,571
- New City Free Library \$3,571
- Newburgh Free Library \$15,000
- Nyack Library \$3,571
- Orangeburg Library \$3,571
- Palisades Free Library \$3,571
- Pearl River Public Library \$3,571
- Piermont Library District \$3,571
- Port Jervis Free Library \$2,000
- Roscoe Free Library \$2,000
- Sloatsburg Public Library \$3,571
- Suffern Free Library \$3,571
- Sullivan Ulster Public Library Alliance (SUPLA) \$1,000

## News Worthy

### National

- [More Good News on Legislation for Seniors, Libraries, and the Environment](#) | Albany Times Union 7.1.19
- [A Public Library Brings Opportunity to the Blind](#) | The Atlantic 6.29.19
- [Libraries Are Unsatisfied With E-Book Pricing Models](#) | Forbes 6.27.19
- [As Kanopy's Popularity Grows, Can Your Library Continue to Afford It?](#) | IndieWire 6.26.19
- [Libraries across the county are going fine-free](#) | Sonoma West Times & News 6.26.19
- [America Has a Digital Skills Gap. Libraries Can Help Fix It.](#) | The Atlantic 6.19
- [Why Susan Orlean sees a bright future for public libraries](#) | Los Angeles Times 6.20.19
- [Laundromats turning into libraries with staff, technology](#) | KCRA - NBC3 6.20.19
- ['A More Inclusive Future'](#) | American Libraries Magazine 6.20.19
- [New NY law keeps smoking 100 feet away from libraries](#) | ABC13 6.20.19
- [Local system chief named state librarian](#) | Finger Lakes Times 6.17.19
- [Why are books banned in prison? Sex, drugs and a critique of systematic oppression](#) | Salon 6.15.19

- Sunshine Hall Free Library \$2,000
- Tappan Library \$3,571
- Thrall Public Library District of Middletown and Wallkill \$2,000
- Tuxedo Park Library \$2,000
- Valley Cottage Free Library \$3,571
- Wallkill Public Library \$2,000
- West Nyack Free Library \$3,571
- Woodbury Public Library \$10,000

#### Assembly Grants-in-Aid

- Cornwall Public Library \$13,000
- Port Jervis Free Library \$13,000

#### NYS Economic Development Assistance Grants

The Senate allocated nearly \$5 million in capital assistance grants to 27 libraries and library systems.

- Nanuet Public Library \$225,000

## 2019 Twila Snead Award Presentation

Rebecca Gerald presented Lynn Miller and Sara Haynes (pictured below) of Sullivan County BOCES with the 2019 Twila Snead Commitment to Excellence Award at the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) Annual Meeting on June 7, 2019. This honor recognized their [Cross-County Reading Challenge Program](#), and its goal: to get students enthusiastic about reading.

This simple, yet effective program works by asking students to talk about books they read, and to enter those books into an online form. As of May 1, 2019, students in Sullivan County had read over 13,500



books. Looking at the data on popular genres and titles has also allowed librarians to gain insight into the reading habits of their students. Lynn Miller summarized the program as “a great way to encourage students to discuss books with others and create a culture of reading.”

## Encouraging Readers at Barbershops and Laundromats

*New York Times, July 2*

Christine Hauser writes, “At dozens of barbershops and laundromats across the US, the sound of children reading aloud mingles with the buzz and snip from barbers’ tools or the din of washers. Makeshift shelves and crates hold books featuring cartoon characters, stories about pigeons, or the capers of superheroes. This developing movement, supported by nonprofit groups, entrepreneurs, libraries, and community fundraising, is redefining the borders of traditional neighborhood public libraries by creating literary spaces in places where children find themselves with time on their hands.”

## Photo of the Week



U.S. Supreme Chief Justice Sonia Sotomayor held an hour-long conversation with librarians at the Annual ALA Conference in Washington D.C. on Saturday, June 22. While speaking and answering questions about her life, reading, writing, the law, and the role of libraries, she walked up and down every aisle to shake hands and take pictures. Justice Sotomayor is the author of *My Beloved World*, *Turning Pages*, and *The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor*. Her forthcoming book *Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* is about children with various challenges who work together building a community garden. While they labor together, they ask questions about each other's challenges.

*Share a library-related photo, include a brief caption, your name, position and the library's name.*

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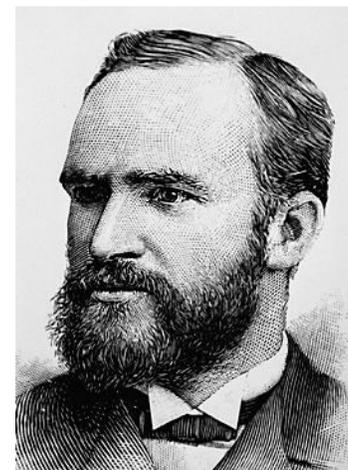
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## Melvil Dewey's name Stripped From Top Library Award

Bright Katz writes, "Each year, the American Library Association awards the [Melvil Dewey Medal](#) to a recipient who has demonstrated "creative leadership of a high order" in such fields as classification and cataloging, library management and library training. It is the profession's top honor, named after the man who is widely regarded as the father of modern librarianship. But the council of the ALA has now voted to strip Dewey's name from the award, citing his history of racism, anti-Semitism and sexual harassment."

*[Smithsonian Magazine, June 28](#)*





## Goshen Public Library to Hold Dedication

A public tour for the grand opening of the new Goshen Public Library and Historical Society will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Saturday, July 13**. The new library is located at 366 Main Street, at Salesian Park.

## A Programming Space for the Special Needs Community

*American Libraries Spotlight, June*

Michael Damron writes, “Louisville (Ohio) Public Library opened an innovative Sensory Space in August 2018 with the help of a \$50,000 LSTA grant. It offers teen sensory relaxation sessions, adult sensory exploration, sensory storytimes, and other activities for patrons on the autism spectrum. Louisville is one of the first public libraries to offer a free multisensory environment, which is housed in the library’s Discovery Center. The space is divided into two sections to help tailor the experience to specific needs. One section is filled with tactile objects providing physical interaction; the other is a relaxation area.”

## 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](#).

### July

#### Monday, 8

System Services Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday, 8

RCLS Bylaws / Policy Review Committee, RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

#### Friday, 12

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday, 15

RCLS Board Retreat, Goshen – 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 17

RCLS Annual Meeting and Awards Committee, RCLS – 12:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, 17

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 4:30 p.m.

#### Monday, 22

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, 25

[LARC-Adult Services](#), Nyack – 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 31

[Fall Management Professional Development Scholarship](#) Applications Due at RCLS by 4:00 p.m.

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# MANDATORY Construction Workshop

**Thursday,  
August 1,  
2019**

Mandatory:

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Optional:

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Ramapo  
Catskill  
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This workshop will provide an in-depth discussion on how to prepare a successful New York State Public Library Construction Aid application.

The *mandatory* morning session will delve into the nitty-gritty details of the online application and other grant requirements. **The person directly involved in preparing the application must attend this workshop – no exceptions.**

During the optional afternoon session, participants will complete several required documents together.

Lunch will be provided.

## Presenter

Stephen Hoefler, RCLS Fiscal Officer

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 31. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

This is a Construction workshop; participants will receive 3 contact hours for attending.



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# System Orientation

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**Wednesday,  
August 7,  
2019**

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

**Ramapo Catskill  
Library System**

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Middletown, NY  
845.243.3747

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Join RCLS staff for System Orientation at RCLS. Any member library's employees, trustees or Friends are invited. Attendees will meet with the RCLS Interim Executive Director to gain an overview of what position RCLS plays with its member libraries. Then visitors will walk through the building and meet with the department supervisors who will explain the services their areas provide to get a total picture of what RCLS does.

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, August 5. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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## How to Spot a Fake: Disinformation and Our Media

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**Tuesday,  
September 10,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Valley Cottage  
Free Library**

110 Route 303  
Valley Cottage, NY  
845.268.7700

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Shares techniques for spreading false information on the internet. Includes an ideation session on how to help our communities identify truth from fiction.

### **Presenter**

Davis Drin Anderson

### **Registration**

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, September 9. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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## How to Spot a Fake: Disinformation and Our Media

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**Tuesday,  
September 17,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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# 2020 Census Training

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**Tuesday,  
September 24,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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### Workshop

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. Counting an increasingly diverse and growing population is a massive undertaking. Ultimately, the success of the census depends on everyone's participation. Libraries, as always, will be playing a pivotal role in educating community members about the impact the Census data will have in our lives for the next ten years.

The 2020 Census data will be essential for you and your community. Please join us at one of the 2020 Census training sessions below. As library staff, you will face many questions about the 2020 Census; people will be coming to the libraries seeking help on filling out the online form. We want to be prepared!

### Presenter

Mario Garcia, Partnership Specialist - Lower Hudson Valley Region/U.S. Census Bureau

### Registration

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