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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, August 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.

A meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committee will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Both are open meetings and all are invited to attend.

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It's in the Mail!

[Invitations](#) to the 32nd Legislative Breakfast and 60th Annual Meeting are being sent to member library directors, staff and Friends Presidents (via RCLS delivery) and to member library trustees (via mail). If additional copies are needed, contact Eileen Acosta at RCLS (eacosta@rcls.org or ext. 221). Preferably please make reservations online using the [RCLS online calendar](#). The deadline to make reservations for this *free* event is **Friday, September 6**.

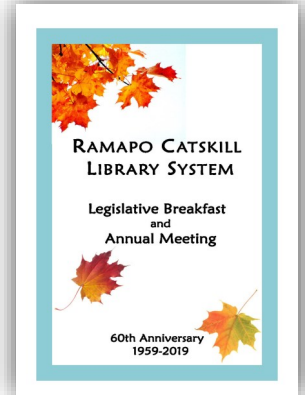
The event will be held at The Sullivan Event Center, Rock Hill, NY on Friday, September 13.

Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. The buffet breakfast, which will be ready at 8:30 a.m., is an opportunity for trustees, library directors, staff, Friends of the Library and Library Champions to meet and talk with state and county legislators. The four annual awards – Member Library Adult Program of the Year, Member Library Young Adult Program of the Year, Randall Enos Member Library Children's Program of the Year and Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee – will be presented.

The RCLS Annual Business Meeting will include approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes, presentation of the 2020 RCLS Budget and election of four RCLS trustees; one each from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties.

Questions? Contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS by [e-mail](#) or at ext. 222.

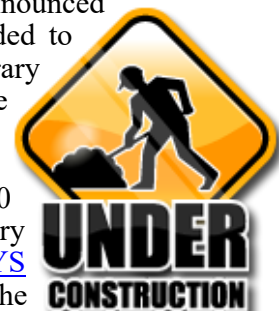
We look forward to seeing YOU!



State Aid for Library Construction

The New York State Library has announced that an additional \$20 million was added to the 2019/2020 State Aid for Library Construction program. That brings the total for the program year to \$34 million.

Information about the FY2019/2020 \$34 million State Aid for Library Construction is available on the [NYS Library website](#). For questions about the process, contact Stephen Hofer, RCLS Fiscal Officer (ext. 223 or shofer@rcls.org).



News Worthy

Regional

- [Monroe Library invites the public to Woodstock Day](#)
| The Photo News 8.5.19
- [Green magic at the library](#)
| Southern Ulster Times 8.1.19

National

- [As tech changes homelessness, libraries roll with the punches](#)
| Tech Crunch 7.31.19
- [How Much Is Your Library Paying For The Kanopy Video Streaming Service?](#)
| Forbes 7.31.19
- [Librarian of Congress comes to Yakima; donates books to Yakima Libraries](#)
| KIMA 7.31.19
- [ME: Mini-Library Opens Inside Laundromat](#)
| Daily Freeman 7.31.19
- [Possible Threat to the E-Rate Program](#) | American Libraries Magazine 7.30.19
- [Improving Public Library Services for New Americans](#)
| Programming Librarian 7.30.19
- [Libraries Take Issue With New Pricing Models](#)
| Forbes 7.30.19
- [Libraries guarantee patrons' privacy. That's why LinkedIn's policy is so troubling](#)
| Cal Matters 7.29.19

International

- [The Guardian view on librarians: guides to life, not just to books](#)
| The Guardian 7.31.19

NYLA Conference

Early bird registration for the [New York Library Association \(NYLA\) Annual Conference](#) ends **Saturday, August 31**. The 2019 NYLA Annual Conference will be held in Saratoga Springs, NY, November 13-16. Your RCLS peers that will be presenting:

- *Catching Unicorns with Programs for New Adults* – Katie Karkheck and Ashley Maraffino, Valley Cottage Library
- *Does Your Story Match Your Data?* – Grace Riario, RCLS Interim Executive Director
- *Fixing Stuff and Creating Community* – Peggy Johansen, Mamakating Library
- *Introduction to Civil Service* – Claudia Depkin, Haverstraw King's Daughter Public Library
- *Pop Culture Programming for Adults* – Chris Morgan, Newburgh Free Library
- *Programming for All Abilities* – Jason Thomas, Newburgh Free Library
- *YSS Table Talks* – Amina Chaudhri, New City Library

ALL LIBRARIES ARE *powerful*: WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Project Outcome Data Visualization Webinar

On **Thursday, August 15** at 2 p.m., the Public Library Association is hosting a free [Project Outcome](#) webinar, "[Learning Good Data Visualization.](#)" This will be a great opportunity for staff who are new to Project Outcome and want to learn more about the data visualization tools built into the toolkit, as well as a refresher for those already familiar with Project Outcome. Register on the [ALA events website](#) to attend the Data Visualization Webinar.

Project Outcome is a free online toolkit designed to help public libraries understand and share the impact of their programs and services by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. Learn more and register for free on the [Project Outcome website](#).

Middlesex County Issues Library Trading Cards

Bridgewater (NJ) Courier News, July 19

On July 3, Kimberly and Elias Paone, 10, of East Brunswick, New Jersey, set out for a fun mother-son adventure. They loaded up the car with a new audiobook and set out to hit as many libraries as they could in one day. The goal: to collect Libraries of Middlesex (N.J.) Automation Consortium trading cards. The 32 libraries of the consortium issued the cards to promote their services in the summer. Each of the trading cards has a picture of the library on the front and contact information, address, and a fun fact about that library on the back. Patrons who collect all the cards from each of the libraries can be entered into a [drawing for an iPad](#).



Photos of the Week



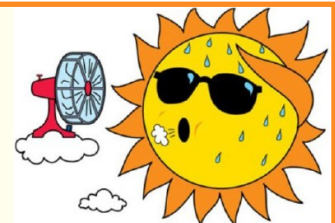
The Cornwall Public Library Youth Services Department staff built this fantastic "Rocket Reading Space" for their young patrons to curl up with a good book. As part of the *A Universe of Stories* Summer Reading Program, it's the ultimate "book nook" for little ones!

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.

Share your library news with the
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Woodstock Day

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival, Monroe Free Library is having a Woodstock Day program on **Saturday, August 17** from 12 to 3 p.m. The event features live music from the 1960's psychedelic tribute band The Psychedelicats, a tie-dye station, a rain room (designed to mimic the feel of a thunderstorm) and of course, food and drink. All are welcome. Please share with your patrons.

See flyer below.



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](#).

August

Monday, 12

RCLS Bylaws/Policy Review Committee – CANCELED

Tuesday, 13

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 14

Directors Association – CANCELED

Wednesday, 14

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 15

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 19

CLOUSC Planning Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 19

RCLS Personnel and Finance Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

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[RCLS Board Meeting](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 20

Teen Librarians Planning Meeting, RCLS – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 21

RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 26

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 28

[Vidcode Training](#), RCLS – 11:00 a.m.

September

Monday, 2

Labor Day

RCLS Headquarters E-mail and Extension Directory (845.243.3747)

Grace Riario	Interim Executive Director/Outreach Coordinator	233
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vidcode

Training

**Wednesday,
August 28,
2019**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Ramapo Catskill
Library System**

619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
845.243.3747

This workshop is for library staff to learn about Vidcode. The first part of this workshop will review the basics that were covered in the first Vidcode workshop. The second part will go into more advanced functions of Vidcode.

If your library did not sign up for Vidcode, but you would like to learn what it's all about, you may attend this workshop.

Presenter

Leandra Tejedor, Vidcode co-founder.

CE Credit

This is a Technology Workshop; participants will receive 2 Contact Hours.

Registration

Registration is required by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 27. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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2020 Census Training for Youth Staff

**Monday,
September 9,
2019**

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

Valley Cottage Library
110 Route 303
Valley Cottage, NY 10989
845.268.7700

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.

This 2020 Census training is for library staff serving children and teens. Learn how the 2020 Census can make an impact on our youngest library users, and how you can help patrons fill out the 2020 Census.

We want to be prepared!

Presenter

Keith Camire, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

Registration

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How to Spot a Fake: Disinformation and Our Media

FAKE

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

While disinformation is as old as snake oil salesmen, our current media environment brings new and pernicious challenges. Our media diets these days include curated social media feeds in addition to too-many outlets like televised newscasts and radio programs. When we engage in biased media, our ideas about the world are confirmed again and again.

Education about media sources new and old is one way to help ourselves and our communities see outside of our filter bubbles. To that end, this three-hour workshop will provide a historical overview and framework for false information. We'll uncover the ways in which social media has added to these challenges. And we'll share methods for spotting bad information by looking at real-world examples of information that rapidly spreads on the internet.

We know these issues impact our communities, and so we'll close by identifying easy-yet-impactful ways of working with library users to be on the lookout for information that is designed to manipulate us.

**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

Presenter

Davis Erin Anderson's work focuses on understanding the impact of technology on the culture at large, translating these challenges into real solutions for library staff. She is project lead for NYC Digital Safety, an NYC-funded program that keeps library staff informed about evergreen topics in data privacy and digital security.

Davis worked with Mozilla Foundation to review and update their web literacy curriculum, resulting in the launch of Mozilla's Core Curriculum for Web Literacy in March 2018. In addition to planning and emceeding METRO's symposia series, Davis has designed and facilitated workshops on data privacy and security, web mechanics, and personal networking skills for library staff.

Registration

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60th Anniversary
1959-2019

Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting



The RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting will be held at The Sullivan Event Center.



The Legislative Breakfast is an opportunity to meet and greet with state and county legislators about libraries. Member libraries will showcase their best programs in a special display area. Following a hot breakfast buffet, Library Champions will share their testimonies. Legislators and the RCLS Executive Director will give brief remarks. Four awards will be presented – Member Library Adult Program of the Year, Member Library Young Adult Program of the Year, Randall Enos Member Library Children's Program of the Year and Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee.

**Friday,
September 13,
2019**

8 a.m.

**The Sullivan
Event Center
Rock Hill, New York**

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September 17,
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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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619 Route 17M
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2020 Census Training

Orange County

RCLS Headquarters
619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
845-243-3747
Tuesday, September 24
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[Register here](#)

Orange County

RCLS Headquarters
Thursday, October 17
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[Register here](#)

Sullivan County

Ethelbert B. Crawford
Public Library
Thursday, October 24,
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
[Register here](#)

Workshop

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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!

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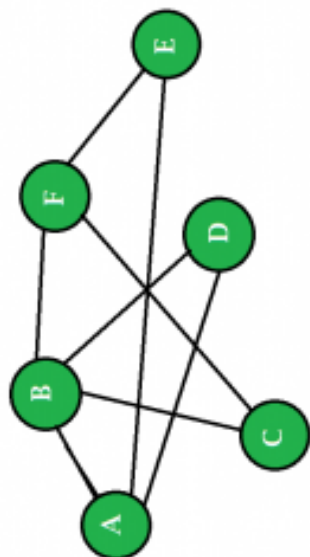
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Algorithms in Everyday Life: How Hidden Biases Impact Our Most Vulnerable Neighbors

Describes how biased thinking makes its way into computerized systems. Provides hands-on activities to help learners understand algorithms. Helps participants identify next steps for assisting impacted populations.

Computer systems are increasingly tasked with making decisions for and about human beings. They are making decisions about which ads to show us, whether or not we make it to the second round of a job interview, and even how long prison sentences should be.

These systems are reliant on algorithmic processes. Algorithms are often considered a company's "secret sauce," and usually the public doesn't know what's in them. This session will demystify the concept of an algorithm and will shed light on what we *do* know about the systems that make some of the more pressing decisions in our lives.

We will learn how our human biases are incorporated into algorithms, discuss the venues in which algorithm-based systems are pernicious, and discuss new ways of helping our communities better understand this new backdrop of machine-based decision making.

**Tuesday,
October 8,
2019**

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

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Valley Cottage, NY
845.268.7700

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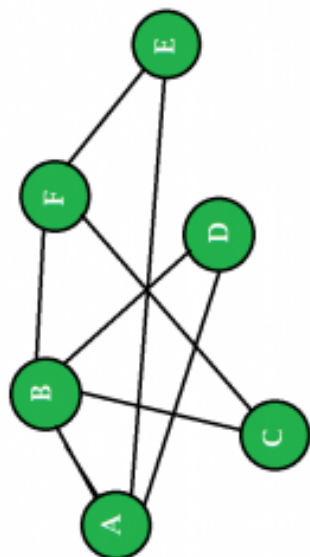
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Middletown, NY
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