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September 9, 2019

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RCLS Board Meeting

The materials for the **Friday, September 13** Special RCLS Board Meeting are now on the RCLS Website. The meeting will begin at 7:45 a.m. at The Sullivan Event Center in Rock Hill, NY.

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

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RCLS Outreach Services Grants

RCLS will award three grants each year to encourage member libraries to develop new programs or services aimed at some or all of the New York State target populations. These populations include people who are blind or physically disabled, aged, developmentally or learning disabled, institutionalized, members of ethnic/minority groups in need of special services, educationally disadvantaged, unemployed/under-employed or geographically isolated.

These grants, not to exceed $1,000, are intended to foster new activities, not to support ongoing programs. Preference will be given to those proposals that include strategies that will lead to sustained activities beyond the grant period. Special consideration will be given to those proposals that are exceptionally innovative and/or have high impact on the lives of target populations mentioned above.

For details and application, visit the RCLS website.

Deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 1**.

Annual Friends Gathering

The Annual Friends Gathering is scheduled for the evening of **Monday, September 23** at the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This free event, sponsored by the Ramapo Catskill Library System and the Orange Library Association and hosted by the Friends of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society, is open to *ALL* member library Friends, trustees and staff.

For details, visit the RCLS website.

Please register using the RCLS Calendar.

News Worthy

Regional

- [Girl Scout promotes reading with Little Free Library](#) | Wallkill Valley Times 8.28.19
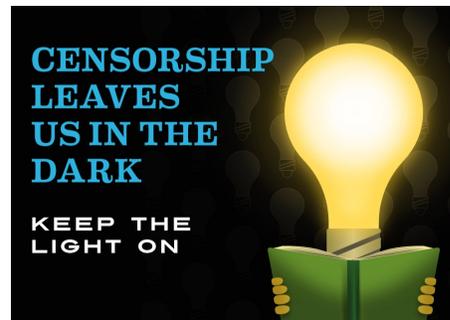
National

- [Author Ray Bradbury honored at Illinois hometown library](#) | StarTribune 8.24.19
- [Washington State Library Systems Collaborate To Help Local Voters](#) | Library Journal 8.23.19
- [What If Social Media Platforms Were More Like Libraries?](#) | Forbes 8.24.19
- [No Hacking the Census in the Library](#) | Wired 8.22.19
- [A California man's lifelong quest to build his own Chicano library](#) | The Los Angeles Times 8.22.19
- [In Albany 'Mic Drop,' young artists make beats at the library](#) | Albany Times-Union 8.21.19
- [The Gift of a Public Library](#) | The Atlantic 8.19.19
- [Illinois Prison Banned Black History Books From Inmate Program](#) | The Root 8.19.19
- [Study to find better ways libraries can serve older constituents](#) | University at Buffalo 8.19.19

Banned Books Week 2019

Banned Books Week, **September 22 – 28**, is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community–librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers–in shared support of the freedom to seek and express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The [Banned Books Week website](#) offers information, challenges, success stories, how to report censorship, products and more.

Bookmarks and brochures, are available for download from the [RCLS website](#).

2019 ALA Award Winners

American Libraries feature, Sept./Oct.

Each year, ALA recognizes the achievements of more than 200 individuals and institutions with an array of awards. This year's winners, chosen by juries of their colleagues and peers, typify the best of the profession's leadership, vision, and service as well as a continued commitment to diversity, equality, education, and outreach. This selection represents only some of those honored in 2019; see the [complete list](#).

2019 ALA/AIA Library Building Awards List

American Libraries feature, Sept./Oct.

These libraries are the winners of the 2019 Library Building Awards, sponsored by the ALA Library Leadership and Management Association and the American Institute of Architects. The awards recognize the best in library architecture and design and are open to any architect licensed in the United States. Projects may be located anywhere in the world.
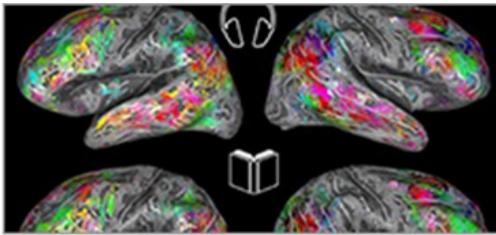
Photo of the Week

Congratulations to the Winners of the Book Themed Birdhouse Decorating Competition!

Narrowsburg Branch:
Bilbo's Birdhouse
Deborah Kane

Jeffersonville Branch:
The Bird Artist
Jude Waterston

Delaware Free Branch:
Reginald
Robin Jane Solvang

Adult Summer Reading Program:

Our patrons love Birds and Books!

Western Sullivan Public Library patrons checked out a book and a blank birdhouse, decorated it and entered it into the library's *Book Themed Birdhouse Decorating Competition*. Pictured above are The Winners of the *Adult Summer Reading Book Themed Birdhouse Decorating Competition!!!*

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.

Listening or Reading? It Doesn't Matter to Our Brains

Discover: D-brief, Aug. 22

Jennifer Walter writes: "New evidence suggests that, to our brains, reading and hearing a story on an audiobook might not be so different. In a study published in the *Journal of Neuroscience,* researchers from the Gallant Lab at UC Berkeley scanned the brains of nine participants while they read and listened to a series of tales from 'The Moth Radio Hour.' After analyzing how each word was processed in the cortex, they created brain maps, noting the different areas that helped interpret the meaning of each word. The stories stimulated the same cognitive and emotional areas, regardless of the medium."

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

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.

September

Monday, 9
Census Training for Staff Serving Youth,
Valley Cottage – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 10
How to Spot a Fake: Disinformation and Our Media,
Valley Cottage – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 11
Directors Association, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 12
Mock Printz Committee Meeting, Goshen – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 13
Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting,
The Sullivan Event Center – 8:00 a.m.

Monday,16
eContent Buyers Session, RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 17
How to Spot a Fake: Disinformation and Our Media,
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 18
CTUG, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 20
Orange County Census Complete Count Committee,
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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How to Spot a Fake: Disinformation and Our Media

FAKE

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

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.

Presenter

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Desktop Publishing by RCLS✍

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.

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.

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September 13,
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8 a.m.

The Sullivan
Event Center
Rock Hill, New York

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Tuesday, September 17, 2019

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RCLS / OLA Friends Gathering

Monday, September 23   5:30 to 8 p.m.

at the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society

366 Main Street   Goshen, NY 10924   (845) 294-6606

PROGRAM:

5:30 - 6 p.m.   Light Refreshments, Settling In & Networking

Courtesy of Orange Library Association - Laurie Angle, President, and Friends of Goshen Public Library and Historical Society - Yvonne Mirro, President

6 - 6:30 p.m.   Welcome Remarks & Presentation

Goshen Friends and the new library

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Q & A and Networking

Round the table introductions, topics and issues - Friends members will give a brief profile of their group and mutual topics of interest and issues concerning Friends groups will be discussed.

7:15 - 8 p.m.   Guided Tours of the new Goshen Library

This event is free and open to all library Friends members and member library staff.

Please register on the RCLS Calendar.

For more information, contact Randall Enos at   rrenos22jack@gmail.com or (845) 344-2578

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Ramapo Catskill Library System
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2020 Census Training

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

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

Ramapo Catskill Library System

619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
845.243.3747

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!
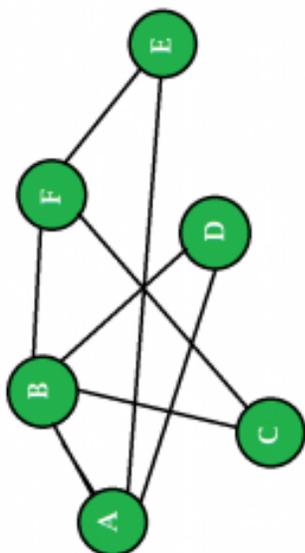
Presenter

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

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

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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.

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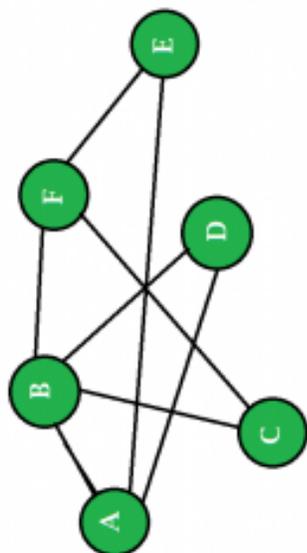
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