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## Juvenile Preview Session

*Joanna Goldfarb, RCLS Youth Services Consultant*

The Juvenile Preview Session at RCLS headquarters has begun, and will continue until **Wednesday, November 27**.

I hope you will be able to come in and take advantage of this opportunity to look at some of the new books for children and teens. Those who participate in the preview session are able to request specific books from the preview. After the preview, the books are divvied up among those who request them. Other free items are available to those who come to RCLS to preview the books.



The list of over 1,000 books that are available for preview is on the [RCLS website](#). The titles are sorted into 10 categories, so you can see exactly how many titles are available in each. The count for each category is also given on the instruction sheet, which is on the [RCLS website](#). In addition, the instruction sheet will give you an idea of how the preview session works.

*Copies of the list will be available for you at the preview session, but you might find it helpful to print out a list ahead of time and eliminate the books on the list that your library already owns.*

*You must register to participate. Contact Eileen Acosta at RCLS (Ext. 221 or [eacosta@rcls.org](mailto:eacosta@rcls.org)) to sign up. Space is limited! Contact Eileen or me if you have any questions.*

## Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday on **November 30** is a chance for people to support their neighbors in local and small businesses by shopping locally rather than in big box stores. Studies report that every \$100 spent in independent businesses results in \$68 in local economic activity – that same \$100 spent at a large retail chain store results in just \$48 in local economic activity. Libraries can champion local and small businesses in their community through programs and messaging that make people aware of Small Business Saturday and the benefits of shopping local and encouraging community members to "Shop Small." For more information and promotional ideas please visit the [Shop Small website](#).



## News Worthy

### National

- [What Can Schools Learn from the Successful Transformation of Public Libraries?](#) | EdSurge 10.26.19
- [Amazon's latest antitrust foe: Libraries](#) | Axios 10.24.19
- [Congress Looking into Anticompetitive Behavior in the Digital Library Market](#) | Publishers Weekly 10.24.19
- [Meet the designer creating gorgeous libraries for Oprah & Gwyneth Paltrow](#) | New York Post 10.24.19
- [ALA denounces Amazon, Macmillan in response to Congressional inquiry on competition in digital markets](#) | ALA 10.23.19
- [Rural, economically disadvantaged libraries will get more state funding in New York](#) | NNY 360 10.23.19
- [Cuomo signs legislation funding project costs for public libraries](#) | My Twin Tiers 10.22.19
- [Pediatrician stresses benefits of early childhood literacy](#) | The Herald Dispatch 10.19.19
- [Idaho library reports political books are frequently hidden](#) | cdapress.com 10.17.19
- [Libraries use technology to 'battle idea they're obsolete'](#) | Norwich CT Bulletin 10.14.19

## ALA International Sister Libraries: Call for Partnerships

The ALA International Relations Round Table Sister Libraries Committee is currently working to promote the adoption of international partnerships for American libraries. The goal is to promote the concept of a global community of libraries. The [American Library Association](#) (ALA) is encouraging U.S. libraries to form partnerships with libraries in other countries. Developing a [Sister Library](#) relationship can be a great opportunity for each library to learn about the work and lives of librarians around the world.

Each Sister Library relationship is unique. Once two libraries decide to partner, they establish the level of commitment that they are both comfortable with; the partnership can be as formal or informal as desired. It can be as simple as holding virtual conversations once a month to exchange ideas, or more complex involving exchanges of materials and staff. For more examples of successful library partnerships, check our [Success Stories](#) page.

Building a partnership with a library in another country means exchange of knowledge, information, resources, experience, and good ideas on library work. Join in making the library world a little smaller and more connected! The Sister Libraries Committee is looking forward to your participation.

## Librarian Emma Boettcher Returns to *Jeopardy!*

[InsideHook, Oct. 24](#)

In the first two weeks of November, record-breaking *Jeopardy!* contestant James Holzhauer will return to the show to take on the University of Chicago librarian who ended his winning streak earlier this year. Holzhauer, who saw his 32-game winning streak come to an end in June and finished \$58,484 short of Ken Jennings's all-time winnings record, will face [Emma Boettcher](#) (right) in *Jeopardy!*'s annual Tournament of Champions. In addition to Boettcher and Holzhauer, the field includes the 13 other players who've won the most games since the previous tournament. The 10-day event concludes with a \$250,000 grand prize for the winner.



## ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant

The Association for Library Services to Children and Candlewick Press offer the "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" grant, created to honor Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree author Kate DiCamillo and the themes represented in her books. The award consists of a \$3,000 grant to assist a library in conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations through a new and innovative program or an expansion of work already being done.

More information and the grant application are available on the [ALSC website](#). The deadline to submit is **December 1**.

## Photos of the Week



Library Director Rhonda Rossman, Senator David Carlucci, Trustees Lorette Adams and Kurt Mohr



The West Nyack Free Library has been a cornerstone for its community for 60 years. On Saturday, October 12 they hosted a *Children's Party* for 50 people. *Party in the Stacks*, attended by over 300 people, was celebrated on Monday, October 14.

*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.*





## Libraries Take the Lead in Teaching Cursive

*American Libraries Trend, Sept./Oct.*

Marcus Banks writes, “At the Richland Library Main Makerspace and Woodshop in Columbia, South Carolina, patrons can use a band saw, learn their way around a sewing machine, or join a ‘build-a-thon.’ But in 2019, one teenage user expressed a different goal: To sign her name, rather than print it. That led Teen Services Supervisor Jennifer Naimzadeh to decide that her branch should offer workshops in cursive writing. Supporters of cursive point to [a study from 2012](#) finding that reading and writing cursive may help prevent the reversal and inversion of letters by students with dyslexia.”



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## November

**Monday, 4—Wednesday, 27**

[RCLS Juvenile Book Preview Session](#), RCLS

**Monday, 4**

Battle of the Books and RCLS Teen Librarians, Suffern – 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, 4**

CLOUSC Mock Newbery Committee, RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, 6**

Directors Association Annual Meeting, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 7**

DOSS, RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 7**

[101: Basic Library Trustee Education](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, 11**

**Veterans Day—RCLS CLOSED - NO DELIVERIES**

**Tuesday, 12**

Continuing Education Committee, RCLS – 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 12**

[102: Intermediate Trustee Education](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 13—Saturday 16**

[NYLA Conference](#), Saratoga Springs, NY

**Friday, 15**

Consumer Electronics Show, Newburgh – 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, 18**

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 19**

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

**Monday, 25**

CLOUSC, Chester – 9:15 a.m.

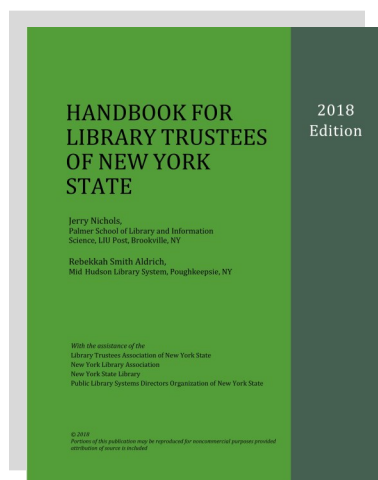
**Thursday, 28—Friday, 29**

**Thanksgiving Holiday, RCLS CLOSED - NO DELIVERIES**

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# 101: Basic Library Trustee Education

Thursday,  
November 7,  
2019

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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This session is designed to give new trustees a basic understanding of their duties and responsibilities.

It will cover basic financial practices, essential laws and other critical information you may need to ensure your confidence in serving as a Board member of a Library and a voice of your community. The items covered in this session are limited; it is advised that you familiarize yourself with the New York State Trustee Handbook, which will be distributed to each attendee at the program.

Light dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

## Presenter

Grace Riario, RCLS Executive Director

## Registration

Registration is required. A minimum of 5 registrants is required or the workshop will be canceled. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.





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**Tuesday,  
November 12,  
2019**

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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If you have served as a Board member of a library for more than three years, you are encouraged to attend this session. This is not an introductory course. A basic knowledge of the role and responsibilities of a library trustee in the State of New York (session 101) is advised.

This session will cover some of laws and regulations that libraries must comply with, financial reports, motions and fiscal issues you need to be aware of as a Board member. It will also consist of a review of the best practices for running an effective Board meeting, including the role of a Board President.

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