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I am a
LIBRARY
CHAMPION

Your Library is Counting on YOU to be a Library Advocate in Albany on Wednesday, February 27

RCLS member library staff, trustees, Friends and Library Champions of all ages are encouraged to attend the Library Advocacy Day in Albany sponsored by the New York Library Association (NYLA). The goal is to help legislators understand how much people care about libraries by packing their offices at every scheduled appointment. With 11 legislators to visit, lots of people are needed to come and show their support. RCLS makes all the appointments, supplies the talking points and arranges transportation (see below) – you just bring your passion for libraries!

Your attendance can make a BIG impact. Join other advocates for meetings with your NYS representatives in Albany to participate in the discussion of increasing Statewide Library Aid to \$200M, funding Library Capital Infrastructure improvements at \$75M and supporting Library-Based Complete Count Initiatives (Census 2020) with \$40M.

Governor Cuomo will soon release his Executive Budget. If it is like previous years, it will include cuts to both State Library Aid and State Aid for Public Library Construction.

In addition, this year there are several new State representatives who have recently joined the legislature that need to hear our voice.

RCLS makes getting there easier!

- **Coordinates Transportation**
Take a motor coach from one of the six convenient pick-up point locations—West Nyack, Newburgh, Wurtsboro*, New Paltz, Kingston or Catskill. *Several Sullivan County libraries asked for a motor coach starting closer to their location. In response, a motor coach will start at the Park & Ride just off exit 113 of Route 17, outside of Wurtsboro. Parking is limited at this location, so we ask that if at all possible, please carpool to the lot. Register today using the [RCLS online calendar](#). Send your check for \$5 per person to Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS. For the details, [view the flyer](#).
- **Makes All Appointments with Legislators**
The schedule will be available on the motor coaches and posted on the RCLS website. Meetings are between 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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News Worthy

Regional

- [The African Library Project: Books from kids to kids](#) | Warwick Advertiser 1.9.19

National

- [Rare Penny Sells for More Than \\$200K at Auction](#) | U.S. News 1.11.19
- [One easy New Year's resolution to help save democracy in 2019: Go to the library](#) | Salon 1.1.19
- [January 1, 2019 is \(finally\) Public Domain Day: Works from 1923 are open to all!](#) | Duke Law 1.1.19
- [The Room of Requirement](#) | This American Life 12.28.18

RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Tuesday, January 22** 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.

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



• Gathers Up-to-Date Information

To keep library advocates up to speed, information is available on the RCLS website. Both those who registered for the motor coaches and those who register that they are driving themselves, will receive an information packet.

Advocacy Session:

Tell Your Library Story Effectively

Building a strong relationship with your legislators at the local and state levels takes time and finesse. Together, we are a stronger voice for our libraries.

During these sessions, Grace Riario will lead a discussion on how to empower yourself as an advocate for libraries.

Why is it important to go to New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day in Albany on February 27, 2019? What would be expected of me when I attend the Library Advocacy Day? What is the role of NYLA? What steps can we take every day?

Join us for one of the three workshops listed below:

- Wednesday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Monticello – Register on the [RCLS website](#).
- Thursday, January 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at New City – Register on the [RCLS website](#).
- Tuesday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at RCLS Headquarters – Register on the [RCLS website](#).

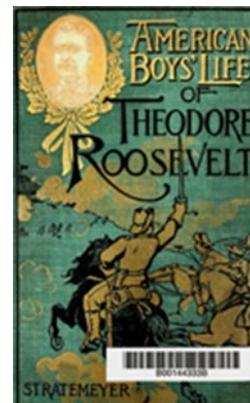
NYSL Exhibit –

Theodore Roosevelt in NY

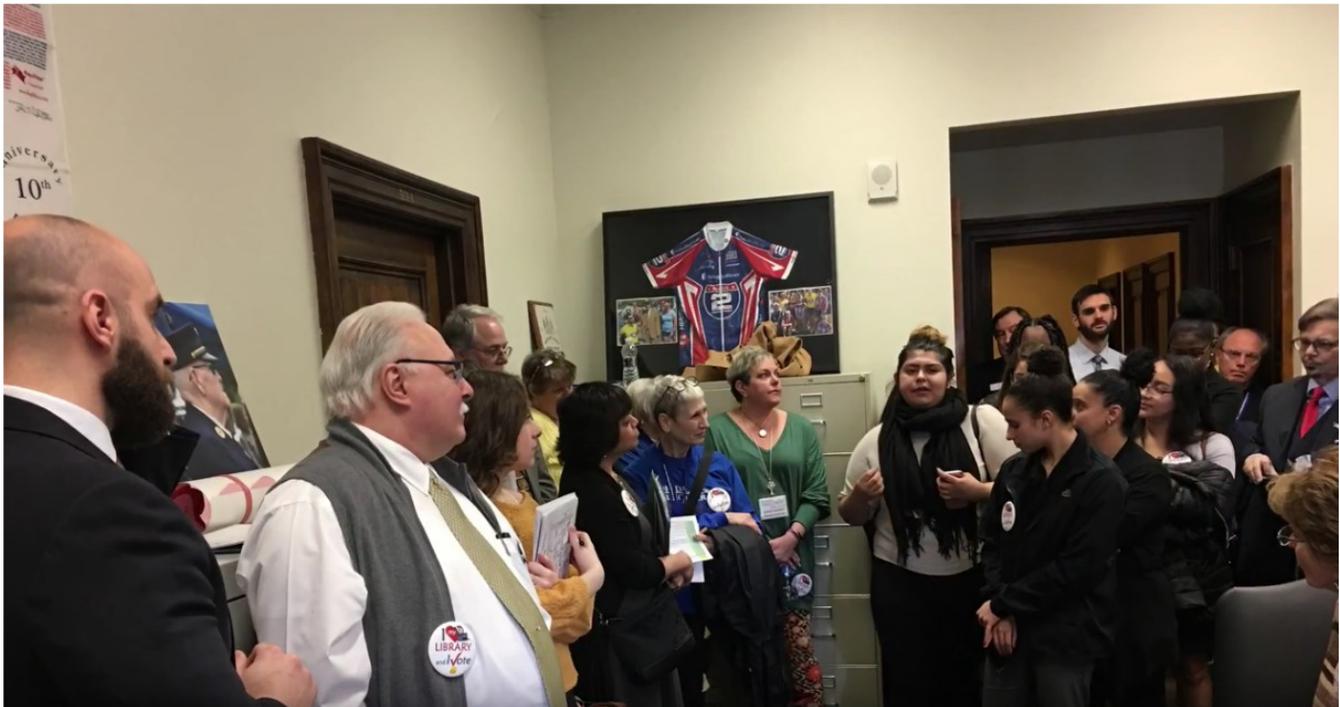
January 2019 marks the centennial of the death of Theodore Roosevelt (October 27, 1858 - January 6, 1919); therefore, the New York State Library's first exhibit of the year honors this great New Yorker by displaying a few items from the collection written by and about Roosevelt.

In a lifetime of a mere 60 years, Teddy Roosevelt became known as a naturalist, a writer and poet, a Rough Rider, a cowboy and rancher, a big-game hunter and a Nobel Prize winner – and all this was in addition to a significant political career that included service in the NY Assembly, as Police Commissioner of NYC, as governor of New York, and as Vice President and President of the US.

For more information about the exhibit, visit the [NYSL website](#).



Photos of the Week



During the 2018 New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day, advocates squeeze into Senator William J. Larkin, Jr.'s meeting area to talk with his aide, Patrick Schraa about the importance of fully funding libraries and library systems. Efforts like this have resulted in over \$11M in additional library aid since 2011. Plan to join this year's delegation in Albany on [Wednesday, February 27](#) (see page 1).

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.

2019 Edition of Minimum Public Library Standards Publication

The New York State Library and PULISDO (Public Library System Directors Organization) have announced the publication of an updated 2019 edition of *Helpful Information for Meeting Minimum Public Library Standards in New York State*. The document is available on the [State Library's website](#).

This new edition is designed as a helpful guide for librarians, trustees and system personnel in understanding the why, what and how of each standard. Success for all libraries, with improved service for customers, is one of the highest priorities of both the State Library and PULISDO. This new edition of *Helpful Information* addresses how library boards and directors can achieve both the letter and the spirit of the minimum public library standards.

New York's public library systems are already providing targeted education programs and customized technical assistance designed to help all of New York's 756 public and association libraries achieve success in meeting the new "updated" standards by January 1, 2021. The contents of this new publication will assist in that process. *Helpful Information* is closely aligned with the new 2018 edition of the [Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State](#). Both publications are invaluable resource tools for trustees, library directors and system personnel.

Questions about the *Helpful Information* publication and the minimum library standards may be directed to Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator (ext. 233 or [e-mail](mailto:grace.riario@nysed.gov)) or to Mary Anne Waltz, Public Library Systems Program Manager, Division of Library Development, New York State Library at maryanne.waltz@nysed.gov or 518.474.1479. Additional information about New York's public and association libraries and minimum standards is also available on the [State Library's website](#).

Best Practices for Management of Friends Boards – Webinarary

Regardless of the size of a Friends group, if the organization has achieved 501(c)(3) status, there are specific accountabilities the Friends officers must meet to keep the organization legally viable. In this review of nonprofit boards’ legal and fiduciary duties, an attorney from the Pro Bono Partnership will explain ways to provide the best oversight possible for the organization, keeping Friends groups functioning effectively and using their charitable resources appropriately in support of their library. To view the full webinarary (a place in which webinars are kept for use but not for sale), visit the [NYLA 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](#).

January

Monday, 14

[CLOUSC Mock Caldecott & Newbery Discussions](#),
RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

Monday, 14

[RCLS Teen Librarians’ Mock Printz Award Discussions](#),
RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 15

[JOBNOW Webinar - Refresher Course](#) – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 16

RCLS Managers, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 17

[State Annual Report Workshop](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 17

[State Annual Report Workshop-Hands-on](#),
RCLS – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES

Tuesday, 22

[LARC-YS Mock Newbery and Caldecott Discussions](#),
Valley Cottage – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 22

[RCLS Board](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 23

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

Thursday, 24

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

Friday, 25—Tuesday, 29

ALA Midwinter, Seattle, WA

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