



Weekly Memo

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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.

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2019 RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

At the RCLS 32nd Legislative Breakfast and 60th Annual Meeting on Friday, September 13, 2019, the Ramapo Catskill Library System will be presenting the following four annual awards:

- The [Member Library Adult Program of the Year Award](#) will recognize an outstanding library program created and presented for **adults** during all or part of the previous year (i.e. between January 1 and December 31, 2018). A certificate and a check for \$500 will be presented to the member library chosen for the award.

Please note: the RCLS Board voted to increase the number of Annual Meeting Awards for 2019 from three to four by separating the former Youth Program Award into two distinct age-bracket categories as follows:

- ◊ The [Member Library Young Adult Program of the Year Award](#) will recognize an outstanding young adult library program created and presented for youth **ages 12 through 19** during all or part of the previous year (i.e. between January 1 and December 31, 2018). A certificate and a check for \$500 will be presented to the member library chosen for the award.
- ◊ The new [Randall Enos Member Library Children's Program of the Year Award](#) will recognize an outstanding library program created and presented for children from **birth through age 11 or families** during all or part of the previous year (i.e. between January 1 and December 31, 2018). A certificate and a check for \$500 will be presented to the member library chosen for the award.
- The [Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee Award](#) will honor a trustee who has been nominated for his/her excellent service to a member library. The recipient must have been a trustee of an RCLS member library during all or part of the previous year (i.e. between January 1 and December 31, 2018). The recipient will receive a plaque. A check for \$250 will be sent to the library of his/her choosing.

Nominations for all four awards must be submitted by delivery, in person, e-mail (ruth@rcls.org) or regular mail no later than **Friday, June 14, 2019** to the Awards Committee c/o RCLS. Nominations submitted after that date will not be

News Worthy

Thursday, January 17 Governor Andrew Cuomo released his Executive Budget for 2019, which included:

- \$91.6 million Library Aid (\$5 million less than 2018)
- \$14 million Construction Grant Aid (\$20 million less than in 2018)
- The Governor pledged to “have an unprecedented effort to count every New Yorker in the 2020 Census;” however, no funds were allocated to the Census efforts.

The State faces a \$3 billion deficit which is projected to grow thanks to the Federal State and Local Tax (SALT) cap. The Executive Budget contains language that provides for a 3% across-the-board funding reduction if the revenue shortfall exceeds projections by \$500 million.

Your help is needed to make the case for libraries.

Registration for the New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day is open. If you are planning to attend, driving yourself or taking a motor coach, register on the [RCLS website](#). For information about the motor coaches, [click here for the flyer](#). For more information on NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2019, visit the [RCLS website](#).

Together we can make a difference!



accepted. To aid the committee in evaluating the submissions for the program awards, the RCLS 2019 Annual Award Application Summary Cover Sheet must be included with the nomination for the program awards only (not the trustee award). Member libraries which won awards for 2018 are not eligible for 2019 awards in the same category. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS (ruth@rcls.org or at extension 222).

Detailed guidelines for the four awards and the Annual Award Application Summary Cover Sheets for the three program awards are available by clicking on the award name links above. The Annual Meeting and Awards Committee looks forward to reviewing a variety of nominations from our member libraries.

A Better Count in 2020

Governing, Jan.

Mike Maciag writes: “Community groups, nonprofits, and governments are working in many ways to ensure that people are counted in the 2020 Census. But with several looming uncertainties, the stakes are even higher this time around. Americans will be able to complete the census online for the first time, making it more convenient for many households but leaving others without internet access behind. Relying more on technology, the Census Bureau will devote fewer resources to field operations. The role for libraries could be even larger this time, given that the federal government is shifting online.”

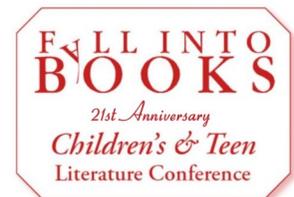


Call for Discussion Leaders for the 2019 Fall Into Books Conference

The 21st annual Fall Into Books Children's & Teen Literature Conference is scheduled to take place on **Friday, October 25** at the Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel and Conference Center. Held annually, Fall Into Books brings together school and public librarians from eight counties within the Hudson Valley.

The planning committee is currently seeking volunteers to lead discussions for picture books, elementary, middle, or teen level books. If you are interested, please complete and submit the [Discussion Leader Application form](#) by **Thursday, January 31**. Potential discussion leaders will need to provide the title for your group and all book titles that you want to discuss. If chosen, your conference registration and lunch will be complimentary.

Please note: A **mandatory practice session** for the discussion leaders will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 11** at the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) headquarters in Highland, NY.



Photos of the Week



The Nyack Library's Makerspace Expo held on Sunday, January 13 included a 3D printer, Minecraft, Virtual Reality, crafting galore and much more! Demonstrations and hands-on activities were offered for the whole family. Pictured left are two children playing with the Graffi-TEE station, a giant pegboard with colored golf tees.

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.



NYLA Library Advocacy Day is **Wednesday, February 27.**

The deadline to register for the motor coach to Albany is **Thursday, February 21.**

Don't procrastinate – register now, whether you plan to take the motor coach or drive yourself!

We need your presence. Register using the [RCLS Calendar](#) today!!

New Course: Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces

Are you ready to imagine the possibilities that can come with an active learning space in your library? WebJunction has you covered! Their Institute of Museum and Library Services grant-funded project, *Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces*, brought transformative outcomes to the 15 small and rural libraries who participated, and now they have a series of free, online courses available to anyone interested in creating smart library spaces. To learn more and register, visit the WebJunction 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, 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,
CANCELED

Thursday, 24

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New City – 10:00 a.m.

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LARC-Executive Board, Suffern – 10:00 a.m.

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LARC-AS, Nyack – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 25—Tuesday, 29

ALA Midwinter, Seattle, WA

Monday, 28

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 28

OLA, RCLS – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 29

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RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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**Thursday,
January 24,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New City Library

220 North Main Street
New City, NY
845.634.4997

Audience

All library Staff, Trustees, Friends and Library Champions.

Presenter

Grace, Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

Registration

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Advocacy Day 2019

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CONVENIENT MOTOR COACH LOCATIONS and DEPARTURE TIMES!

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE)

- West Nyack 6:45 a.m. (Palisades Center)
- Newburgh 7:30 a.m. (Newburgh Mall)
- Wurtsboro 7:30 a.m. (Route 17 Exit 113 Park & Ride)
- New Paltz 7:45 a.m. (Thruway Exit 18 Parking Lot)
- Kingston 8:15 a.m. (Thruway Exit 19 Park & Ride)
- Catskill 8:40 a.m. (Thruway Exit 21 Park & Ride)

Leaves Albany at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments, advocacy information and a schedule of appointments will be provided on the motorcoaches.

Register online @ <http://calendar.rcls.org/>

Make checks (\$5 per person - non-refundable) payable to RCLS.
Thanks to donations from the many Friends Groups,
we are able to subsidize the price.

Send to Ruth Daubenspeck/RCLS • 619 Route 17M • Middletown, NY 10940

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 20

Late registrations will not be accepted.

PLANNING TO DRIVE YOURSELF?

Use the online registration and check "Driving myself" under "What is your preferred pickup location?"
You will receive an information packet.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Dan Hulse @ RCLS

845.243.3747 ext. 245 or 866.364.4329 ext. 245 dan@rcls.org

Wednesday
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Motor Coaches
to Albany!

