



Weekly Memo

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February 4, 2019

Go to Albany!



Be an activist. Join hundreds of library advocates from around the state on **Wednesday, February 27 in Albany**. It is an experience every library supporter should have. Trek through the halls of the Legislative Office Building with like-minded community members, meet face-to-face with legislators and their staff, join the Rally for Library Advocates at noon to make some noise and cheer on those legislators who are actively supporting libraries.

RCLS staff have arranged everything. The appointments with legislators are made. The motor coaches to whisk you to Albany will be waiting. Please join us in fighting to restore library aid. Your presence and voice matters!

To learn more about Library Advocacy Day and to register for the bus or to drive yourself, visit the [RCLS website](http://www.rcls.org).

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NYSL Releases 2018 Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures Survey Results

The New York State Library has released the results of the [2018 Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in New York State Public Libraries Survey](#). Public Library System Directors and Directors/Managers of Public Libraries are asked to share

these results with their board members and staff. The results of this survey will help the State Library and its partner organizations identify tools, resources, and guidance that are needed to assist New York's libraries and their communities in fighting the opioid overdose epidemic.



If you have any questions about this survey or Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs in public and association libraries, contact Frank Rees, Library Development Specialist I, New York State Library at francis.rees@nysed.gov or 518.474.1565.

News Worthy

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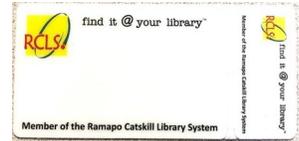
- [Battle of the Books information session at Cornwall Library](#) | Times Herald-Record 2.2.19
- [Marist library hosts rare book exhibition of African-American authors](#) | Kingston Daily Freeman 1.30.19.
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- [Goshen getting set to open new library](#) | Times Herald-Record 1.20.19.

National

- [Millennials rely on the Free Library for more than books](#) | The Inquirer - Daily News 1.28.19
- [Wash And Learn: Laundromats And Libraries Are Fighting 'Book Deserts'](#) | Newsy 1.25.19
- [The Organic Role of Libraries as Centers of Inclusiveness and Support](#) | Nonprofit Quarterly 1.24.19
- [Librarian Shutdown Stories](#) | American Libraries Magazine 1.23.19
- [Library Systems Embracing Their New Roles as Social Service Hubs](#) | Next City 1.22.19
- [Harford County library system offers support to federal workers affected by shutdown](#) | The Baltimore Sun 1.21.19
- [The Secret Power of the Children's Picture Book](#) | The Wall Street Journal 1.18.19

Coordinated Order for Patron Card/Key Tag Sets

Every two years, RCLS coordinates an order for generic patron Card/Key Tag sets featuring the RCLS logo. An example is pictured at right. Taking advantage of the coordinated order offers substantial savings to member libraries. An individual library will save \$393 per 1,000 sets by ordering through RCLS, rather than ordering on its own. Please consider your needs for the next two years and send your order to Marla Landsman at RCLS by **Friday, February 15**. The minimum order per library is 1,000 sets, with additional increments of 500. The memo and order form can be found on the [RCLS website](#).



Plan ahead – the next coordinated order won't happen until 2021!

Contact Marla Landsman at RCLS (marla@rcls.org or ext. 225) with any questions.

Submit Photos for Best Practices from World Libraries

[International Relations Round Table Blog, Jan. 28](#)

The International Connections Committee of the ALA International Relations Round Table invites you to contribute a photo from your library that best demonstrates this year's ALA initiative, Libraries = Strong Communities, and help build the "2019 Best Practices from World Libraries" virtual photo gallery. The photos will be displayed via ALA websites, publications, and social media outlets. Selected submissions will be physically displayed at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 20–25. [Email](#) your submissions by **Friday, February 15**.



2019 Youth Media Award Winners

[AL: The Scoop, Jan. 28](#)

On January 28, ALA announced the top books, video, and audiobooks for children and young adults – including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery, and Printz awards – at its Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, Washington. The Newbery Medal went to *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina; the Caldecott Medal was awarded to *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall; and the Printz Award went to *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo. A list of all the 2019 award winners can be found on the [American Libraries website](#). See all of [American Libraries' coverage](#) of the ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits at The Scoop.



Photo of the Week



Flyer as seen on door of the Mamakating Library last week.

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.

Hurry, time is running out – register now, whether you plan to take the motor coach or drive yourself!

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

Friends of Libraries Webinar

New York Library Association (NYLA) Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) will offer its second webinar, *Administrative Teams: A New Approach for Friends Leadership* on **Tuesday, February 12**. The webinar will run 60 minutes, beginning at 2 p.m.

When the President-elect felt she could not assume the Presidency, the Friends of the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Public Library reached a critical moment. A cohort of invested volunteers who would not let the CPHL Friends fail decided to convene their first Futuring project with the professional guidance of a facilitator. The group determined to examine what they were doing and more importantly, why.

Rethinking and defining areas of responsibility, a four-person presidency, the Quad Leadership Team, was piloted in December 2015. It is now the group’s way of work. Shared leadership may be an attractive alternative for your Friends group with focused individual involvement. Being open to change and adopting a new way of leadership will attract the next generation of Friends volunteers and help accomplish the organization’s goals.

Personal and organizational members of FLS as of December 15, 2018 may register at no charge. See the flyer on the [NYLA website](#) for fees and additional information.

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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](#).

February

Monday, 4

RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 5

[JOBNOW Webinar—Refresher Course](#)

Friday, 8

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 11

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 12

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

Wednesday, 13

Directors Association Executive Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 13

[System Orientation](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 13

RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, 14

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

Monday, 18

**Presidents Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Tuesday, 19

Fine-Free Follow-up, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

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RCLS Board, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 20

[Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively](#), New City – 9:30 a.m.

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JOBNOW Webinar Refresher Course

The JOBNOW online tool is available to all RCLS member libraries. The Central Library funds this online tool that can assist your community members with their career needs. Most libraries close their doors by 9 p.m. A career counselor can help your community members after your library is closed via an online chat, which is available from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Join us to learn more about what JOBNOW has to offer and how you can help your library users.

The webinar information will be emailed to you one day prior to the event.

**Tuesday,
February 5,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Audience

All library staff.

Presenter

Diane Weltzer

CE Credits

This is a Technology webinar; participants will receive 1 contact hour for attending.

Registration

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**Tuesday,
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2019**

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

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System Orientation

**Wednesday,
February 13,
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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Join RCLS staff for System Orientation at RCLS. Any member library's employees, trustees or Friends are invited. Attendees will meet with the RCLS Assistant Director to gain an overview of what position RCLS plays with its member libraries. Then visitors will walk through the building and meet with the department supervisors who will explain the services their areas provide to get a total picture of what RCLS does.

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**Thursday,
February 14,
2019**

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

**Ethelbert B.
Crawford Public
Library**

479 Broadway
Monticello, NY
845.794.4660





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**Wednesday,
February 20,
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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

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Registration is required by 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 19. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

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RCLS Youth Services Presents

2019 Performers' Showcase

Twelve performers will give 15-minute presentations of programs that are available for your library or organization

The performers are:

**Friday,
February 22,
2019**

9:30 a.m. Coffee

10:00 a.m.

Program

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10:00	Pamela Schembri	World Folktales
10:15	Andy Morse	The Music Man
10:30	Christine Adams	Black Sheep Arts/Felting Facebook page: Black Sheep Arts
10:45	Joe Fischer	Joe Fischer Magic
11:00	KB Mercer	Traveling Lantern Theatre Co.
11:15	Gabriele Tranchina	Jazz for Kids
11:30	Robert Friedman	Drumming Celebration
11:45	Pamela Golben	Frogs and Toads
12:00	David Engle	Pirate School
12:15	Jonathan Kruk/ Tom McCoy	Finger Fables
12:30	Dominic Rizzo	Rizzo's Wildlife World
12:45	Nathan Gross	Culinary Corner With Chef Nate Facebook: The Culinary Corner with Chef Nate

Handouts and performance rates will be available at the showcase.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#) by 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019

If you are unable to attend the showcase and would like copies of the handouts, please e-mail [Eileen Acosta](#)



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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

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Join us on the
Motor Coaches
to Albany!

