



# Weekly Memo

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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Tuesday, February 19** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

A meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committee will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Both are open meetings and all are invited to attend.

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## Last Call!

NYLA Library Advocacy Day is just over a week away—**Wednesday, February 27**. We need a **large** number of people to converge on Albany to voice their support for library funding. Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Budget for 2019 included \$91.6 million for Library Aid, a \$5 million cut from the 2018 amount, and \$14 million for Construction Grant Aid, \$20 million less than in 2018. He also pledged to "have an unprecedented effort to count every New Yorker in the 2020 Census;" however, no funds were allocated to the Census efforts. Attend this important event and let **your** legislators know how important libraries are.



### • **Legislative Office Visits**

Meetings with individual Legislators (or their office staff) are coordinated by RCLS. Visit the [RCLS website](#) for the schedule and more information.

### • **The Rally for Library Advocates at 12:00 p.m.**

Gather in the "Well" of the LOB (Legislative Office Building) at noon for a Library Advocate's Rally! Join fellow Library Advocates and plan to make your voices heard!

### • **Ready, Set, Go: Albany, Here We Come!**

View the [Sustainable Thinking News](#) for tips about spending time with legislators on Library Advocacy Day.

Register via the [RCLS calendar](#) to ride a chartered motor coach to Albany. The cost is only \$5 per person, thanks to personal and Friends groups donations.

More information is available on the [RCLS website](#).

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Kernersville library a welcome addition](#) | Winston-Salem Journal 2.3.19

### National

- [Local Libraries are proud equal-opportunity havens](#) | Albany Times Union 2.8.19
- [Technology Packs Added to Local Libraries](#) | Spectrum News 2.7.19

## PLA Webinar

- ✓ **“Just One Thing” Training Staff for Community Engagement**  
Tuesday, February 26  
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enhance the customer experience by increasing staff engagement. Learn how the Plano (Texas) Public Library created a cohesive customer service experience by training staff to share “just one thing” about the library. Staff became more comfortable with patron interactions and engaged with more people during outreach. Representing Plano Public Library's Outreach & Engagement Team, our presenters will share information about lessons learned, implementation strategies, internal marketing tips and tricks, and expanding programming outside the library. [Learn more...](#)

**Presenters:** Rachel Hadidi, PhD and Rachel Yzaguirre

**Register:** [Public Library Association website](#)

## New Library Bill of Rights Provision on Privacy

*Office for Intellectual Freedom, Feb. 7*

The [Library Bill of Rights](#), first adopted in 1939 and last amended in 1980, has been updated to include an article focused on the concept of ensuring privacy and confidentiality for library users. The new section, Article VII, states: “All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people’s privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.”



## Pleasant Valley Library Open for Business Again

Three months after the fire that devastated the [Pleasant Valley Free Library](#), it officially opened for business on Monday, February 11 at its new temporary location in the heart of town at 3 Maggacom Lane.

On Saturday, February 2, over 65 people arrived bright and early at the temporary location to move books, set up shelves, and clean furniture. There were hugs and laughter aplenty as patrons and staff reunited for the first time in almost three months. The good will and support from the community was a firm reminder that libraries are not a place, libraries are a community.

During the first week of February, the staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to shelve items, catalog new materials, and get the building ready for the public. The library collection is still nowhere close to what it was originally, but thanks to the generosity of people all over the Hudson Valley and countless volunteers, over 3,800 items have been processed, cataloged, and added to the collection in the past month. Rebuilding the collection is an ongoing process, and donations are still being collected and sorted.

## Kids Get Free Winter Coats from Ocean City Library

*Ocean City (N.J.) Patch, Jan. 29*

Ocean City (N.J.) Public Library and Operation Warm teamed up January 28 to give out free coats and books to community children. Library staff couldn’t believe the smiles and love for reading that ensued. Fifty-five children received new coats, and kids were also able to take home two books each. [Operation Warm](#) provided Ocean City



with a grant through its library program. The library saw 49 new people sign up for library cards and hosted a larger crowd than the usual January evening.

## Photo of the Week



Assemblyman Karl Brabenec visited Florida Public Library (FPL) on January 25 to present an official citation celebrating FPL's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Library staff took the opportunity to discuss advocacy issues with him. He was presented with some chocolate chip cookies, an FPL trademark.

Pictured (l to r) Trustee Ron Kamrowski, Board Vice President (and RCLS board member) Diane Arcieri, Director Madelyn Folino, Assemblyman Karl Brabenec.

*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.*



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

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

We need your presence.

Register today using the [RCLS Calendar!!](#)

## The Penguin Random House Library Awards for Innovation

The Penguin Random House Library Award for Innovation Through Adversity recognizes U.S. libraries and staff who overcome adversity and create lasting innovative community service programs that successfully inspire and connect with new readers.

Awards include one \$10,000 cash award given annually to a library in the U.S. In addition, four runner-up awards consist of \$1,000 in Penguin Random House books.

For the complete guidelines and application form, visit the [ALA website](#). The deadline to submit applications forms is **Saturday, March 16**.



Share your library news with the *RCLS Weekly Memo*.

Send your article to [rclsmemo@rcls.org](mailto: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](#).

### February

**Monday, 18**  
**Presidents Day**  
**RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

**Tuesday, 19**  
[Fine-Free Follow-up](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 19**  
 RCLS Personnel and Finance Committee,  
 RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 19**  
 RCLS Board, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 20**  
[Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively](#),  
 New City – 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 21**  
 LARC Executive Board, Sloatsburg – 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, 22**  
[RCLS Performers' Showcase](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, 25**  
 CLOUSC, Monroe – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 25**  
 System Services Committee  
 RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 27**  
[NYLA Library Advocacy Day](#), Albany

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Ramapo Catskill Library System  
presents

# 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.

This year we are asking our legislators for:

**Increasing Democratic Engagement through Adaptive Library Services - \$200M for Statewide Library Aid**

**\$75M for Library Capital Infrastructure Improvements**

During these sessions, we will discuss and learn how to empower ourselves as advocates 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?

**Wednesday,  
February 20,  
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

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

And don't forget to register using the [RCLS online calendar](#) to travel on a motor coach to Albany for NYLA Library Advocacy Day.



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	<a href="#">World Folktales</a>
10:15	Andy Morse	<a href="#">The Music Man</a>
10:30	Christine Adams	Black Sheep Arts/Felting Facebook page: Black Sheep Arts
10:45	Joe Fischer	<a href="#">Joe Fischer Magic</a>
11:00	KB Mercer	<a href="#">Traveling Lantern Theatre Co.</a>
11:15	Gabriele Tranchina	<a href="#">Jazz for Kids</a>
11:30	Robert Friedman	<a href="#">Drumming Celebration</a>
11:45	Pamela Golben	Frogs and Toads
12:00	David Engle	<a href="#">Pirate School</a>
12:15	Jonathan Kruk/ Tom McCoy	<a href="#">Finger Fables</a>
12:30	Dominic Rizzo	<a href="#">Rizzo's Wildlife World</a>
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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## NYLA Library

# 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

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Join us on the  
Motor Coaches  
to Albany!

