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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, March 18** 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.

Child Care Resources of Rockland Incorporated Children's Champion Awards

Child Care Resources of Rockland Incorporated, whose mission is to promote, support and enhance the healthy development of all children, has announced the 2019 Children's Champions to be presented at its 27th Annual Children's Champions Awards Celebration on **Wednesday, April 10**. The winner of The Dynamic Group Award is the Youth Services Librarians of the Library Association of Rockland County (LARC-YS).



LARC-YS Chair, Elyse Stoller of Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library, states, "The nominator was very interested in programs that some of the Rockland Libraries do like 1,000 Books before Kindergarten, Read-to-Me Summer Reading Clubs and visiting local daycare centers as the organization serves families with young children." LARC members also support each other by sharing ideas, resources and tips to better serve their community at meetings and via e-mail groups as part of their mission statement. Every fall, LARC-YS collects new books which are donated as their Give-a-Kid-a-Book campaign. In addition, LARC-YS donates to People-to-People, Jewish Family Center, and Center for Safety and Change. Members have marched together in the Nyack Halloween Parade as Book Characters to remind children of the joys of reading.

Congratulations LARC-YS!

NYLA YSS Spring Conference

Registration is now open for the New York Library Association (NYLA) Youth Services Section (YSS) Spring 2019 Conference, taking place on **Friday, April 26** at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tarrytown, NY. This year's theme is *Through The Looking Glass: Reflecting and Responding to an Ever Changing World*, which will celebrate the vibrant and diverse presence of youth services.

Keynote speaker Dr. Kimberly Parker, a literacy activist, is committed to literacy and to the promise of underrepresented and misunderstood youth. The luncheon speaker, Susan

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Take a Minute

It's easy to send a letter to your legislators and the Governor to speak up for library aid and the State Aid for Library Construction Program. The New York Library Association's [Online Advocacy Center](#) provides you with draft letters you can use as is or make your own!

Speak up today!



Kuklin, is the author of the Stonewall Honor Book *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* and the newly released *We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults*. Both have spent their careers advocating for the voices of those who often go unheard.

The 2019 Conference Planning Committee will also seek to help community members in need with a Diaper Drive for the Westchester County Diaper Bank. Diaper need is a crisis

affecting 1 in 3 American mothers, with parents often forced to choose between food, rent, and diapers. Attendees are asked to bring a donation to the conference to help families in need. In return, they will receive a raffle ticket.

For more information and registration, visit the [NYLA website](#). For the flyer containing the conference schedule and workshops, visit the [RCLS website](#).



ALA/PLA and Google Digital Skills Grant Program

The American Library Association (ALA) and the Public Library Association (PLA) are partnering with Google on a Digital Skills grant program for libraries throughout the 50 States. The grant will be for \$1,000 toward programming in the area of Assisting Job Seekers to Find or Prepare for Work and/or Empower Small Businesses to Grow Online.

This grant program has a quick turnaround and implementation process. The application for each state will be open for four weeks only. View the application steps on the [PLA website](#). ALA and PLA will fund 5-25 libraries in each state. Currently the application for Pennsylvania is open and can be viewed from [ALA as a PDF](#).

Once recaps of programs are received, all grantee libraries will be entered into a secondary selection process. Based on the effectiveness and impact of the programs they implemented, at least one library in each state will be awarded an additional \$3,000, with further expectations that the library will help promote its work with ALA, PLA and Google.

More information on this initiative is available on the [PLA website](#).



Photos of the Week



During the week of February 18, Assemblyman Colin Schmitt visited the Cornwall Public Library. Director Charlotte A. Dunaief gave him a tour, which he enjoyed thoroughly. Among the items Charlotte pointed out was the old Cornwall map from the library's Local History Collection.

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.

Webinar

✓ Administrative Teams: A New Approach for Friends Leadership

RESCHEDULED: Tuesday, March 19
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[Friends-GroupsNYLA-FLSWebinarAdministrative-Teams](#)

Looking for an alternative to the traditional Friends of the Library leadership model? Today's volunteers need flexibility in their involvement in community organizations. Coming from their work world, these volunteers want to provide input into how a task is completed, focusing on tangible results. Officer positions in most Friends organizations have so many duties that they are full-time jobs. It is unrealistic to recruit volunteers willing to devote the number of hours needed to provide careful oversight to such an important support group focused on the community library.

Register: [NYLA website](#) (Free to NYLA members)

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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](#).

March

Monday, 11

[Teen Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#),
 RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 11

[Mock Printz Committee](#), RCLS – 1:35 p.m.

Wednesday, 13

[Let's Chat about Library Directors & Trustees](#),
 Monroe – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 14

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

Monday, 18

[Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#)
 RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 18

[RCLS Board Meeting](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 19

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

Wednesday, 20

Orange County Census Complete County Committee,
 RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 21

LARC Ex Board, Spring Valley – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 25

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 25

CLOUSC, Chester – 9:30 a.m.

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RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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