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## RCLS Legislative Breakfast Displays

*Dan Hulse, RCLS Development Officer*

The RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting will be held on **Friday, September 13** at The Sullivan Event Center, Rock Hill, NY.

In the past, the legislators have been impressed with the varied displays showing programs and services that member libraries provide their patrons. Once again we are asking you to help by presenting visual displays showing the fabulous ways funding for your library benefits your community. Let your imagination run wild, put those artistic and snappy collage skills to good use. Go through your photos and look for snapshots that show all ages having fun at your library. Have a photo of a county and/or state legislator presenting your library with funding? Be sure to include it. Have a model of future expansion or renovations that you could bring along? Please do so. You may also bring handouts to put on the tables. Show legislators that your library offers the public much more than it did 10 or 15 years ago.

Displays can be a tri-fold exhibit on poster board with an easel backing, inside a Lucite display holder, a laptop with a PowerPoint presentation, or other options. Make sure your library's name and location are prominently noted on the display. All displays need to be **registered with Dan Hulse** at RCLS (ext. 245 or [e-mail](#)). Let me know if your display needs an electrical connection to operate. If you will be attending the breakfast, please bring the display early that morning. You will also be required to take the display with you when you leave the breakfast. If you or a representative will not be able to attend, drop off the display at the System no later than **Wednesday, September 11**. If you have any questions, contact me. Thank you and we look forward to seeing your displays!

Register for this event using the [RCLS online calendar](#).

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## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Stony Point: Library expansion plans have stalled but are not forgotten](#) | LoHud.com 7.22.19
- [Libraries awarded grant for summer reading programs](#) | MidHudsonNews.com 7.19.19
- [Goshen's 'miracle' library celebrates grand opening](#) | The Chronicle 7.17.19

### National

- [Cleveland library offers an outstanding collection of non-traditional items](#) | Cleveland.com 7.21.19
- [How public libraries can help prepare us for the future](#) | Big News Network 7.19.19
- [Your Local Library May Have A New Offering In Stock: A Resident Social Worker](#) | WBHM 7.17.19
- [Libraries upset at publishers' new limits on digital books](#) | The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch 7.1.19

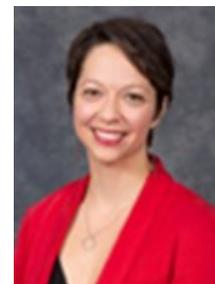
### International

- [Sweden's bokbåten is a floating library that brings books to residents of remote islands](#) | MNN.com 7.1.19

## NYLA Announces Incoming Council Members

The New York Library Association (NYLA) has announced the incoming council members for the 2020 Council. Two members are from the RCLS service area:

**Claudia Depkin, President-Elect (2019-2020) / President (2020-2021):** Claudia Depkin is currently the Director of the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library. During her time as a NYLA member, she has served as the NYLA Treasurer and President of the Leadership & Management Section. Depkin is also a co-creator of the NYLA Sustainability Initiative.



**Grace Riario, Treasurer-Elect (2019-2021) / Treasurer (2021-2023):** Grace Riario has been an active member of NYLA, serving as a Councilor-at-Large from 2015-2018. She is currently the Interim Executive Director of the Ramapo Catskill Library System.



Congratulations!

## Trending: An End to Library Fines

[End Library Fines, July 18](#)

The movement towards eliminating library fines has found a place online at [End Library Fines](#). Created by librarian [Andy Woodworth](#), the website offers the latest research on ending library fines, current media articles about libraries eliminating their fines, and a constantly updated map (right) showing which libraries around the world have eliminated all or most of their fines. As more and more libraries look to eliminate this barrier to access, the need for information on the topic grows for librarians, library supporters, and decision makers such as elected officials, deans and provosts, and the general public.



## Your Library Needs to Speak to You

[American Libraries feature, June](#)

Carrie Smith writes, “Paige can recommend a book and tell you about resources available at her school library. And she’s always ready with a joke if you need one. Included in her comic cache: ‘The past, present, and future walked into the library. It was tense!’ Paige isn’t a librarian. She’s not even human. She’s a chatbot—a basic virtual assistant, programmed with a decision tree of potential questions, their answers, and code telling the bot how to respond. Cynthia Sandler, Library Media Specialist at North Salem (NY) Middle School and High School, created Paige in 2017 to help her students interact with the library through its website.”



## Photos of the Week



The iconic Woodstock couple pictured on the original Woodstock album visited the Pine Bush Area Public Library on Thursday evening, July 18. Nick and Bobbi Ercoline wowed the crowd with a video presentation of actual music and never-before seen photos of the 1969 Woodstock event. The gracious couple, who are also celebrating a big 50th wedding anniversary, wowed the crowd with personal stories of the three-day festival held in Bethel, NY. The visit by the Ercolines to the library was a presentation billed as "A Universal Happening!!", a part of the Library's adult Summer Reading themed programs. Pictured above from left to right, top row: Rebecca Cannon, Library Clerk; Doris Callan, Director; Karen Fox, Adult Program Coordinator. Bottom row: Bobbi and Nick Ercoline

*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.*

## 2020 Class of ALA Emerging Leaders

The American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications for the 2020 class of Emerging Leaders (EL). Details on the program criteria as well as a link to the application can be found on the [Emerging Leaders web page](#).

The deadline to apply is **Friday, August 30**. [Apply now](#).

The ALA EL program is a leadership development program which enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts participants on the fast track to ALA committee volunteerism as well as other professional library-related organizations.

An ALA division, round table, ethnic affiliate, state chapter or school library media affiliate will sponsor approximately two-thirds of the selected applicants. Each sponsor will contribute a minimum of \$1,000 toward expenses of attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference (\$500 for each conference). Sponsorship is not required for participation in the program. A list of sponsoring units is included as part of the online application.

For more information, visit the [Emerging Leaders web page](#) or contact the EL project manager at [emergingleaders@ala.org](mailto:emergingleaders@ala.org). The ALA Emerging Leaders program is managed by the ALA [Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment](#) (HRDR).

## August Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

### ✓ Mandatory Construction Workshop

**Thursday, August 1**

**Location:** RCLS Headquarters

This workshop will provide an in-depth discussion on how to prepare a successful New York State Public Library Construction Aid application.

The mandatory morning session (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) will delve into the nitty-gritty details of the online application and other grant requirements. The person directly involved in preparing the application must attend this workshop – no exceptions.

During the optional afternoon session (12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.), participants will complete several required documents together.

Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

**CE Hours:** 3 for Construction

**Presenter:** Stephen Hoefer, RCLS Fiscal Officer

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ System Orientation

**Wednesday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS Headquarters

Attendees will first meet with the RCLS Interim Executive Director to gain an overview of the System. Visitors will then walk through the building and meet with department supervisors who will explain the services their departments provide to member libraries. Attendees will also have ample opportunity to ask questions.

**Presenter:** Grace Riario, RCLS Interim Executive Director

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ Vidcode Training

**Wednesday, August 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Location:** RCLS Headquarters

This workshop is for library staff to learn about Vidcode. The first part will review the basics that were covered in the first Vidcode workshop. The second part will go into more advanced functions of Vidcode. If your library did not sign up for Vidcode, but you would like to learn what it's all about, you may attend this workshop.

**CE Hours:** 2 for Technology

**Presenter:** Leandra Tejedor, Vidcode co-founder

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

## August Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

### ✓ The 2020 Census: Why it Matters and How Libraries Can Help

**Tuesday, August 6 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The 2020 Census is coming! Join First Tuesdays for an overview of the Census and discover how it will be different from prior censuses. Learn how to identify and reach undercounted populations in your community, and get tips for how libraries can leverage or establish programs and partnerships to help support a complete and accurate count. Presented by [Krystal Corbray](#), [Yakima Valley Libraries](#).

Register: [First Tuesdays website](#)

### ✓ Hooray for Freedom! Part Two: Developing Policies in Support of Ethical Practice

**Thursday, August 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Building on part one, *Hooray for Freedom! Privacy, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Freedom in the Library*, this webinar will help you assess your library's current policies and procedures within a legal context, and help you draft specific policy language. We'll explore considerations for libraries of all sizes in order to codify the library profession's values for our institutions.

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

### ✓ Why Wikipedia Matters for Health and Medical Information

**Wednesday, August 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Wikipedia is a go-to resource for health and medical information, not just for the general public but for health care providers as well. Over 50% of physicians, and 94% of medical students use Wikipedia to find medical information on the internet. It may be popular but library staff want to know how reliable it is and how to assess quality on behalf of their patrons. The National Network of Librarians of Medicine (NNLM) supports strengthening the ability of public libraries nationwide to find reliable and authoritative medical and health information online for information seekers. Hear how Liz Waltman from the NNLM connects with WikiProject Medicine, an organization of volunteers dedicated to developing, maintaining, and promoting accurate medical information on Wikipedia. Learn about the upcoming online training program *Wikipedia + Libraries: Health and Medical Information* that will empower you to confidently guide your patrons to reliable resources on the internet. The free, four-week course will be offered in the fall of 2019.

**Presenters:** Betha Gutsche, WebJunction Program Manager, OCLC; and Liz Waltman, Outreach, Education and Communications Coordinator, Southeastern/Atlantic Region, National Network of Librarians of Medicine

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

### ✓ Library Technology Planning for Today and Tomorrow

**Tuesday, August 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Technology changes at a dizzying pace – so how do we plan for and implement these changes in libraries? A robust technology plan can help you create an environment that truly meets the needs of the community your library serves. The prospect of technology planning can seem overwhelming and time-consuming, especially in an already short-staffed library. This webinar will help libraries create a framework for their technology planning and introduce the tools and decisions that need to be incorporated into a working plan. Join us to learn how to successfully develop and implement a practical technology plan that can help move your library and community forward.

**Presenter:** **Diana Silveira**, Librarian, President of Novare Library Services, and author of *Library Technology Planning for Today and Tomorrow*

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

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## Poet Laureate of Sullivan County to Appear in Wurtsboro

Mark Blackford, the first Sullivan County Poet Laureate will be reading his work at the Mamakating Library, 128 Sullivan Street in Wurtsboro on **Friday, August 9** at 7 p.m.



Mark graduated from Monticello High School in 2006. From there, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and Contemporary Literature from Valdosta State University in Georgia. After pursuing graduate studies in education and teaching high school English in North Carolina, he returned home to Sullivan County.

As Poet Laureate, Mark promotes the "spirit of Sullivan County" and is an ambassador and leading voice for encouraging the appreciation of reading and writing poetry for children and adults. Currently plans are being made for Mark to visit the Livingston Manor Free Library in October, the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and the Western Sullivan Public Library. In addition, he will be visiting classrooms in the Monticello Central School District.

All members of the public are invited to the Mamakating Library event. Those attending are welcome to listen and share original works during the open mic portion of the evening. Contact [Peggy Johansen](#), Director of the Mamakating Library for more information.

## 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](#).

### July

**Wednesday, 31**

[Fall Management Professional Development Scholarship](#) – Applications Due at RCLS by 4:00 p.m.

### August

**Thursday, 1**

[Mandatory Construction Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 1**

[Introduction to Finding Grants](#), Newburgh – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 7**

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

**Friday, 9**

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 12**

RCLS Bylaws/Policy Review Committee, RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 13**

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 14**

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

**Thursday, 15**

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 19**

CLOUSC Planning Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, 19**

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

**Monday, 19**

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

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# MANDATORY Construction Workshop

Thursday,  
August 1,  
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Optional:

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## Presenter

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# System Orientation

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**Wednesday,  
August 7,  
2019**

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

**Ramapo Catskill  
Library System**

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Middletown, NY  
845.243.3747

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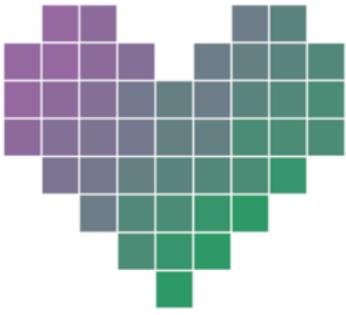
Join RCLS staff for System Orientation at RCLS. Any member library's employees, trustees or Friends are invited. Attendees will meet with the RCLS Interim Executive Director to gain an overview of what position RCLS plays with its member libraries. Then visitors will walk through the building and meet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

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, August 5. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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## Training

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August 28,  
2019**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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