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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Thursday, December 19 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Pleased that over 85% of the member libraries voted to approve the RCLS 2020 Budget.
- Congratulated Mary Lou Carolan, Assistant Director of the Newburgh Free Library for being chosen as the key contact to advocate for New York State libraries on the national level.
- Noted that 2019/2020 State and Assembly aid were distributed to libraries. Libraries are encouraged to send letters to their legislators asking for aid.
- Advised continuing to write Letters to the Editors of local newspapers in support of libraries.
- Said farewell to three Trustees: Martha Anderson, Carl S. Berkowitz and Lynn Skolnick.
- Save the date: **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** for NYLA Library Advocacy Day.
- Save the date: **Friday, September 25, 2020** for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting at the Bear Mountain Inn & Conference Center, Bear Mountain, NY. RCLS staff will check on discounted rates for anyone wishing to stay overnight.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the December Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 21** at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports and Executive Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Grace Riario at RCLS (243.3747, ext. 233 or [e-mail](#)).

Happy Holidays

RCLS will be **closed** Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25.

No deliveries will be made on these days.

No *RCLS Weekly Memo* will be issued the week of December 30.

News Worthy

Regional

- [Mid-Hudson Library System achieves 'Green Business Certification'](#) | Mid-Hudson Library System | Daily Freeman 12.9.19

National

- ['Summer slide' is real, even after summer program, Schenectady school officials find](#) | The Daily Gazette 12.15.19
- [Libraries take leading role in 2020 Census](#) | Albany Times Union 12.13.19
- [Why It's Time to Quantify the Library's Role in the Reading Marketplace](#) | Publishers Weekly 12.13.19
- [Is My Library Liable for Fake News?](#) | American Libraries Magazine 12.13.19
- [Los Angeles Libraries Announce Plan to Eliminate Late Fees](#) | NBC Los Angeles 12.13.19
- [Public libraries are now mental health resource centers](#) | Axios 12.11.19
- [Public libraries are the crazy, radical ideas that might save society](#) | Rice Institute for Urban Research 12.5.19
- [Library Systems: Ex Libris Announces Agreement to Acquire Innovative](#) | Info Docket 12.5.19
- [What Are the Larger Implications of Ex Libris Buying Innovative?](#) | ITHAKA-SR 12.5.19

NYLA Sustainability Initiative

MHLS Bulletin, 12.17.2019

In August, NYLA Sustainability Initiative Co-Founders Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and Matthew Bollerman (*pictured right*) were invited to present at the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) World Congress in Athens, Greece. While there, they also stopped by to pick up the Green Library Runner Up Award for the New York Library Association (NYLA) for the Sustainability Initiative. This award is administered by the Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Special Interest Group (ENSULIB) of IFLA. The award notes NYLA's Sustainability Initiative as "...an initiative whose strengths are relevance, visibility and global impressiveness on going green. It brings out the emphasis of green libraries as practical contributors to environmental sustainability. The initiative also showed political courage." NYLA is the first United States organization to be recognized through this award program!



NYS Library Exhibit

The December 21, 1879 edition of *The New York Herald* contained the story of Thomas Edison's invention of the incandescent light bulb. This month, 140 years later, the New York State Library exhibits items from our collections about the inventors of lightbulbs and the harnessers of electricity: Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse, Nikola Tesla, Charles Proteus Steinmetz, and the General Electric Company. Each of these inventors, as well as GE, has a connection to New York State.

More information about the exhibit, which will be on display through the end of December, is available on the [Library's website](#).



Forthcoming Bestsellers

The Winter 2020 issue of [Forthcoming Bestsellers](#), a handy guide to up-and-coming new books, is now online. Member libraries' staff can duplicate or direct their patrons to the PDF.

This list is one of four produced during the year as predicted and derived from *Publisher's Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Booklist*, *Brodart* or *Baker & Taylor* lists, etc. According to the publishers' schedules, the titles will be released during the upcoming three months.

For best results, place copies of the list near your New Books area or at the Circulation Desk.

The Editors for this edition are Terry Eagle, Haverstraw King's Daughter Public Library; Nancy Moskowitz, New City Library; and Eileen Acosta, RCLS.

Photos of the Week



On Tuesday, December 10, over 125 people gathered at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. Bakers, judges, volunteers, sponsors and taste testers were thrilled with a wide array of holiday cookies and displays created by 20 dedicated bakers. The event was sponsored by the Friends group as a fundraiser. The event was certainly the most delicious program of the year!



Barb Schmitt

THE 1st HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE-OFF

And the winners are...

Overall Winner
Ruggelach
by Bobbi Rudick

Drop Cookies
Kiss of Mint Cookies
by Dominic Murry

Bar Cookies
Matcha Checkerboards
by Aidan Dusenbury

Decorated Cookies
Raspberry Sandwich Cookies
by Barb Schmitt



Dominic Murry



Wisconsin Library Class Helps Parkinson's Patients

Racine (WI) Journal Times, Dec. 15

Tucked away in one of the Burlington (Wis.) Public Library's meeting rooms, a dedicated group of area residents has been attending a weekly Wednesday afternoon class. They come from all walks of life, but share one important common denominator: They have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Racine resident Jane DePelecyn is among the dozen attendees of Movement and Music, a 10-week class at the library. "I really work hard at exercising to keep my flexibility," DePelecyn said. "It's a real good incentive to keep steady." The Wisconsin Parkinson Association has been overseeing the classes in Burlington and elsewhere.



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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](#).

December

Tuesday, 24—Wednesday, 25
Christmas Holiday—RCLS CLOSED
NO DELIVERIES

January

Wednesday, 1
New Year's Day—RCLS CLOSED
NO DELIVERIES

Monday, 6
[Mock Caldecott and Newberry Award Discussion](#), RCLS – 9:00 a.m. (snow date: Tuesday, January 7)

Monday, 6
[Mock Printz Award Discussion](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m. (snow date: Tuesday, January 7)

Wednesday, 8
 Directors Association Annual Meeting, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

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

Tuesday, 14
[LARC-YS Mock Discussion](#), Valley Cottage – 9:30 a.m. (snow date: Wednesday, January 15)

Wednesday, 15
 CTUG, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 16
 MHVSHRM Event, RCLS – 8:00 a.m.

Monday, 20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—RCLS CLOSED
NO DELIVERIES

Tuesday, 21
 RCLS Board Meeting, – 6:30 p.m.

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NYLA Advocacy Day 2020

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Tuesday, February 25

CONVENIENT MOTOR COACH LOCATIONS and DEPARTURE TIMES!
(PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE - MOTOR COACHES LEAVE ON TIME)

- West Nyack 6:45 a.m. (Palisades Center)
- Newburgh 7:30 a.m. (Newburgh Mall)
- New Paltz 7:45 a.m. (Thruway Exit 18 Park & Ride)
- 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 provided on the motor coaches.

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.
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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

LET US KNOW IF DRIVING YOURSELF

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



QUESTIONS?

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