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RCLS Board Meeting

The materials for the **Tuesday, February 18** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at RCLS.



This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.

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URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Speak Up for New York State Libraries

We need your help to get our legislators to restore State Aid to libraries and library systems and to restore Construction Aid that the Governor has proposed cutting in his 2020-2021 Executive Budget.

If you are able, please join us for New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day in Albany on **Tuesday, February 25**. Here is the [link to the flyer](#) with all of the information you need about motor coach pickup locations and departure times.



I am a **LIBRARY CHAMPION**

Whether you ride the motor coach or drive yourself, register using the [RCLS Calendar](#) to join our delegation.

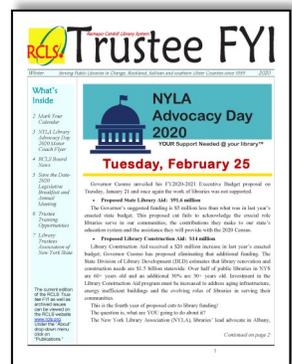
If you are unable to attend in person, contact your [legislator using NYLA's Online Advocacy Center](#). It is easy to use and an effective way to let your legislators know that you care about libraries and want them to support State Aid for libraries and library systems.

Trustee FYI

The Winter edition of the [RCLS Trustee FYI](#) is on its way to member library trustees, directors, Friends presidents and is also posted in PDF format on the RCLS website. An [archive of Trustee FYIs](#) can also be found on the website.

This issue's lead article is "NYLA Advocacy Day 2020." Be a Library Champion and advocate for your library at home and in Albany on **Tuesday, February 25!**

Other articles you and your trustees will enjoy reading are: "RCLS Board News," "Save the Date 2020 Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting," "Trustee Training Opportunities" and "Library Trustees Association of New York State."



News Worthy

Regional

- [Newburgh holds Census job fair](#) | Times Hudson Valley Media 1.29.20

National

- [Strategies to Make Your Public Library Welcoming to LGBTQ+ Patrons](#) | Book Riot 1.27.20
- [Last Year, Americans Averaged Nearly Twice As Many Trips To The Library As To The Movie Theater](#) | Forbes 1.25.20
- [In U.S., Library Visits Outpaced Trips to Movies in 2019](#) | Gallup 1.24.20
- [Information or community center: The next generation of libraries must be both](#) | BDCNetwork 1.23.20
- [Everyone invited: 'Great Gatsby' copyright to end in 2021](#) | Times Herald Record 1.22.20



NYLA Library Advocacy Day is **Tuesday, February 25**.

The deadline to register for the motor coach to Albany is **Thursday, February 20**.

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

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

Public Libraries Reach Record-High Ebook/Audiobook Usage

[Rakuten OverDrive, Jan. 8](#)

Due to their creative efforts in curation, managing multiple lending models, and engaging patrons, librarians helped drive public library circulation of digital books to record highs in 2019.



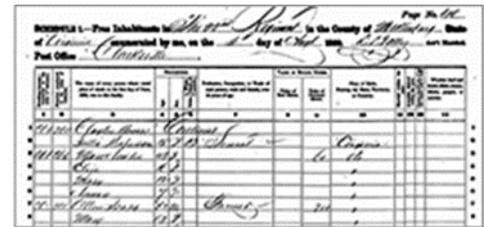
Libraries and schools around the world enabled their patrons and students to check out 326 million ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines in the past 12 months, a 20% increase over 2018. Publishers and authors benefited from the library's role as a valued discovery channel which resulted in record library sales of digital titles across all genres for all audiences.

Editor's note: RCLS OverDrive eContent circulation increase 32% in 2019.

Five Tips for Using Census Records in Genealogy Research

[Are You My Cousin?](#)

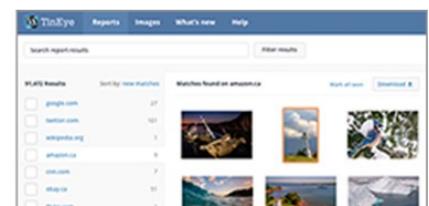
Lisa Lisson writes, "Census records are some of the first records genealogy researchers begin with. Whether you are a seasoned genealogy researcher or a brand new researcher, understanding the basics of census research is essential to finding your ancestors. While the [five tips](#) in this post are from US census records, the strategies apply to census research for any country."



Tips on Spotting Fake Images

[Poynter, Jan. 7](#)

Cristina Tardáguila writes: "Military conflicts—like the one that is sparking between the United States and Iran – are usually surrounded by false images and outdated videos that go viral on social media. It happened in [Turkey](#) a while ago. To avoid that misinformation scenario, the International



Fact-Checking Network developed a [step-by-step guide](#) to teach citizens how to verify images, from asking simple and rhetorical questions to using reverse image searches on cell phones."

Photos of the Week



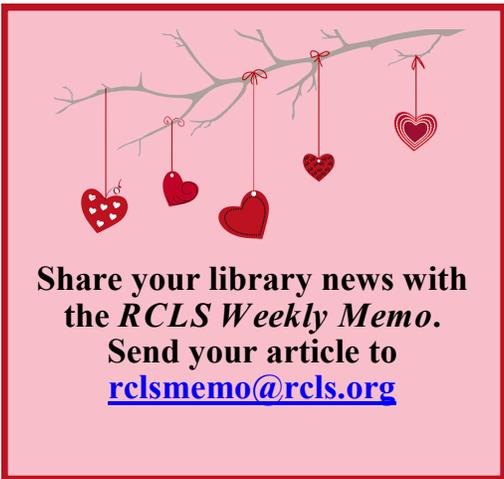
On Tuesday, January 14 at Valley Cottage Library, the Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) Youth Services members discussed new children's books and made their choices for the Caldecott and Newbery Medals.

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.

Meeting the Needs of Those with Alzheimer's and Dementia

The St. Charles (CA) Public Library's Outreach Services Team members share how they developed all original older adult programming with an emphasis on education, engagement, stimulating the senses, incorporating technology, and having fun. The team presents more than twenty-five programs a month that reach over three hundred older adults. This webinar demonstrates how they discover and develop ideas to better serve this growing demographic; no matter the library, community, or budget. View the one-hour, free webinar on the [WebJunction website](#).



Share your library news with the *RCLS Weekly Memo*.
Send your article to rellsmemo@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, 10

Battle of the Books and RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12

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

Wednesday, 12

LARC Teen Librarians, Haverstraw – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12

[Census Training for Youth Staff](#), Haverstraw – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, 13

RCLS Coalition for Librarians of Color, RCLS – 10:30 a.m.
(Snow date: Tuesday, 18)

Monday, 17

**Presidents Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Tuesday, 18

ANSER Committee, BlueJeans – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 18

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 19

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

Wednesday, 19

[Resilience Film Viewing and Discussion](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 20

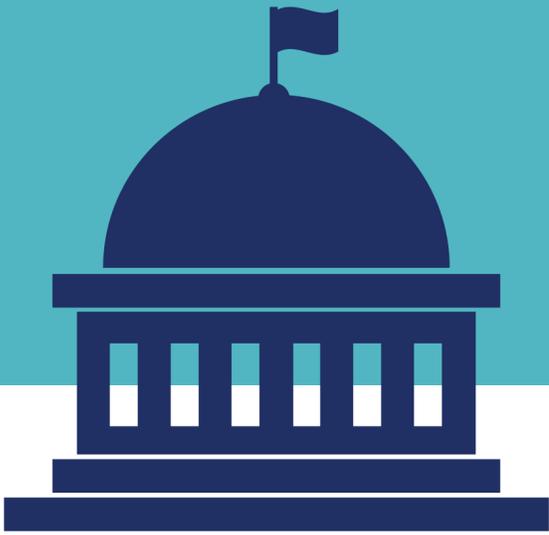
MHVSHRM Event, RCLS – 8:00 a.m.
(Mid-Hudson Valley Society for Human Resource Management)

Friday, 21

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

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NYLA Advocacy Day 2020

YOUR Support Needed @ your library™

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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