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## RCLS Board Meeting



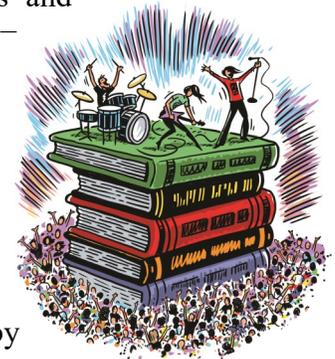
The materials for the **Monday, March 19** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

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

## It's time to ROCK!

*Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services Consultant*

The **Libraries Rock!** summer reading program workshop for children's services librarians and staff is just around the corner – **Monday, March 19** at the **Chester Public Library**. The program will start at 9:30 a.m. (with coffee at 9:15 a.m.) and end at 3:00 p.m. To register and view an informational flyer, visit the [RCLS calendar](#).



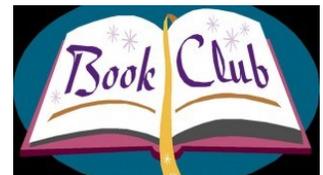
Volunteers needed! Rock on as a volunteer at the program by presenting a craft, sharing a program or activity idea or anything else that will rock the stratosphere.

Look through the manual or elsewhere and see if anything catches your eye – theme-related or just fabulous and let me know what you want to do – as soon as possible – and I'll add you to the list. I look forward to hearing from you.

Spring is close at hand and those rockin' days of summer will be here before we know it. Don't get caught between a rock and a hard place, ramp up your summer planning up by participating in the March 19 workshop. Register and volunteer now.

## Got an Interesting Book Club?

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is compiling a list of creative book club ideas for a forthcoming book project with ALA Publishing. If your book club is featured in our book, you will be acknowledged in the publication.



To share your book club with ALA, [complete a brief, 12-question online survey](#). The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Questions? Contact:

- Sarah Ostman, Communications Manager, ALA's Public Programs Office, [sostman@ala.org](mailto:sostman@ala.org)
- Stephanie Saba, Senior Librarian, S an Mateo County Libraries, [sabas@smcl.org](mailto:sabas@smcl.org)

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Ebooks are ready whenever you are](#) | The Chronicle 3.1.18
- [Virtual reality sessions at Monroe Library](#) | The Photo News 2.27.18
- [Florida Library budget vote on April 5](#) | The Warwick Advertiser 2.22.18

### National

- [3 women go on record with allegations against Sherman Alexie](#) | The Seattle Times 3.6.18
- [It's the library users without gloves I worry about](#) | The Guardian 3.3.18
- [Dolly Parton Gives The Gift Of Literacy: A Library Of 100 Million Books](#) | WNYC 3.1.18
- [The last thing Americans needs are fewer library hours](#) | The Hill 3.1.18
- [Lemony Snicket cancels speech amid harassment allegations](#) | Star Tribune 3.1.18
- [Portland schools, library collaborate on new all-access card](#) | The Forecaster 2.20.18
- [Guns in the Library | Safety & Security](#) | Library Journal 2.5.18

## National Library Legislative Day

*Robert Hubsher, RCLS Executive Director*

National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) is **May 7-8, 2018**. Registration is open.

You can find out more about NLLD and register by visiting the [ALA website](#).

Hotel accommodation at the NLLD hotel (Liaison Hotel) is limited and may already be fully booked. Hotels that are either in Washington DC or in nearby Virginia and Maryland with ready access to the Metro, which comes into Union Station, not far from the Liaison Hotel or the legislative office buildings can be found on the [Your DC Hotels website](#). In many cases these hotels will be less expensive.



As many of you already know the White House proposed eliminating the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and hundreds of millions of dollars dedicated to America's libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

LSTA funding is essential to New York State as these funds help to support the State Library, the Division of Library Development and the NOVELny program. NLLD is an opportunity to let our representatives know the importance and value of libraries and how essential federal funding is for New York libraries.

Please consider joining the New York delegation. If you have any questions, please contact me at RCLS ([rhubsher@rcls.org](mailto:rhubsher@rcls.org) or ext. 242).

## 2018 WHCLIST Award

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) and the ALA Washington Office are calling for nominations for the 2018 WHCLIST Award. This award is granted to a **non-librarian participant of National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)**. The winner receives a stipend of \$300 and two free nights at the Liaison Hotel. This year, NLLD will be held on May 7-8 in Washington, D.C. To qualify for the award, applicants should be a library supporter (trustee, Friend, general supporter) and not a professional librarian, and first-time attendee of NLLD.

To apply for the WHCLIST award, submit a completed NLLD registration form; a letter explaining why you should receive the award; and a letter of reference from a library director, school librarian, library board chair, Friends group chair, or other library representative to:

Lisa Lindle, American Library Association, 1615 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, First Floor, Washington, DC 20009, [llindle@alawash.org](mailto:llindle@alawash.org).

Application materials must be submitted no later than **Monday, April 2**.

## Photo of the Week



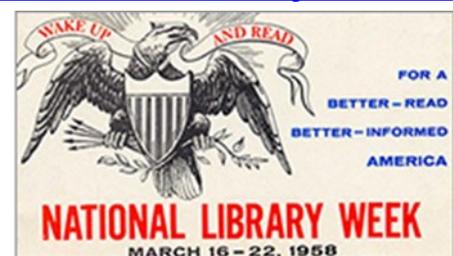
Diane Aimone, Teen Librarian at the Albert Wisner Public Library in Warwick, demonstrates how to make a piano with a Makey Makey kit and bananas at the RCLS Teen Librarians' Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop which took place at the Chester Public Library on Monday, March 5. Yes, you can try this in your own library! For information visit the [LibraryMakers website](#).

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.

## 60 Years of National Library Week

*[American Libraries feature, Mar./Apr.](#); [Library History Buff](#); [American Libraries, Apr. 13, 2016](#)*

Greg Landgraf writes: "ALA and the American Book Publishers Council formed the National Book Committee in 1954 to fight the decline in reading. One of their ideas was a National Library Week. The concept wasn't new. At the 1922 ALA Annual Conference, the Publicity Committee had [proposed](#) a weeklong celebration of libraries. It took more than 35 years for the idea to go national, however. The NBC drew up plans for the [first NLW](#) to be held March 16–22, 1958."



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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

#### Wednesday, 14

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

#### Monday, 19

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

#### Monday, 19

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

#### Tuesday, 20

Spring Begins

#### Monday, 26

CLOUSC, Tuxedo Park – 9:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, 29

LARC-Adult Services, Nanuet – 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, 29

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

#### Friday, 30

**Orange/Ulster BOCES Spring Recess Day –  
RCLS CLOSED**

### April

#### Monday, 2

RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 10:15 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 4

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

#### Saturday, 7

[Orientation—Trustee Education Session 101](#),  
Highland Falls – 10:00 a.m.

#### Monday, 9

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

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