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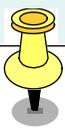
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RCLS Board Meeting

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.

Please feel free to attend.



LIBRARY ADVOCACY ALERT

Jeremy Johannesen, CAE,

Executive Director, New York Library Association

Thanks to the efforts of thousands of library advocates from across New York State, our voices were heard! The NYS Legislature has released their “one house” budget proposals for this year’s budget – and those bills include the single largest increase in funding to the Library Construction Aid Program EVER – a **\$50M addition to the program, for a total of \$64M!!** This is in addition to both houses restoring the Governor’s proposed \$4M cut to Library Aid.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

We are extremely grateful for the leadership and dedication of Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Libraries, and Senator Patty Ritchie, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries, for this proposed historic investment. They have fought to ensure library issues were part of every budget discussion.

Even though these proposals look very similar, they are simply the basis for three-way negotiations leading up to passage of the NY State Budget.

OUR WORK IS FAR FROM DONE!

In order to ensure that these proposals arrive intact in the final NYS Budget, **WE NEED YOU!**

Even if you have already sent in a letter via the NYLA Online Advocacy Center this year, now is the time to **DO IT AGAIN! A **NEW LETTER** is in the system that calls upon your representatives to fight to keep this proposed funding for libraries!**

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Our collective success depends on YOU!

Spread the word! Share this information, post it to FaceBook, Tweet about it, get everyone you know who loves their library to ‘Give two clicks!’ and add their voice!

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CHAMPION

Together we can ensure that this historic investment in our libraries infrastructure doesn’t slip through our fingers.

Excelsior!

Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries Project Materials Now Available

New York State Librarian Bernard A. Margolis has announced that *Guidance for Implementing Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries* and an *Opioid Overdose Prevention Program Policy and Procedures Template* are now available on the [State Library website](#).

To help combat the continuing rise in opioid related deaths in New York State, State laws were amended in 2016 to allow New York State's public libraries to administer opioid antagonists (naloxone) in library facilities by partnering with a New York State Department of Health Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

As part of a coordinated statewide effort, the New York State Library, the State Education Department, the State Department of Health, the New York Library Association, the Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO), and the Harm Reduction Coalition collaborated to create *Guidance for Implementing Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries* to help all New York State libraries implement their own opioid overdose prevention programs.

If you have any questions about the *Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries* project, contact your public library system director or Frank Rees, Library Development Specialist, Division of Library Development, New York State Library at francis.rees@nysed.gov or 518.474.1565.



Transforming Preschool Storytime

Join the Transforming Preschool Storytime Workshop to be held at RCLS on **Wednesday, April 25** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Create and present versatile



early literacy programs and engaging storytimes for the families you work with! Whether you are just starting a new program or are exploring ways to build family engagement at your institution, this interactive workshop will provide a practical model for integrating the five practices of Every Child Ready to Read and inspire you to build school readiness and 21st century skills into your programs. For more information, visit the [Mother Goose on the Loose website](#).

The workshop presenter is Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen, MLS, DCD, who is known for educating children's librarians and early childhood professionals by combining research findings with practical programming.

Registration is required by **Sunday, April 22**. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today!

APPLY NOW:

"The Great American Read" Grants

Public libraries may apply for [grants to host public programs around the PBS series "The Great American Read,"](#) an eight-part television and online series designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved, and shaped us.

"The Great American Read" will engage audiences with a list of 100 diverse books, encouraging audiences to read the books, vote from the list of 100, and share their personal connections to the titles.

Fifty U.S. public libraries will be selected through a competitive application process to receive a cash grant to support programs and events related to "The Great American Read." Selected libraries will also receive a programming kit, developed by American Library Association and PBS, which will help public libraries participate in a national conversation about reading and books, including those featured in the series that highlight themes of love, heroes, villains, other worlds and self-discovery.

[Read the full project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **Tuesday, April 17**.



Photo of the Week



In celebration of Barbie's 59th birthday, March 9, 2018, Highland Falls Library filled the library's display case with all things Barbie.

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.

Forthcoming Bestsellers

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator
The Spring 2018 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.

The Editors for this edition are Mary Duffy, Monroe Free Library and Eileen Acosta, RCLS.

Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award 2018

The Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award honors a volunteer member or group of the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends organizations. Sponsored by the Empire Friends Library, the advocacy award was given to Dan Casey posthumously in 1995 and renamed the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award to honor the memory of one who worked as an effective library advocate for 41 years. The 2018 award will be presented at the Empire Friends annual meeting at the NYLA Conference in Rochester on **Friday, November 9.**

The nomination form can be found on [NYLA's Web page](#). Submit the nomination form and relevant supporting materials (clippings of press releases, promotional materials, etc.) electronically to Marie Bindeman mariebind1955@gmail.com or by mail to Marie Bindeman, 5498 Hartford Drive, Lockport, NY 14094 by **Sunday, July 1.** Paper copies sent by mail will not be returned. For further information contact Marie at mariebind1955@gmail.com or call

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To add information, contact [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).

March

Monday, 19

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

Monday, 19

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

Friday, 23

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

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.

Monday, 9

[Adult Programmers Roundtable](#),
Washingtonville – 9:30 a.m.

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