



# Weekly Memo

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## Board Talking Points



At its Monday, March 19, meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- [Randall Enos presented](#) to the RCLS Board the services the Youth Services Consultant offers to member libraries.
- Approved the purchase of a new Sprinter delivery van.
- Reviewed and approved the 2017 RCLS State Annual Report.
- Awarded \$250 Management Professional Development Scholarships to Casey Conlin from the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library and Lisa Palmer from the Wallkill Public Library.
- Twelve member libraries will participate in a trial of the *Fine Free Project* in September.
- Robert Hubsher will present sessions on May 30, 2018 for ALA Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) and on June 23, 2018 at the ALA Conference.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the March Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website ([Minutes/Financial Reports](#), [Assistant Director's Report](#) and [Executive Director's Report](#)). Questions about the Talking Points should be directed to Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

## TBBL Interest

The Library of Congress National Library Service (NLS) has kicked off a national television and radio campaign promoting FREE Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) services. The campaign launched on outlets including National Public Radio, the History Channel, and the Hallmark Channel. The commercials will run at three-week intervals through late 2019. New York State public libraries may receive questions from their community members about how they, a family member or a friend would apply for access to free talking book and braille library program services. Information on eligibility and application for these FREE services are available from the [New York State Library Talking Book and Braille Library](#).

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Public Libraries: New York Library Association Releases Siena Research Institute Findings](#) | Library Journal 3.10.18
- [Queens Library Will No Longer Offer Plastic Shopping Bags to Customers](#) | Queens Post 2.23.18

### National

- [Vancouver library prohibits staff from giving naloxone](#) | Toronto Globe and Mail 3.16.18

Libraries across Canada have long served as valuable spaces for homeless persons, offering respite from the outdoors, books and internet access, and a space to rest or socialize. As overdose deaths began to soar several years ago, fueled by the arrival of illicit fentanyl, many libraries responded by introducing new overdose policies such as voluntary naloxone training. But at Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library, workers are prohibited from administering the drug, even if they have sought out training on their own.



## Cragsmoor Free Library Art Collection Online

The Cragsmoor Free Library was started by artists who were attracted to the extraordinary natural beauty of the area, their spouses and many local residents who obtained a provisional charter from New York State in 1913. Their art books were donated and kept in several locations until Frederick S. Dellenbaugh (explorer, author and artist) donated the land and designed the Library building. It was built from 1923 to 1925 by local craftsmen (some of whose families still live there). The founders of the Cragsmoor Art Colony, which flourished for almost 70 years, and their contemporaries donated many works to the library soon after the inception of the building. These gifts have created a unique collection, which is augmented by local present-day artists. More artists live and work in Cragsmoor today than during the time of the original art colony.

The Cragsmoor Free Library Art Collection is now available to view online on the [library's website](#).

## SENY-Con

SENY-Con is an annual conference to highlight the unique talents and skills that are held by the library professionals in the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) region. This event is made possible due to an outpouring of enthusiasm from their members, and the event is free for all Southeastern members.

The event will take place **Friday, April 13** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the SENYLRC Conference Room. Members are free and non-members cost is \$10. Lunch is \$10 for all. For more information, check out the [SENYLRC website](#). To register, visit the [SENYLRC website](#).



## Weeding Your Library Collection

Learn how to keep your library collection user-friendly, increase circulation, and improve the appeal of your library with these weeding tips, tricks, and techniques. Denise Harders, Co-Director of the Central Plains Library System, discusses the importance of weeding and how to do it successfully. You will also hear about the annual CPLS Month of Weeding project.

To view this one-hour webinar, visit the [WebJunction website](#).

- Excuses for Not Weeding
- Benefits of Weeding
- Steps for Weeding
- Disposal of Weeded Books
- Weeding Controversies



## Photo of the Week



The Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville is a community center as well as library. The Reading Room, pictured above, is one of many areas to relax and read. Building-wide Wi-Fi and high speed internet access are available.

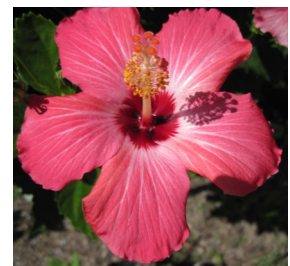
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## Why We Forget Most of the Books We Read

*[The Atlantic, Jan. 26](#)*

Julie Beck writes: “Some people can read a book or watch a movie once and retain the plot perfectly. But for many, the experience of consuming culture is like filling up a bathtub, soaking in it, and then watching the water run down the drain. It might leave a film in the tub, but the rest is gone. Jared Horvath, a research fellow at the University of Melbourne, says that the way people now consume information and entertainment has changed what type of memory we value—and it’s not the kind that helps you hold onto the plot of a movie you saw six months ago.”

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## April Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

### ✓ Orientation – Trustee Education Session 101

**Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: Highland Falls Library**

This program will provide Trustees with the basic information every library Trustee should be acquainted with to be an effective board member. Officers in particular will benefit from receiving the latest information about their positions. As the items covered in this session are limited, it is essential that you familiarize yourself with the *2015 Trustee Handbook*, which will be distributed to each attendee at the program. Refreshments will be provided.

**Presenter:** Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

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

### ✓ Transforming Preschool Storytime

**Wednesday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: RCLS**

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. [See flyer for more information.](#)

This is a Children's workshop; participants will earn 6 Contact Hours for attending.

**Presenter:** Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen

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

### ✓ WLS Maker Programs

The 2018 Spring Westchester Library System (WLS) Maker Programs schedule is below. All programs will take place at Westchester Library System, 570 Taxter Road Suite 400, Elmsford, NY 10523.

**Register and information:** [WLS Website](#) When you register, under the NOTES field please add "RCLS member library" to your registration form.

**April 2018**

- Tuesday, April 10 - [Maker Program: Vinyl Cutter Certification](#)
- Wednesday, April 11 - [Maker Program: 3D Musical Models and Prints](#)
- Wednesday, April 11 - [Maker Program: 3D Model & Print Jewelry](#)
- Friday, April 13 - [Maker Program: Sun Print Greeting Cards](#)
- Thursday, April 26 - [Maker Program: Physics Fun!](#)
- Monday, April 30 - [Maker Program: Getting Started With Circuits and Arduino](#)

Check the WLS online calendar for more sessions, more to be added in the next month.

## April Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

### ✓ NERF Squadron: Chaos with a Purpose

**Tuesday, April 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

We started off with a simple idea; Bring your NERF gun (or use ours), and a friend (or make some here), and let's battle! What began as a serendipitous brainstorm has grown into one of our most successful teen programs. Middle and High School students are invited to the library after-hours and enjoy a monthly event that encourages exercise, friendly competition, and teamwork. Join us as we discuss best practices, what scenarios you can play, and how you can adapt and scale the program for your library. Presented by [Nick Madsen](#), Community Library Network.

**Register:** [First Tuesdays website](#)

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## ✓ **Serving Older Adults and Their Care Partners at Your Library**

**Thursday, April 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

By 2030, projections indicate that 25% of the US population will be 65 or older. This means that libraries will be serving a steadily increasing number of older patrons and their care partners.

This webinar will help you understand and adapt to these users' changing needs. During this one-hour session you'll experience an empathy-building aging simulation activity. We'll also address biases on aging and how to communicate with older adults who are confused. You will have the opportunity to recognize what you are already doing well, and learn how to hone your skills in meeting the unique needs of individual patrons in this age group.

**Presenter:** [Hope Klein Levy](#)

**Register:** [Infopeople website](#)

## ✓ **Voter Perceptions of Libraries: Getting From Awareness to Funding in 2018**

**Tuesday, April 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

In 2008, OCLC published *From Awareness to Funding: A Study of Library Support in America*, a study of the awareness, attitudes, and underlying motivations among US voters for supporting library funding. The research dispelled long-held assumptions and provided eye-opening insights about who supports public library funding and for what reasons. A decade later, OCLC has partnered with PLA and the ALA Office for Library Advocacy to investigate perceptions and support among US voters today, and how they may have shifted in the intervening years. In this session, presenters will share key findings and analysis from the summary report; provide new details on library super supporters and probable supporters in context with other library trends and research; and kickstart the discussion on how library leaders and advocates can act on these findings.

**Presenter:** Marci Merola, Director, American Library Association Office for Library Advocacy; Larra Clark, Deputy Director, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy and the Public Library Association; and Sharon Streams, Director, WebJunction, OCLC Research.

**Register:** [WebJunction website](#)

## ✓ **Starting or Expanding Immigration Services at Your Library Webinar**

**Tuesday, April 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Are you interested in learning how to incorporate immigration services into the library? The New York Library Association (NYLA) presents the Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) to share valuable information about their free online tool, [immi.org](#) which can be used to expand the capacity of your library to provide people with self-guided immigration legal assistance. IAN will also discuss the ways libraries are currently using immi in its branches.

**Presenter:** Sebastian Zavala is the Immi Program Manager at the Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) in San Francisco, Calif. He is a first generation Peruvian-American. After law school, he was an Adjudications Officer for Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. He received a B.A. in Raza Studies with an emphasis in Behavioral and Social Sciences from the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University, and received a J.D. from Arizona State University, with the highest pro bono distinctions.

**Register:** [NYLA website](#)

## ✓ **Preserving Family Recipes**

**Tuesday, April 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

From Uncle's barbecue sauce to Grandma's cobbler, family recipes fill us with nostalgia and draw us closer to family – if they have been saved and if they actually work right, that is. So what can you do if a beloved recipe is sketchy, horribly outdated, impossible to read, or unwritten? How can you make sure those old handwritten recipes as well as heirloom photos and kitchen artifacts last for future generations? And did you ever stop to look at your recipes with a historian's eye, exploring what that family recipe may be telling you between the lines?

**Presenter:** Valerie J. Frey is a writer and archivist from Athens, Georgia with projects focusing on genealogy, local history, storytelling, material culture, and the everyday home life of our ancestors. Valerie holds degrees from the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Register:** [ALCTS \(Association for Library Collection & Technical Services\)](#)

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## Due Dates

★ **Friday, April 13**  
RCLS 2017 Plan of Service  
Evaluation Survey via  
SurveyMonkey

## Job Openings

- ✓ [Job Postings](#)
- ✓ [Building Your e-résumé](#)

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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](#).

### March

- Monday, 26**  
ANSER Committee, Newburgh – 9:30 a.m.
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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 – NO DELIVERIES**

### 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 – 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 10**  
RUG, Chester – 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 10**  
[eContent Buyers Session](#), RCLS – 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11**  
[RCLS System Orientation](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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# **Transforming Preschool Storytime**

**Wednesday,  
April 25, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. Coffee & Sign-in**

**9:00 a.m. Program Starts**

**4:00 p.m. Program Ends**

## **Ramapo Catskill Library System**

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### **Workshop**

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For more information, visit the Mother Goose on the Loose website at <http://www.mgol.net/>

### **Presenter**

Providing interactive training workshops across the country, and beyond, **Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen, MLS, DCD** is known for educating children's librarians and early childhood professionals by combining research findings with practical programming.

### **Registration**

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



**This is a Children's Services Workshop; participants will receive 6 Contact Hours.**