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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, May 21** 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.

Not at #NLLD18? You Can Still Take Action

[District Dispatch, May 2, 7](#)

Lisa Lindle writes, “On May 7 we kicked off [National Library Legislative Day](#) in Washington, D.C., and we are inviting you to help spread the word about the importance of libraries in your own community. Progress on the [FY 2019 appropriations bills](#) moves forward toward the October 1 deadline. Take a few minutes to call or email your senators and representatives—just use the ALA [talking points and email templates](#) to craft your message. To learn more, check out the [funding](#) and [broadband](#) briefs for this year.”

Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award

[Friends of Libraries Section of NYLA](#)

Would you like an opportunity to honor an active library supporter, Friend or Friends of the Library? The Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award is sponsored by the Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) of NYLA. Given annually since 1993 (through the precursor of FLS, the Empire Friends Roundtable), the award honors a volunteer member or group from the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of the Library organizations.

To learn more about Daniel W. Casey and to find the nomination form, visit the [NYLA website](#). The deadline for submission of nominations for this prestigious award is **Sunday, July 1**. This year’s award recipient will be announced at the FLS annual meeting in Rochester on Friday, November 9 at the NYLA Annual Conference.

CLOUSC Award Presentation and Luncheon

The CLOUSC Award Presentation and Luncheon will be held on **Monday, June 4** at the Moffat Library of Washingtonville. This year’s speaker is author and illustrator of *Mosquitoes Can’t Bite Ninjas*, Jordan Novak.

For more information, see the [CLOUSC invitation](#). Reservations and \$15 payment should be made to Amanda Letohic at the Fallsburg Library by **Friday, May 25**.



News Worthy

Regional

- [White Plains Library's new cafe to debut May 9](#) | LoHud.com 5.3.18

National

- [Fort Worth writes off 3 decades of library fines, totaling \\$11.5 million](#) | Star-Telegram 4.30.18
- [Donors get 21st century tech to Bethlehem Library](#) | AlbanyTimesUnion.com 4.27.18
- [Can Art Lending Libraries Empower a New Generation of Collectors?](#) | Hyperallergic 4.20.18
- [Chattanooga State students are eating books again?](#) | TimesFreePress.com 4.10.18

Interational

- [True 'Smart Cities' should invest in libraries](#) | City Metric 4.24.18

The Great American Read

[Fine Books and Collections, May 1](#)

On Tuesday, May 22, PBS will premiere an eight-part TV series that asks "What is America's favorite book?" Hosted by Meredith Vieira, [The Great American Read](#) puts the focus on fiction and intends to "to get the country reading and passionately talking about books." Episodes will feature authors, celebrities, and notable American book lovers. The idea is to get everyone to vote for their favorite novels via social media until the series finale in October. In preparation for the debut, PBS has posted its list of "[100 most-loved books.](#)"

RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

Reminder that **nominations** for all three RCLS Annual Meeting Awards **must be received no later than Friday, June 15, 2018** by the Awards Committee c/o RCLS. Nominations submitted after that date will not be accepted. The 2017 program winners in their respective categories are not eligible for nomination in 2018.



Detailed guidelines for the three awards are available on the [RCLS website](#). Presentation of the three awards will be made at the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting on Friday, September 14 at The Sullivan Event Center.

If you have any questions, contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS (ruth@rcls.org or at extension 222).

The Awards are:

- The [Member Library Adult Program of the Year Award](#) winner will receive a plaque and a check for \$500 for any adult library program created and presented during all or part of the period between January 1 and December 31, 2017.
- The winner of the Member [Library Youth Program of the Year Award](#) will receive a plaque and a check for \$500 for any children's or teens' library program created and presented during all or part of the period between January 1 and December 31, 2017.
- The [Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee Award](#) winner will receive a plaque. A check for \$250 will be sent to the library of his/her choosing. The trustee must have been a trustee of a RCLS member library during all or part of the period between January 1 and December 31, 2017.

LARC Scholarship Award

The LARC Scholarship Award will be given to a candidate(s) for a Master's degree in Library and Information Science who has met the criteria for entrance into a graduate library program accredited by the American Library Association or is already enrolled in such a program. A candidate must be a resident of Rockland County or work in a Rockland County Library. A candidate must also be a current LARC member.



The winner of the LARC scholarship will be given a monetary stipend reimbursement to help defray the cost of tuition paid for during the active period of the award. Preference will be given to first time applicants.

LARC will administer the granting of the Mary Patricia Brunzman Library Scholarship Memorial Award and the Robert Trudell Public Library Education Scholarship.

For further information and an application form, [click here](#). Application deadline is **Friday, May 25**.

Photo of the Week



The Wallkill Public Library, one of 15 Children's Book Week Display Contest winners in 2017, donated its prize to the Orange Regional Medical Center (ORMC) in Middletown. The prize consisted of 28 brand new books ranging from picture books to teen fiction. The Contest encourages bookstores, libraries and schools to submit photos of their Children's Book Week displays. The books will be used for ORMC's pediatric patients.

In celebration of the 98th anniversary of Children's Book Week, the contest theme was "One World, Many Stories." To view the displays, visit the [Every Child a Reader Facebook page](#).

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.



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Glen Burnie Librarian Revives Man from Overdose

Annapolis (Md.) Capital Gazette, May 7

Brian Oberle (right) has worked for the Anne Arundel County (Md.) Public Library system for 24 years. At the Glen Burnie Regional Library, he helps connect people with information, whether it's how to use a new online resource or how to find a job. On May 2, he and his fellow librarians helped connect a man with something else—a dose of Narcan, a name brand of naloxone nasal spray, which is used to reverse opioid overdoses and prevent death. Oberle said he and six others from the branch received Narcan training last August.



Due Dates

★ **Friday, June 15**

Nominations for [RCLS Annual Meeting Awards](#) to Awards Committee c/o RCLS

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- ✓ [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](#).

May

Monday, 14

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

Tuesday, 15

[AHA Family and Friends CPR Course](#), Tuxedo Park—9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 15

[2018 ALA Notable Children’s Book Banquet](#), Mid-Hudson Library System—4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 16

[Intermediate—Trustee Education Session 102](#), Monticello—5:30 p.m.

Thursday, 17

[AHA Family and Friends CPR Course](#), RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Monday, 21

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

Tuesday, 22

[Public Works and the Library Responsibilities](#), RCLS—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 23

[Construction Workshop—Review of Eligible Projects](#), RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 23

[2018 ALA Notable Children’s Book Banquet](#), Ulster BOCES-New Paltz—4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 24

LARC-Adult Services - Adult Summer Reading Roundtable, Suffern—10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 24

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

Monday, 28

Memorial Day Observed—RCLS CLOSED
NO DELIVERIES

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