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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, August 20** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Head-quarters in Middletown.

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

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## It's in the Mail!

Invitations to the 31<sup>st</sup> Legislative Breakfast and 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting have been sent to member library directors, staff and Friends Presidents (via RCLS delivery) and to member library trustees (via mail). If additional copies are needed, contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS ([ruth@rcls.org](mailto:ruth@rcls.org) or ext. 222). You are encouraged to make your reservations online using the [RCLS online calendar](#). The deadline to make reservations for this *free* event is **Friday, September 7**.



The event will be held at [The Sullivan Event Center](#), Rock Hill, NY on Friday, September 14.

Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the buffet breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for trustees, library directors, staff, Friends of the Library and Library Champions to meet and talk with state and county legislators. The three annual awards – Member Library Adult Program of the Year Award, Member Library Youth Program of the Year Award and Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee Award – will be presented.

The RCLS Annual Business Meeting following the breakfast will include approval of the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes, presentation of the 2019 RCLS Budget and election of four RCLS trustees; one each from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties.

Questions? Contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS by [e-mail](#) or at ext. 222.

We look forward to seeing YOU!

## ALA International Games Week 2018

Transform your library by participating in International Games Week. This event is an annual celebration of games, play, libraries, and learning that is free for libraries!

This event has only one requirement – you have to have some sort of game-related activity in or around your library, on or around the official dates, **November 4 through 10**. That's it! The games can be videogames on a library console, tabletop games, social games, party games – whatever you think will work for your individual library and community.

To register, fill out the form on the [International Games Week website](#) and tell a bit about your library.

[Subscribe](#) to the [Games in Libraries website](#) to receive weekly updates on a range of topics to help inspire ideas, discussion, and of course learning around games and play. Registrants will also have access to promotional materials to help promote the day.

## News Worthy Regional

- [Winners of the Warwick Friends of the library bridge marathon announced; \\$1,440 donated](#) | The Warwick Advertiser 8.2.18

## National

- [NYS Writers Institute announces inaugural Albany Book Festival](#) | Albany Times Union 8.13.18
- [University of North Carolina at Wilmington looks to modernize, expand library](#) | StarNewsOnline.com 8.12.18
- [State Education Department Announces \\$24 Million in State Aid for 230 Public Library Construction Projects Statewide](#) | NYSED 8.10.18
- [A Patron Wants to Print a Gun: Now What?](#) | American Libraries 8.9.18
- [Millennials love libraries](#) | Spotlight News 8.8.18
- [U.S. Public Libraries Saw 1.39 Billion Visits In 2015, A New Report Finds](#) | Forbes 8.4.18
- [Commentary: In Austin library, a welcome glimpse of total inclusion](#) | Statesman 8.2.18

## State Library Awards \$24 Million for Construction Projects

Mark Schaming, Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education, has announced that the New York State Library, in partnership with New York’s 23 public library systems, has awarded \$24 million in State Aid for Library Construction matching funds for 230 projects. The FY18 projects are supported by capital funds appropriated in the FY 2017/2018 State Budget for the construction and renovation of public library and public library system buildings in New York State.

Below is the list of FY18 RCLS and member library funded projects:

Albert Wisner Public Library .....	\$4,285
Expand broadband up to 350 Mbps for public internet access with new cables and Wi-Fi.	
Cornwall Public Library .....	\$116,238
Interior and exterior library upgrades.	
Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library .....	\$51,750
Exterior programming space and related exterior upgrades.	
Gardiner Library .....	\$3,038
Renovate circulation area.	
Goshen Public Library and Historical Society .....	\$49,838
Utility infrastructure improvements.	
Greenwood Lake Public Library .....	\$43,181
Replace flat roof, drainage and gutter system.	
Highland Falls Library .....	\$25,013
Rebuild and repave parking lot.	
Liberty Public Library .....	\$48,943
Interior energy efficiency upgrades.	
Livingston Manor Free Library .....	\$3,003
Interior renovations.	
Mamakating Library .....	\$2,626
Interior and exterior renovations.	
Moffat Library of Washingtonville .....	\$135,190
Renovate adjacent building to provide meeting space and storage.	
Port Jervis Free Library .....	\$214,455
Complete replacement of library roof and drainage system, asbestos abatement.	
Ramapo-Catskill Library System .....	\$168,850
Interior renovations and re-lamping entire building with LED lighting.	
Tuxedo Park Library.....	\$117,324
Renovate interior space; install 3 new HVAC units.	
West Nyack Free Library .....	\$57,956
Parking lot drainage and expansion. Renovate interior spaces.	

## Photo of the Week



Wallkill Public Library adults really hit the books this summer! This year, the library had 100 patrons take part in its Adult Summer Reading Program. Entering the gift basket giveaway was easy and free. For each book read, patrons received a chance to win one of the themed gift baskets. Themes ran from healthy living to gardening to romance to history and more. Definitely the most popular prize was the *Great American Read* tote, which was chock full of books the Adult Book Club is reading in conjunction with the PBS series. Wallkill patron Nancy Call is shown above with the *Great American Read* prize, which she won. Congratulations to all of the winners!

*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.*

## Free GREAT AMERICAN READ Programming Guide

PBS and the ALA Public Programs Office are pleased to share the GREAT AMERICAN READ Programming Guide for Libraries, a guide to help libraries in planning programs related to the popular PBS series searching for America's best-loved book.

[Download a digital copy of the GREAT AMERICAN READ Programming Guide for Libraries.](#)

This 60-page guide includes:

- Episode summaries, air dates, and lists of books to be discussed in each of the GREAT AMERICAN READ Fall 2018 episodes
- Suggested discussion questions for each episode
- Ideas for lecture topics, hands-on and crafting activities, and multigenerational programs
- Recommendations for related film screenings
- Easy book displays to create for each episode
- Ways to integrate GREAT AMERICAN READ titles into your library's event calendar

Thank you to ALA librarian advisors, who made this project possible: Jennifer Amling, Erin Dummeyer, Janie Hermann, Jennifer Massa and Lesley Williams.

[Learn more about THE GREAT AMERICAN READ.](#)



## Librarian of the Year

*Library Journal (LJ)* is seeking nominations for the 31st annual *Library Journal* Librarian of the Year Award to honor a professional librarian for outstanding achievement and accomplishments reflecting the loftiest service goals of the library profession.

Learn more and submit your nominations by visiting the [LJ website](#). Submission deadline is **Monday, October 1**.

*I Love My Librarian!*  
2018 Award

## I Love My Librarian

The American Library Association is seeking nominations for the 2018 I Love My Librarian Award, which recognizes librarians for transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning. The national award invites library users to nominate their favorite librarians working in public, school, college, community college or university libraries. Nominations are being accepted now through **Monday, October 1**. Visit the [ilovelibraries website](#) for details and to nominate a librarian.

## 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](#).

### August

#### Monday, 20

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

#### Wednesday, 22

CLOUSC Planning Meeting, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 22

[101 Basic Library Trustee Education](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, 23

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

#### Thursday, 23

RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Planning Committee, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, 31

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

### September

#### Monday, 3

**Labor Day—RCLS CLOSED**

#### Friday, 7

LARC-YS, Haverstraw—10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, 7

[Senior Improv @ Your Library](#), Warwick—10:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, 8

[Teen Battle of the Books](#), SUNY Orange—11:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 12

CTUG, Middletown—9:30 a.m.

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Directors Association, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

#### Friday, 14

[RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting](#), The Sullivan Event Center—8:00 a.m.

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