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September is Library Card Sign Up Month

Summer is winding down but September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Go to the *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* home page on the [NYS Library website](#) to learn more about tools and ideas available to help libraries promote their wonderful resources throughout their local communities.



National Friends of Libraries Week October 21-27

National Friends of Libraries Week offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership. This is also an excellent opportunity for your library and Board of Trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library. Explore ideas and resources on the [ALA website](#).



Apply Now: ALA's Great Stories Club

Library professionals are invited to apply for the American Library Association's Great Stories Club series on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT). This thematic reading and discussion program series will engage underserved teens through literature-based library outreach programs and racial healing work. For details, visit the [ALA website](#).

[Visit the project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **Friday, November 16**. Up to 70 libraries will be selected.

Great Stories  Club

News Worthy

Regional

- [Library district hosts social media scavenger hunt to mark national library card month](#) | Poughkeepsie Public Library District | Poughkeepsie Journal 8.30.18
- [Library Card Selfie Scavenger Hunt](#) | Poughkeepsie Public Library District | Mid Hudson Valley Patch 8.27.18
- [Mid-Hudson business people 'On the Move': Aug. 27, 2018](#) | Mid-Hudson Library System | Daily Freeman 8.27.18

National

- [Chicago, suburban libraries brace for the question: Can I print out a 3D gun?](#) | Chicago Tribune 8.30.18
- [Roanoke County Library first in the nation to have robot as part of team](#) | Virginia First 8.30.18
- [Servers 'substantially' restored after \\$340K ransom demand in Georgia](#) | Atlanta Journal-Constitution 8.30.18
- [IMLS Announces National Study on Museums, Libraries, and Social Wellbeing](#) | IMLS 8.29.18
- [Unsung heroes join the fight against drug addiction](#) | ABC News 10 8.24.18

Opioid Crisis Responses from Public Libraries

Public libraries around the country are being confronted by the opioid crisis, and news stories, events and resources have surfaced highlighting how libraries are responding. From administering naloxone directly to individuals, to organizing local conversations, public libraries are engaged at all levels of this crisis. This collection shows the breadth of the services and responses from public libraries and can help inform local decisions in other communities. For more information, visit the [WebJunction website](#).



A Thoughtful Approach to Banned Books Week

ALSC Blog, Aug. 18

Justin Azevedo writes, “Banned Books Week is scheduled this year for September 23–29. The event can sometimes pose unexpected challenges and even create confusion in the name of encouraging reading. Unsuspecting and well-meaning library patrons can miss the subtle distinctions within the process of a book challenge and misunderstand what is being celebrated. Your library will benefit from an approach to Banned Books Week that goes just a step or two beyond the marketing materials.”



Dear Banned Author...

ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom

Dear Banned Author is a letter-writing campaign hosted by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom. During Banned Books Week, September 23–29, readers are encouraged to write to their favorite banned authors, sharing what their stories meant to them. The goal of the campaign is to not only raise awareness of books that are threatened with censorship and support authors, but also encourage thoughtful discussions about the power of words and how essential it is to have access to a variety of viewpoints



Photo of the Week



Port Jervis Free Library Installs Bicycle Service Station near Elks-Brox Park with Orange County Funding

Jessica Ridgeway (Left) and Lauren Buda (Left Center) Orange County Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant, stand with Beverly Arlequeeuw (Right Center), Port Jervis Free Library, and Mike Ward (Right)

On Friday, August 10, Representatives from Orange County Planning and Health Departments, together with the Port Jervis Free Library and Port Jervis Outdoor Club, unveiled a new public-use bicycle service station near the campground area of Elks-Brox Park. The Dero Fixit station features all of the materials needed to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance. Attached by stainless steel cables are a number of tools, including Philips and flat head screwdrivers, Allen wrenches, box wrenches, and two tire levers. Adjacent to the station is a heavy-duty air pump with a universal pump head that accommodates all valve stem types. You can change a flat tire, adjust the brakes and gears, or fix a wobbly seat. The library's bicycle service station is free for anyone to use, 24 hours a day. "We are so excited to support the Port Jervis Outdoor Club with a free Bicycle Fixit Station," said Beverly Arlequeeuw, Director of the Port Jervis Free Library. The Fixit Station is another great service the library is proud to provide to the community."

Funding to purchase the station was provided through a NYSDOH grant managed by the Orange County Health and Planning Departments titled *Creating Healthy Schools and Communities*. "This is a great catalyst for downtown businesses to support the work we are doing so close to the City," said Mike Ward, President of the Port Jervis Outdoor Club, "The installation of the first station has already sparked interest in local business owners to sponsor more stations near our almost 40 miles of new trails."

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.

September Webinar

✓ ***The Connection Between Community Engagement and Marketing Your Library***

**Monday, September 17
from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Community engagement and marketing are related but they are not the same. This webinar will cover innovations in community engagement and how to turn the information gathered into solid branding and marketing for your library. Sixty minutes is all you will need to get the tools you want.

Hosted by:

The New York State Library

Presenter:

[Libby Post](#), President and Strategist-in-Chief of Communication Services.

Register:

[NYS Office of Information Technology Services](#)



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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](#).

September

Wednesday, 12

CTUG, Middletown—9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 12

Directors Association, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Friday, 14

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

Monday 17

[RCLS 2019 Budget Hearing, RCLS](#) – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 18

RUG, New City—10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 18

[JOBNOW Webinar](#) – Refresher Course – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, 20

LARC-Ex Board, Suffern—10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 20

[RCLS 2019 Budget Hearing](#), Monticello – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, 24

CLOUSC, Newburgh—9:15 a.m.

Monday, 24

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 24

[RCLS 2019 Budget Hearing](#), Suffern – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 25

[Fundamentals of Network and Library Continuity](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 26

[102: Intermediate Trustee Education](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, 27

RCLS Professional Development Day, RCLS – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — **NO DELIVERIES**

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