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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, December 17** 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.

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## Opioid Addiction Resources from the CDC

Through its Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC) Program, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has supplied educational resources for public libraries to use. This collection of printable posters, handouts, and graphics is intended to help libraries raise awareness about opioids with members of the community.

To view the materials, visit the [WebJunction website](#).

## 2018 I Love My Librarian Winners

*AL: The Scoop, Dec. 4*

Ten librarians have been honored with the 2018 *I Love My Librarian* Award. Selected from more than 1,000 nominations submitted by library users nationwide, the winning librarians are recognized for their leadership in transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning. This year marks the award's 10-year anniversary. Each winning librarian receives a \$5,000 prize at an award ceremony and reception cohosted by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, New York Public Library, and *The New York Times*. To view the winners, visit the [American Libraries website](#).



In case you did not see the report on the PBS News Hour, you can view it on their [website](#).

## New York Counts 2020

New York Counts 2020 is a broad-based, statewide coalition composed of racial, ethnic, immigrant, religious, health, education, labor, housing, social services, and business groups working in partnership with state and local government officials. Their aim is to ensure that New Yorkers across the state – particularly marginalized communities in hard-to-count districts - can fully maximize their participation in the 2020 Census.



- **Learn more** about the New York Counts 2020 Committee by visiting the [New York Counts 2020 website](#).
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## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Monroe Library collecting gifts for Safe Homes](#) | The Photo News 11.29.18
- [Pleasant Valley Free Library Regroups After Fire](#) | Pleasant Valley Free Library | Library Journal 11.29.18

### National

- [Shorewood-Troy Public Library District to go fine free for children's materials](#) | Herald News 11.30.18
- [Should Book Choices Be Private? Harold Washington Library Patron Calls For Change](#) | CBS Chicago 11.29.18

## Exciting News for Small Libraries

OCLC has received a supplemental IMLS grant that will launch the next iteration of the WebJunction program [Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces](#). The original program led 15 small and rural public libraries from across the country to reimagine and reconfigure their libraries into smart spaces. The supplemental funding supports 15 more libraries through the transformation process to create smart spaces.

The application process will open in January 2019 for small and rural libraries interested in becoming a Smart Spaces library.

## Big Opportunities for Small Libraries

*Institute of Museum and Library Services, Nov. 29*

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has launched a new special initiative, [Accelerating Promising Practices \(APP\) for Small Libraries](#), and is accepting grant applications now through **February 25**. This new funding opportunity is designed



specifically to strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries, archives, and related organizations to serve their communities, and award sizes range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Three categories of APP grants are available: Transforming School Library Practice, Community Memory, and Digital Inclusion.

## 2018 Holiday Gift Guide for Librarians

*American Libraries feature, Nov. 29*

Lara Ewen writes, “Books make wonderful gifts, but librarians and voracious readers often have daunting to-be-read piles already. This year, why not forego the obvious choices and give your favorite bibliophile something a little different? From bedside lamps and elegant bookends to writing implements, art, and even library-themed fashion accessories, you can show you care, whether you’ve got only a few dollars or are ready to splurge. You might even find something special just for you.”



Visit the [American Libraries website](#) to view more.

## Photo of the Week



Construction begins at Liberty Public Library. The Board and staff are thrilled to announce that the excavation work for the new addition and renovation project began on Thursday, December 6. The addition will house a new program room, study room, two new bathrooms and an elevator. The entire existing building will also be renovated from roofing to flooring with all new heating and cooling systems, electric service and a newly designed circulation area. The construction is expected to take about a year.

*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.*

## Berkeley PL Allows Homeless Persons to Get Cards

*Berkeleyside, Dec. 3*

On December 1, all branches of the Berkeley (Calif.) Public Library started to issue Easy Access Cards, which are designed specifically for people who don't have a fixed address. Those wanting a card will still need a photo ID but don't have to prove they have a residence, according to a recent circulation policy update. Easy Access cardholders will be able to check out three books or other library materials at a time, put holds on three items, use library computers, and check out laptops for in-library use, said Acting Director of Library Services Elliot Warren.





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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](#).

### December

**Monday, 10**

[OLA Meeting and Event](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 11**

RUG, Middletown – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 12**

[Sexual Harassment Prevention Training](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 13**

LARC-Executive Board, Stony Point – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 13**

RCLS Managers, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, 14**

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 17**

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

**Monday, 17**

RCLS Board, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, 24—Tuesday, 25**

**Christmas Holiday  
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

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