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Lend Your Voice!

Wednesday, February 27 was New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day (LAD). A total of 142 advocates – staff, trustees, Friends, students and Library Champions – from RCLS and Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) joined over 1,000 other advocates from around the State to bring our message about the importance of libraries and library systems to our legislators. RCLS supporters visited all 11 legislators that serve RCLS member libraries.

We need your help to continue our advocacy efforts!

Lend your voice to the effort by visiting the [NYLA's Online Advocacy Center](#) where you will be able to reach out and contact your elected representatives and voice your support for restoration of State Aid to libraries and library systems. It takes less than two minutes to send your message supporting New York's libraries. Please take the time to reach out to your legislators now!

To learn more about Library Advocacy issues, view the advocacy documents which were shared with our legislators on February 27. They are posted to the [RCLS website](#).

Add your voice – every message counts!

A big THANK YOU to our generous financial supporters for the LAD motorcoaches:

- Friends of Greenville Memorial Public Library
- Friends of Kent Library, Inc.
- Friends of Liberty Library, Inc.
- Friends of Mahopac Public Library
- Friends of the Blodgett Memorial Library of Fishkill
- Friends of the Cairo Library
- Friends of the Chatham Public Library, Inc.
- Friends of the Cornwall Public Library
- Friends of the Grinnell Library District, Inc., Wappingers Falls
- Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library, Coxsackie
- Friends of the Howland Public Library, Beacon
- Friends of the Hudson Area Library
- Friends of the Julia Butterfield Memorial Library, Cold Spring
- Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
- Friends of the Kingston Library
- Friends of the Moffat Library, Inc., Washingtonville
- Friends of the Mountain Top Library, Tannersville

News Worthy

National

- [Andover Public Library will keep transgender children's books in the kids section](#) | the Wichita Eagle 2.13.19
- [Saratoga Springs Public Library earns Green Business Certification](#) | The Saratogian 2.12.19
- [Should Libraries Be the Keepers of Their Cities' Public Data?](#) | City Lab 2.11.19

- Friends of the Newburgh Free Library
- Friends of the Nyack Library
- Friends of the Philmont Public Library
- Friends of the Phoenicia Library
- Friends of the Pine Bush Area Public Library
- Friends of the Pine Plains Free Library
- Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Inc.
- Friends of the Putnam Valley Library
- Friends of the Rosendale Library
- Friends of the Saugerties Public Library
- Friends of the Starr Library, Rhinebeck
- Friends of the Town of Esopus Library
- Orange Library Association
- Roslyn Applebaum Hurwitz

A big thank you also to RCLS and MHLS staff members who assisted on this successful project.

Plan to join us for next year's NYLA Library Advocacy Day.

For more NYLA Library Advocacy Day photos, visit the [RCLS Twitter account](#) (a Twitter account is not needed to view).

Washington Fly-in Teaches Strategic Library Advocacy

AL: The Scoop, Feb. 26

Amy Carlton writes, "More than 90 librarians were invited to Washington, D.C., for a two-day fly-in of strategic training and meetings with members of Congress on February 25–26. The event is part of the ALA's new approach to [year-round advocacy](#) that is designed to engage lawmakers at different points throughout the appropriations process. Participants were invited based on their congressional districts. The day's keynote was given by Mignon L. Clyburn, former commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission who now serves as a fellow at the Open Society Foundations, and [livestreamed on Facebook](#)."



Jim Neal, ALA Past President; Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA President; Robert Hubsher, RCLS Executive Director and Lara Clark, ALA Washington Office



Photos of the Week



New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day, Wednesday, February 27 in Albany, NY. Pictured clockwise from the top left: Assemblyman Colin Schmitt, Rally in the Legislative Office Building "Well" at noon, Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski, Senator James Skoufis, and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther

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.

Webinar

✓ Growing Summer Meals with Innovative Community Partnerships

Tuesday, March 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Hunger Solutions New York

More than 1.1 million New York State students rely on healthy school meals to fuel their learning; however, when the school year ends, access to nutritious meals becomes limited. Statewide in 2017, less than one-third of children who ate free or reduced-price school meals ate a summer lunch through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Last summer 127 New York libraries provided Summer Meals and snacks. Learn how schools and organizations in low-income communities may be eligible to offer free, nutritious meals and/or snacks through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and how sponsors across New York State are growing participation through community partnerships. Join us and learn ways to engage your community to promote and serve summer meals in 2019 and beyond.

Register: [GoToWebinar website](#)



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

Tuesday, 5

[JOBNOW Webinar—Refresher Course](#)

Wednesday, 6

[Career Search Strategies with ReferenceUSA](#), Newburgh – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, 7

[SEAL Refresher Course](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 8

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 8

LARC-YS, Spring Valley – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 11

[Teen Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 11

[Mock Printz Committee](#), RCLS – 1:35 p.m.

Wednesday, 13

[Let's Chat about Library Directors & Trustees](#), Monroe – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 14

Directors Association, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 18

[Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 18

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

Tuesday, 19

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

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