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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday May 20 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Approved a seven-year contract with SirsiDynix as the RCLS ILS vendor. Approved a second seven-year contract with SirsiDynix for their BLUEcloud Mobile product.
- Noted that the Annual Meeting Award nominations are due to the RCLS Annual Meeting and Awards Committee by **Friday, June 14, 2019**.
- Received a report from the Executive Director Search Committee that the process is progressing. The Committee is receiving applications through Friday, May 31.
- Commended Grace Riario on applying and being accepted to the Library Freedom Project.
- Save the date of **Friday, September 13, 2019** for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the May Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, June 17 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports, Executive Director's Report and Assistant Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Grace Riario (243.3747, ext. 233 or [e-mail](#)).

Juvenile Preview Session

Joanna Goldfarb, RCLS Youth Services Consultant

The [Juvenile Preview Session](#) at RCLS headquarters is in full swing! Come and take advantage of this opportunity to look at some of the new books for children and teens.

Those who participate in the Preview Session will be able to request books from the preview collection. Other free items are available to those who come to RCLS to preview the books.

The [list of over 1,150 books](#) available for preview is on the [RCLS website](#) along with the [instructions](#) that explain how the Preview Session works. You must register to participate. Contact Eileen Acosta (ext. 221 or eacosta@rcls.org) to sign up.

Space is limited! The Session ends **Friday, June 7**; don't wait, register today!

News Worthy

National

- [Sarah Jessica Parker throws shade at de Blasio's proposed library cut](#) | The New York Post 5.20.19
- [Why the New York Public Library Has 7 Floors of Stacks With No Books](#) | The New York Times 5.20.19
- [Chicago Finds a Way to Improve Public Housing: Libraries](#) | The New York Times 5.15.19
- [Cryan Bill Would Help Counter Overdoses By Allowing Libraries To Use Narcan](#) | Insider NJ 5.13.19

Free Books!

The **Poulin Project** is a NYSCA-funded initiative dedicated to expanding access to the arts and literacy. The project supports New York State independent publishers by introducing works by hundreds of contemporary writers and poets to new audiences, and enables public institutions to diversify their collections.

The [Poulin Project](#) provides New York state libraries, schools, prisons, and community centers with free box sets of contemporary literature from small presses around the state. Sets include 50-75 titles by publishers. Note that the Poulin Project is limited to distributing 60 sets, and you can expect its shipment in September 2019.

Enter your shipping information in the short [2019 Poulin Project form](#) to order your box set.

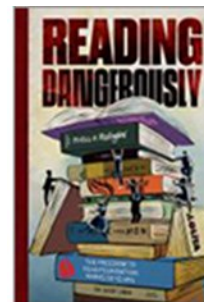
Art Resources Transfer (A.R.T.) also provides public institutions with free art books through the D.U.C Library Program. If you are not already a participant, you are encouraged to place an order of [free art books](#).

The [Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program](#) (D.U.C.) distributes books on contemporary art and culture to public schools, libraries, prisons, and alternative education centers nationwide, free of charge. D.U.C. books create access to the arts and literacy these institutions could not otherwise afford to acquire.

Read Dangerously for FTRF's 50th Anniversary

Freedom to Read Foundation, Apr. 29

The Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) is producing a commemorative book, *Reading Dangerously*, to highlight 50 years of advocacy, education, and litigation through essays, oral histories, images, and book excerpts. The book will feature a foreword by author Neil Gaiman and an essay by former FTRF Director James LaRue that looks forward to the foundation's next 50 years. To support its publication, FTRF launched a [Kickstarter campaign](#) that offers exclusive rewards. Supporters can help the project by purchasing a copy of *Reading Dangerously*, exclusive merchandise, or by making donations and pledges on the foundation's campaign page.



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Photos of the Week



Thanks for the Memories!!

Reflections Jazz and Swing Orchestra played to a packed house on Saturday night, May 18 at the Manse Barn in Tappan which served as Tappan's USO hall 75 years ago. The night was full of swingin' and dancin' and listening to the big band sounds of the music from that era. The event was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Orangeburg, Blauvelt, Tappan and Palisades Libraries as well as the Orangetown Historical Museum and Archives.

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.

June Workshops and Events — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

✓ 2020 Census Training for Youth Staff

Orange County: Wednesday, June 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

@ RCLS Headquarters

[Register here](#)

Sullivan County: Thursday, June 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

@ Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library Monticello

[Register here](#)

A 2020 Census training for library staff serving children and teens. Learn how the 2020 Census can make an impact on our youngest library users, and how you can help patrons fill out the 2020 Census.

Presenter: Mario Garcia, Partnership Specialist - Lower Hudson Valley Region/U.S. Census Bureau

✓ 2020 Census Training

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Rockland County: Thursday, June 6, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

@ Pearl River Public Library

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✓ Cooking Classes without a Kitchen

Monday, June 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Moffat Library of Washingtonville

Librarians know that food programs are always a great program to bring to patrons. Cooking is a great way to provide nutritional and health information to patrons, as well as celebrate cuisines from different cultures. They're also a lot of fun and a very interactive program where patrons can learn from each other as well. However, not every library is fortunate enough to have a kitchen programming space. Patty and Chris will go over some ideas for how libraries without a kitchen can work around this and still provide great food programs for their patrons. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

Presenters: Patty Sussmann and Chris Morgan from Newburgh Free Library

Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)

✓ System Orientation

Wednesday, June 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS Headquarters

Attendees will first meet with the RCLS Interim Executive Director to gain an overview of the System. Visitors will then walk through the building and meet with department supervisors who will explain the services their departments provide to member libraries. Attendees will also have ample opportunity to ask questions.

Presenter: Grace Riario, RCLS Interim Executive Director

Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)

✓ MHVSHRM Event - AI at Work: Recognizing and Mitigating Unconscious Bias

Thursday, June 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS Headquarters

June Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

✓ Bringing a Geographic Perspective to Libraries and K-12.

Tuesday, June 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Geography matters in every organization and every discipline. For anyone trying to evaluate information, the most intuitive way to view it is on a map. In this webinar, we will discuss how three agencies in Washington State are using GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to bring a new perspective to learning and understanding data from the world around us. Included will be Enabling Local Government Transparency. Jason will discuss the benefits of Kittitas County's Open Data Hub, the technology and infrastructure behind it and the benefits to having data available for public access. Presented by [Joanne Markert, Office of the Chief Information Officer](#); [Bruce Schneider, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction](#); and [Jason Eklund, Kittitas County](#).

Register: [First Tuesdays](#)

✓ Getting to the Heart of the Community Through Discovery

Tuesday, June 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community discovery is a process of forging vital and ongoing connections between the library and its community members. The more people that are involved in planning and programming, the more they are invested in the success of the library. While many libraries collect community input primarily through surveys, there are other, more interactive and interpersonal tools that can uncover the heart and aspirations of the community. Explore tools and strategies that start meaningful conversations and foster collaborative engagement on everything from strategic and space planning to programming. Learn how you can join your library and your community at the heart.

Register: [WebJunction](#)

✓ An Introduction to STEM in Preschool Library Programming: What It Is, Why Do It, and How to Get Started

Part 1: Wednesday, June 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Part 2: Wednesday, June 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The New York State Library, through its *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* initiative, is pleased to offer this two-part webinar series.

We will explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts in preschool, why to include this content in library storytimes and programs, and how to get started. With many years of experience working with preschool teachers, families, and with libraries, Dr. Lange will demystify STEM and early STEM education.

We hope attendees will leave with inspiration to include more STEM concepts in their programming for young children in a way that builds on what children and families are already doing, and that empowers children, families, and library staff to find the STEM all around them every day. We will discuss many examples of how STEM concepts can be easily incorporated into preschool programs.

The webinars will be recorded and archived.

Presenter: Alissa A. Lange, PhD, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, East Tennessee State University

Register: [NYSL website](#)



Cat Men of Gotham

Tales of Feline Friendships in Old New York

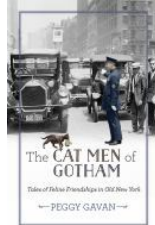
A Book Presentation and Signing with Author Peggy Gavan
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Middletown Thrall Library

Second Floor Community Room

From the Author: “We’ve all heard of the ‘crazy cat lady,’ but what about the ‘crazy cat man’? In the 1800s and early 1900s, when most New York City residents dealt with the feline overpopulation by gassing stray cats or tossing them into rivers and street gutters, many brawny men—including sailors, firemen, cops, politicians, and athletes—welcomed alley cats into their homes and hearts with open arms.”



Warwick, New York author Peggy Gavan will wind the audience through the streets of Old New York and Brooklyn as she tells amazing stories of these heroic cat men of Gotham and the alley cats they rescued and came to love. Hear about a spectacled cat that saved Brooklyn Borough Hall, the feline mascot of America’s first theatrical club, the New York City Post Office feline police force, and more amazing tales. Fun for cat lovers and history fans alike!

Copies of the author’s book will be available for purchase (\$20, cash only). This event is free and open to the public. Questions? Contact Theresa Zacek at tzacek@rcls.org or 341.5483.

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

Tuesday, 26 – Friday, June 7

[Juvenile Book Preview Session](#), RCLS

Wednesday, 29

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

June

Monday, 3

[CLOUSC](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 3

RCLS Ad Hoc Executive Committee, RCLS – 10:30 a.m.

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RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 4

[Great Give Back Day–Participating Libraries Meeting](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 5

[2020 Census Training for Youth Staff](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5

[2020 Census Training](#), RCLS – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 6

[2020 Census Training](#), Pearl River – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12

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

Thursday, 12

[2020 Census Training for Youth Staff](#), Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 14

[LARC 2019 Annual Meeting](#), New City – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 14

SUPLA, Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 14

[Orange County Census Complete Count Committee](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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Workshop

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MANDATORY Construction Workshop

Thursday,
August 1,
2019

Mandatory:

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Optional:

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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This workshop will provide an in-depth discussion on how to prepare a successful New York State Public Library Construction Aid application.

The *mandatory* morning session will delve into the nitty-gritty details of the online application and other grant requirements. **The person directly involved in preparing the application must attend this workshop – no exceptions.**

During the optional afternoon session, participants will complete several required documents together.

Lunch will be provided.

Presenter

Stephen Hoefer, RCLS Fiscal Officer

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 31. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

This is a Construction workshop; participants will receive 3 contact hours for attending.

