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Important Reminder: State Law Requires Every Public Library Trustee to Take Oath of Office

Many library trustee terms begin on July 1. This is an important reminder that [New York State Public Officer's Law §10](#) requires all public library trustees (but not association library trustees) to take and file an oath of office within 30 days of beginning their term of office. Public library trustees are public officers and the oath of office is required to officially undertake and perform the duties of a public library trustee.



If a public library trustee does not properly complete and file an oath of office, the trustee's position may be deemed vacant. See [Public Officer's Law §30\(1\)\(h\)](#).

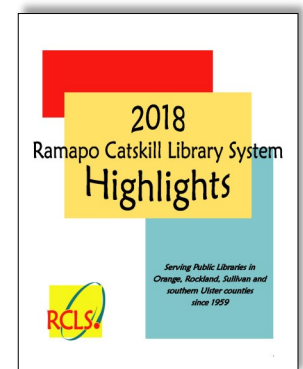
For more information about how and why the oath of office is administered, and where to properly file an oath of office, please see the [Oaths of Office FAQ](#) on the [New York State Library website](#).

For questions about the legal requirements for oaths of office or about library types, contact Stephen Hoefer, Fiscal Officer at RCLS (shoefer@rcls.org or ext. 223).

2018 RCLS Highlights

Copies of the *2018 RCLS Highlights* are being distributed to member library directors and mailed to all trustees. The report can also be found on the [RCLS website](#). A BIG "Thank YOU" to all who contributed to this annual report on the events at the System and in member libraries.

An archive of RCLS Highlights from 2000 to the present can also be found on the [RCLS website](#).



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- [ALA 'concerned' over Hachette Book Group ebook and audio book lending model changes](#) | American Library Association 6.17.19
- [If Kids Can't Read What They Want in the Summer, When Can They?](#) | School Library Journal 6.17.19
- [More Libraries Hiring Social Workers to Address Homelessness](#) | NBC News 6.16.19
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- [Sustainability | Next, Do These 5 Things](#) | Library Journal 6.7.19

International

- [For Remote Communities In Scotland's Outer Hebrides, Mobile Libraries Are A Lifeline](#) | NPR 6.8.19



Why Inmates Should Have the Right to Read

[Literary Hub, June 4](#)

Tyler Wetherall writes, “When I was a teenager, my father and I shared books. We didn’t share the physical copy, at least not often—my dad was serving a 10-year sentence in California, and I was at school in Bath, England—but we did share the imaginary landscape offered within its



pages, a place we could occupy together from afar. I would find the books Dad was reading in my local library branch. Wilbur Smith’s *The River God*, *Sophie’s Choice* by William Styron, a handful of Michael Crichton novels—the books themselves didn’t matter. These words offered a point of connection between us, when there were few others to be found.”

Help Promote Summer Meals for Kids!

When the school year ends, kids and teens can get healthy, no-cost meals and snacks in many communities across the state through USDA’s Summer Food Service Program. Visit [SummerMealsNY.org](#) to find summer meal sites, learn about hosting one*, and access resources to help spread the word, including:

USDA Summer Meal Site Finder Map

Use the interactive mapper on [SummerMealsNY.org](#) to find and refer to sites in your area. Check back often, as sites are added as they are approved. Site information is also available in a list linked below the mapper, and by phone:

- Call 2-1-1 (upstate) or 3-1-1 (NYC)
- Text “Food” or “Comida” to 877-877

Free Outreach Materials

Display and distribute outreach materials for families, including [flyers](#) and [rack cards](#) available in English and Spanish. You can order these resources in bulk from New York State Education Department at no charge; [click here](#) for the order form.

Social Media Posts and Newsletter Articles

Share information with your networks using these [sample posts and articles](#).

Web Button Graphics

Add a button linked to [SummerMealsNY.org](#) to your e-newsletter, social media channels, and website so families you serve can easily learn about nearby summer meals sites. [Click here](#) to view and download several options.

*Contingent on [sponsor](#) capacity, new sites in underserved areas may be added throughout the summer. For more information about becoming a meal site this year or in the future, visit [SummerMealsNY.org](#) or e-mail Krista.Hesdorfer@HungerSolutionsNY.org.

Photos of the Week



(top photo) The local Complete Count Committee: ***Newburgh Counts!*** was launched officially at *Newburgh Illuminated* – a citywide festival on June 1 that attracted over 40,000 visitors. Congressman Maloney, along with Senator Skoufis, Assemblyman Jacobson, city Mayor Harvey and city council members, addressed the crowd stressing the importance of the census and to make sure Newburgh gets counted!

(bottom photo) Assistant Director Mary Lou Carolan discusses with the committee the best communication materials to distribute to the community. The committee meets several times a month at the library to strategize how best to educate and engage the community to ensure a great census in 2020.

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.

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Submit the picture to rclsmemo@rcls.org with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.



What are Public Libraries For?

Experience (Northeastern University), May 21

Schuyler Velasco writes, “The temple of books is changing, as communities like Adams County, Colorado, reevaluate the library’s role in public life. For over a century, that role was to be the main source of information. But now, library patrons need fewer tangible things. Patrons still check out books: Library checkouts in the US dwarfed Amazon book orders as of 2014. But people can also borrow books directly on e-readers, or access them through Spotify-esque subscription services. To survive, public libraries must evolve into something more attuned to modern needs and tailor-made to local communities—with uses so diverse they might look nothing like a library at all.”



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](#).

July

Thursday, 4
Independence Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES

Monday, 8
 System Services Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 8
 RCLS Bylaws / Policy Review Committee, RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 12
 SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 15
 RCLS Board Retreat, Goshen – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 17
 RCLS Annual Meeting and Awards Committee, RCLS – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 17
 RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 4:30 p.m.

Monday, 22
 ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 24
 RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Happy Independence Day!

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