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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Tuesday, January 21 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Welcomed the three new Trustees to the Board – Rita Tavel Fogelman, John Schneider and Sherry Silver.
- Elected the slate of officers:
 - President – Anita Baumann
 - Vice President – Diane Arcieri
 - Secretary – Helen Rados
 - Treasurer – Karen Bash-Romaner
- Welcomed Jennifer Park, Community Engagement & Talent Development Specialist to the RCLS staff.
- Save the date: **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** for NYLA Library Advocacy Day.
- Save the date: **Friday, September 25, 2020** for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting at the Bear Mountain Inn & Conference Center, Bear Mountain, NY.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the January Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 18** at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports and Executive Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Grace Riario at RCLS (243.3747, ext. 233 or [e-mail](#)).

State Annual Report Software Open!

The 2019 NYS Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries *CollectConnect* software is open. The Annual Report is due from each member library by **Monday, February 3**.

For statistical questions, contact Jerry Kuntz (ext. 246 or jkuntz@rcls.org) or Martha Sullivan (ext. 247 or msullivan@rcls.org).

For financial questions, contact Stephen Hoefler (ext. 223 or shoefler@rcls.org).



CollectConnect

News Worthy

Governor Andrew Cuomo has released his Executive Budget for FY2020-2021. For the fourth consecutive year he has drastically cut funding for New York State libraries. He proposes:



- \$91.6 million Library Aid. That is \$4 million less than what was in last year’s enacted state budget.
- \$14 million Construction Grant Aid. State Library Construction Aid in the FY2019-2020 Executive Budget was originally cut by \$20 million. Thanks to the Library Champions in the legislature, the program was restored to \$34 million during the final days of the 2019 legislative session.

Your help is needed. Join NYLA’s **ONLINE PROTEST!** NYLA makes it easy to send a message of support to your elected representatives as well as a list of legislative leaders that need to hear that libraries are essential and need funding.

Make a commitment to join us in Albany on **Tuesday, February 25** for NYLA Library Advocacy Day. Register on the RCLS calendar, whether you plan to ride one of the motor coaches or drive yourself. For information about the motor coaches, [click here](#). For more information on NYLA Library Advocacy Day 2020, visit the [RCLS website](#).

Together we can make a difference!

People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned.
—Saul Bellow

RCLS Performers’ Showcase



The RCLS Performers’ Showcase will be held at System Headquarters on **Friday, February 21** starting at 10:00 a.m. Twelve performers will give 15-minute presentations of programs that are available for your library. A complete list of performers, their program titles and websites are available on the [RCLS website](#). Handouts and performance rates will be available at the showcase. Register using the [RCLS calendar](#) by 8:00 a.m., **Wednesday, February 19**.

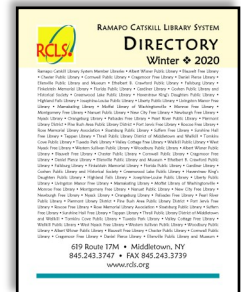
RCLS Directory

The Winter 2020 edition of the [RCLS Directory](#) is now online. This issue contains replies and updates from 22 of the 47 member libraries. In response to a suggestion, the Children’s Services category has been combined under Youth Services.

Copies can be printed from the PDF file. The directory provides member libraries’ hours, contact information, board meeting times, legislative districts as well as other pertinent information.

We appreciate everyone’s time and effort in helping us to make the Directory a valuable communication tool.

Send new updates anytime to [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).



ALA Appoints Tracie D. Hall as Executive Director

[AL: The Scoop, Jan. 15](#)

ALA has announced the appointment of Tracie D. Hall (below) as its executive director, effective February 24. Following a nationwide search, Hall was selected to succeed Mary W. Ghikas, who has worked for ALA since 1995 and served as executive director since January 2018. Hall is the first female African-American executive director in ALA’s history. She has worked at Seattle Public Library, the New Haven (CT) Free Public Library, Queens (NY) Public Library, and Hartford (CT) Public Library. She served as the director of ALA’s Office for Diversity in the early 2000s. Hall [answered questions](#) from *American Libraries* to introduce herself to ALA members and staff.



Photos of the Week



Recently the Greenwood Lake Public Library staff completed their CPR/AED recertification training.

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.

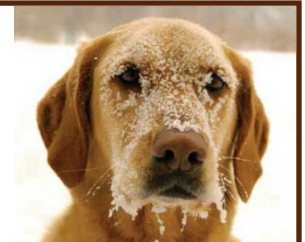
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February Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

✓ **Mission Possible: Understanding Copyright and Fair Use Law**

Thursday, February 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS Headquarters

This interactive workshop will provide educators with clarification on the Fair Use (Section 107) Guidelines and Copyright Law. This fast-paced, highly interactive and fun session on a serious subject will provide the understanding needed for responsible educational practice. Communities depend on libraries to model, explain and correctly apply fair use principles, along with media streaming and copyright concepts and formats. Learn about:

- Copyright
- Fair use
- The first sale doctrine
- Infringement issues
- Creative commons licensing
- Student performance issues
- Common sense teacher rules and parameters
- Teach Act guidelines
- Digital streaming

This program is sponsored by RCLS, Rockland County BOCES, Sullivan County BOCES, Orange-Ulster BOCES, Dutchess County BOCES, Ulster BOCES, and Southeastern NY Library Resources Council.

Presenter: Ann Dalton, copyright attorney

CE Credit: 5 Hours

Register: [RCLS calendar](#)

✓ **Creative Coding - Get More from Your Library Website**

Thursday, February 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Southeastern NY Library Resources Council (SENYLRC), Highland, NY

Snow Date: Thursday, February 13

This workshop features hands-on training in managing and customizing websites and online resources. We all know that libraries require a compelling virtual presence to provide key access to resources and collections, and that we utilize a variety of platforms like Google Sites, Wordpress, Weebly, Wix and Libguides to promote our services, but the main challenge is customizing that content to meet our specific needs. This includes branding, modifying the look and style of these resources and being able to adapt code (including widgets) to embed content. This workshop will provide librarians with practical experience doing just that. Through learning and applying basic HTML and CSS code, the participants in this workshop will be better able to customize online content and increase usability and access to resources. As part of this workshop, we will look at accessibility issues and cover guidelines for creating a more accessible website.

Trainer: Jeremy Hall is the Research, Education, and Digital Scholarship Librarian & Visiting Lecturer at Bard College. At Bard College, he conducts library instruction, reference, helps coordinate media technology for the library, and administers Digital Commons, an online repository of student theses and other scholarly material. Jeremy teaches “Digital Literacies & Scholarship” as a visiting lecturer, and has taught courses on computer systems and applications, web page and new media design, and cyber art. Jeremy also served 6 years on Southeastern’s Digital Advisory Committee.

Cost: \$25 for SENYLRC members, \$40 for non-members.

CE Credit: All participants will receive a certificate of completion for CE credits.

Register: [SENYLRC website](#)

✓ **Census Training for Youth Staff**

Wednesday, February 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Haverstraw King's daughters Public Library

This Census training is open to all RCLS staff, but is targeted towards staff serving youth. General Census information will be presented, as well as information and statistics about the impact the Census has on youth.

CE Credit: For LARC members or \$10 for non-LARC members (For more information, contact Emily Dowie at Pearl River Public Library – 735-4084 x148 or edowie@pearlriverlibrary.org.)

Register: [RCLS calendar](#)

February Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

✓ **Northern NY Library Network Primer on Legislative Visits**

Thursday, January 30 at 1:00 p.m.

In preparation for Library Advocacy Day, the Primer on Legislative Visits Webinar will outline the legislative players and process, explain why contact with legislators is important, and share how to prepare for, conduct, and follow up on legislative visits. Read more on the [Northern New York Library Network website](#).

Registration for the event is limited to 100. If you are unable to attend, please cancel your registration using the link in your confirmation email.

Presenter: Jerry Huntley who worked as Senator Chuck Schumer's legislative director in the New York State Assembly beginning in 1978 and continued on his staff through his campaign for Congress, then became his legislative assistant for special projects in Washington, DC.

Ms. Huntley was also a teacher and school library media specialist in New York State. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in education (1971) and a Master of Library Science (1972) from SUNY Albany.

Register: [Zoom website](#)

✓ **To Be Well Read, You Must Be Well Fed: Libraries Nourishing Kids' Minds and Bodies with Summer Meals**

Wednesday, February 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hunger Solutions NY hosts this webinar that will provide information on the need for healthy meals during the summer, why libraries are uniquely suited to this task, and how libraries can participate. Time will be provided for participant questions at the end of the webinar.

This webinar will be recorded and archived online for future viewing purposes.

Register: [gotowebinar website](#)

✓ **Librarian as Verb: Activate Your Rural Community**

Wednesday, February 5 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Making connections and being an active part of the community you serve is especially important in small and rural libraries. It makes your library more visible and also enhances the quality of life in the community. Learn how a rural library director transformed library services over one summer, by getting out and growing awareness in the community. With the help of two enthusiastic staff, one simple idea grew into so much more. We will explore different ways to engage your community, spark young readers, and build relationships with families. Hear tips, tools, and personal stories about how the library implemented outreach services and created ways to positively impact the entire community! Learn how to make "librarian" not only your job title, but what you *actively* do.

This webinar is hosted in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

Presenter: **Lori Juhlin**, Director of the Hawarden Public Library (IA), and Chair, ARSL Marketing & Communication Committee

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

✓ Civil Legal Justice: The Crucial Role of Libraries

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

The lofty U.S. ideal of “justice for all” fails the equity test because many people, especially our nation’s poorest individuals, fall into the “justice gap”—the divide between the civil legal needs of low-income people and the resources to meet those needs. Many of your community members who instinctively turn to the library for help with crises in their lives might be on the verge of falling into this gap. Though legal issues can be intimidating for library staff, public libraries are well positioned to help reduce the justice gap. Join us to learn about the status of civil legal justice in our system and about the vital role you can play in connecting people with information and supporting them as they navigate the complexities of the legal system. Law librarian Catherine McGuire, who has conducted extensive trainings with public libraries, will share insights into interacting with patrons who approach the library with civil legal needs. With a basic understanding of the civil legal justice landscape, we hope you will be motivated to plunge deeper into helping close the justice gap by taking the live, multi-week online course to be offered in April.

Presenter: Catherine McGuire, Head of Reference and Outreach, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, Maryland; Luis Interiano, Adult Services Librarian, West Baton Rouge Library, Port Allen, Louisiana; and Betha Gutsche, WebJunction Programs Manager, OCLC

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

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News Worthy

Regional

- [Library nurtured Middletown native's love of reading](#) | Recordonline.com 1.19.20

National

- [Missouri bill: New parent board could toss any public library book it deems sexually inappropriate - and librarians could be jailed](#) | The Washington Post 1.15.20
- [The New York Public Library opts to cancel un-PC feminists](#) | NYPost.com 1.15.20
- [Who could hate 'Goodnight Moon'? This powerful New York librarian](#) | AlbanyTimesUnion.com 1.14.20
- [The case for public and academic shared libraries in Connecticut](#) | CT Mirror 1.13.20
- [Prison Libraries: Shelves Bare and Minds Restless](#) | ALA Intellectual Freedom Blog 1.13.20
- [Washingtonians of the Year 2019](#) | Washingtonian 12.18.19

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](#).

January

Monday, 27

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 28

RUG, New City – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 29

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

Friday, 31

LARC-YS, New City – 9:30 a.m.

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Monday, 3

State Annual Report Deadline

Tuesday, 4

Continuing Education Committee, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 6

[Mission Possible: Understanding Copyright and Fair Use Law](#), RCLS – 8:30 a.m.

Friday, 7

Orange County Complete Count Committee, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 10

Battle of the Books and RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12

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

Wednesday, 12

LARC Teen Librarians, Haverstraw – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12

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

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RCLS Youth Services Presents

2020 Performers' Showcase

Friday, February 21, 2020

9:30 a.m. Coffee / 10:00 a.m. Program



Twelve performers will give 15-minute presentations of programs that are available for your library or organization.

The performers are:

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| 10:00 | Eric Calendar | World of Reptiles |
| 10:15 | Andrew Proto | Astonishing Andrew |
| 10:30 | Science Tellers | Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress |
| 10:45 | Matt Mazur | Music, Bubble & Comedy Show: Imagine Your Story! |
| 11:00 | Li Liu | Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics |
| 11:15 | Darren Sardelli | The Funny Family Poetry Show |
| 11:30 | Dagen Julty/
Felicia Flanagan | The Funshine Merry Makers |
| 11:45 | Barry & Jeri | The Storycrafters |
| 12:00 | Jeremy Rubenstein | Box Out Bullying |
| 12:15 | Florence Labaze | Miss Flo – Zumbini (Facebook: Zumbini with Flo) |
| 12:30 | TBA | |
| 12:45 | Nathan Gross | Culinary Corner With Chef Nate/Garde Manger
(Facebook: The Culinary Corner with Chef Nate) |

Handouts and performance rates will be available at the showcase.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#) by 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2020

If you are unable to attend the showcase and would like copies of the handouts, please e-mail [Eileen Acosta](#)



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NYLA Advocacy Day 2020

YOUR Support Needed @ your library™

Tuesday, February 25

CONVENIENT MOTOR COACH LOCATIONS and DEPARTURE TIMES!
(PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE - MOTOR COACHES LEAVE ON TIME)

- West Nyack 6:45 a.m. (Palisades Center)
- Newburgh 7:30 a.m. (Newburgh Mall)
- New Paltz 7:45 a.m. (Thruway Exit 18 Park & Ride)
- Kingston 8:15 a.m. (Thruway Exit 19 Park & Ride)
- Catskill 8:40 a.m. (Thruway Exit 21 Park & Ride)

Leaves Albany at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments, advocacy information and a schedule of appointments provided on the motor coaches.

Register online @ <http://calendar.rcls.org/>

Make checks (\$5 per person – non-refundable) payable to **RCLS**.
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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

LET US KNOW IF DRIVING YOURSELF

Use the online registration and check "Driving myself" under
"What is your preferred pickup location?"
You will receive an information packet.



QUESTIONS?

Contact: Dan Hulse @ Ramapo Catskill Library System
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