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## Haverstraw Achieves Green Business Certification

The Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library (HKDPL) has achieved Green Business Certification by the Green Business Partnership (GBP) as the first step of seeking certification under the Sustainable Libraries Initiative. HKDPL is the ninth public library to be certified by the GBP, out of 756 public libraries statewide.



Green Business Partnership

By becoming a Certified Green Business, HKDPL is modeling best green business practices and a commitment to continuous improvement. The library tracked and reduced its environmental impact in the areas of energy use, waste management and recycling, transportation, land use, water, and also made a firm organizational commitment to continue the work into the future. Green Business Partnership program director Dani Glaser wrote, "HKDPL has now joined an exclusive group of organizations that have gone above and beyond in their commitment to environmental sustainability and corporate citizenship."

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Members of the HKDPL Green Team: front row (L-R)– Nicola, Claudia, Terry; back row (L-R)–Debbie, Julio, Cathy, Annadora, Lori; absent members--Patrice, Gina.

## News Worthy

### National

- [Embargoing Libraries: A Losing Proposition for All](#) | Information Today, Inc. 1.21.20
- [Spending a Lot On Books? This Browser Extension Tells You if They're Available at Your Local Library](#) | Mental Floss 1.20.20
- [OIF responds to Missouri legislation that proposes policies and procedures that threaten access to information](#) | ALA News 1.16.20
- [Broad Support for Google in the First Round of Supreme Court Briefing](#) | Disruptive Competition Project 1.14.20
- [U.S. Senate Confirms ALA Member Crosby Kemper III as New IMLS Director](#) | ALA News 1.9.20



### NYLA Library Advocacy Day is **Tuesday, February 25.**

The deadline to register for the motor coach to Albany is **Thursday, February 20.**

Don't procrastinate – register now, whether you plan to take the motor coach or drive yourself!

We need your presence. Register using the [RCLS Calendar](#) today!!

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“We’re so excited to become certified under the GBP,” said Claudia Depkin, library director. “We adopted the Triple Bottom Line definition of sustainability, which overlays our decision-making process, ensuring the actions we undertake are environmentally sound, socially equitable and economically feasible. Our next step is to work towards certification under the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, a project of the New York Library Association. That’s when we’ll delve deeply into the unique program areas that make libraries so special, such as collections, social cohesion, resilience planning and financial sustainability. The community we serve is working toward becoming a Climate Smart Community, and we’ll be there every step of the way to ensure our neighborhoods are resilient and can bounce back from disruption.”



## Central Library Services Available to RCLS Member Libraries

*Beth Zambito, Head of Adult Services & Coordinator of Central Library Services, Newburgh Free Library*

As the Central Library for RCLS, the Newburgh Free Library is committed to providing access to all of its databases to member libraries. You can find a list of databases accessible to Newburgh library card holders or for In-Library-Use only on the “Central Library Services” tab on our [Databases page](#).



Reference Librarians at Newburgh are happy to take calls or emails from other RCLS member library staff members, and will use our resources to answer questions you may have.

Database training workshops for member library staff may also be scheduled. We encourage and welcome patrons from other member libraries to come to Newburgh to access the databases on site as well.

For instance, if you have a really tricky reference question you need some assistance with, or if a patron has a question that may be answered with the help of a database we have here at Newburgh, give us a call!

#### **For assistance:**

- Beth Zambito, Head of Adult Services & Coordinator of Central Library Services:  
845-563-3628 or [bzambito@rcls.org](mailto:bzambito@rcls.org)
- Newburgh Free Library Reference Desk:  
845-563-3625 or [nfref@rcls.org](mailto:nfref@rcls.org)

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Photos of the Week



On Monday, January 6 at RCLS headquarters, Children’s Librarians of Orange, Ulster and Sullivan Counties (CLOUSC) members discussed new children’s books and made their choices for the Caldecott and Newbery Medals.

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).

## Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grants

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and libraries that offer literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General through the following grant programs:

- [Adult Literacy Grants](#)
- [Family Literacy Grants](#)
- [Summer Reading Grants](#)

For more information [visit the Dollar General website](#). Deadline for applications is **Thursday, February 20 by 11 p.m.**

## Library Visits Outpaced Going to the Movies in 2019

*Gallup, Jan. 24*

Visiting the library remains the most frequent cultural activity Americans engage in, by far. The average of 10.5 trips to the library that US adults report taking in 2019 exceeds their participation in eight other common leisure activities. Americans attend live music or theatrical events and visit national or historic parks roughly 4 times a year on average and visit museums and gambling casinos 2.5 times annually. Trips to amusement or theme parks (1.5) and zoos (0.9) are the least common activities on this list. Women report visiting the library nearly twice as frequently as men, and adults aged 18–29 visit the library much more than all older age groups.

## 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](#).

### February

#### 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.

#### Thursday, 13

RCLS Coalition for Librarians of Color, RCLS – 10:30 a.m. (Snow date: Tuesday, 18)

#### Monday, 17

**Presidents Day  
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

#### Tuesday, 18

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

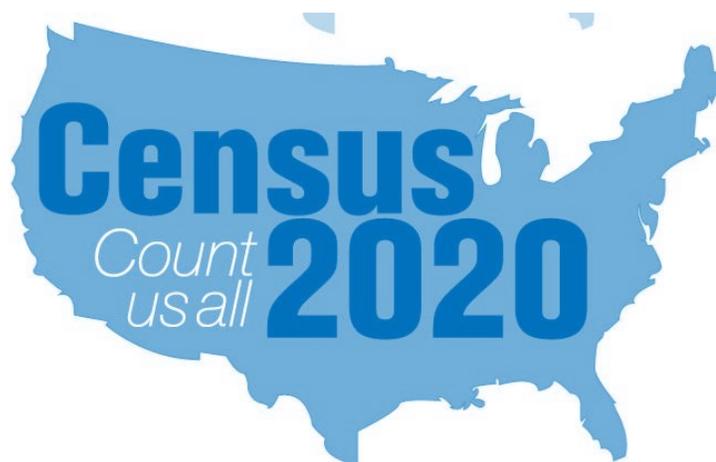
#### Tuesday, 18

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

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# 2020 Census Training for Youth Staff

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**Wednesday,  
February 12,  
2020**

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library**

10 West Ramapo Road  
Garnerville, NY  
845.786.3800

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### **Workshop**

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. Counting an increasingly diverse and growing population is a massive undertaking. Ultimately, the success of the census depends on everyone's participation. Libraries, as always, will be playing a pivotal role in educating community members about the impact the Census data will have in our lives for the next ten years.

This 2020 Census training is 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.

We want to be prepared!

### **Registration**

Registration is required. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.





# NYLA Advocacy Day 2020

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## 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.  
Thanks to donations from the many Friends Groups, we are able to subsidize the price.  
Send to Ruth Daubenspeck/RCLS • 619 Route 17M • Middletown, NY 10940

**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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