



Weekly Memo

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Board Talking Points



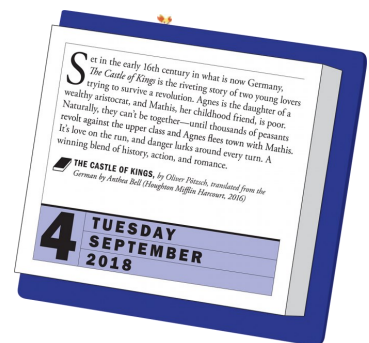
At its Monday, December 18, meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following

Talking Points:

- [Stephen P. Hoefler presented](#) to the RCLS Board the services the Business Office offers to member libraries and its duties.
- RCLS building construction has begun with an anticipated completion of early spring. Fifty percent of the renovation cost is covered by the NYS Construction Grant.
- Anticipating revised Bylaws at the next meeting.
- The January and February 2018 meetings will be on the third Tuesdays of those months.
- Save the date – **Friday, September 14, 2018** for the Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting to be held at The Sullivan Event Center in Rock Hill, NY.
- Save the date – **Wednesday, February 28, 2018** for NYLA Library Advocacy Day in Albany, NY.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the December Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website ([Minutes/Financial Reports](#), [Assistant Director's Report](#) and [Executive Director's Report](#)). Questions about the Talking Points should be directed to Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

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Lover's Calendar**
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2018 Conference Dates

- [American Library Association \(ALA\) Midwinter](#): February 9-13 Denver, CO
- [Public Library Association \(PLA\) Conference](#): March 20-24, Philadelphia
- [Computers in Libraries 2018](#): April 17-19 at Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA
- [Urban Librarians Conference](#): Friday, April 13 in Brooklyn, NY. Theme: *Library Revolution*.
- [Youth Services Section \(YSS\) Annual Spring Conference](#): Friday, April 13 at Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center, Syracuse, NY. Theme: *Libraries are for Everyone*.
- [2018 Library Trustees Association of New York \(LTA\) Trustee Institute](#): April 27 – 28. Marriott Hotel, Uniondale, NY
- [Hudson Children's Book Festival](#): Saturday, May 5 at 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY
- [Book Expo America](#): May 30-June 1 at Javits Center, NYC
- [American Library Association \(ALA\) Annual Conference](#): June 21-26 in New Orleans, LA
- [BookCon](#): June 2-3 at Javits Center
- [Warwick Children's Book Festival](#): Saturday, October 6 in Warwick, NY
- [Fall Into Books](#) Wednesday, October 24, Location TBA
- [New York Library Association \(NYLA\) Annual Conference](#): November 7-10 in Rochester, NY

Library Holidays

Start planning now for some of the many “library holidays” coming up in 2018! Many of these events are sponsored by the American Library Association or other organizations that provide marketing materials for the event. These can be great programming and PR opportunities in your community:

- [Read Across America](#) –Year Long
- [National Reading Day](#) – Tuesday, January 23
- [Library Lovers Month](#) – February
- [World Read Aloud Day](#) – Thursday, February 1
- [Take Your Child to the Library Day](#) – Saturday, February 3
- [Digital Learning Day](#) – Thursday, February 22
- Return the Borrowed Books Week – First Week of March
- [Teen Tech Week](#) – March 4-10
- [Freedom of Information Day](#) – Thursday, March 16
- [World Storytelling Day](#) – Monday, March 20
- [School Library Month](#) – April
- [National Poetry Month](#) – April
- [National Library Week](#) – April 8-14 Theme: “Libraries Lead”
- [National Library Workers Day](#) – Tuesday, April 10
- [National D.E.A.R. Day \(Drop Everything and Read Day\)](#) – Thursday, April 12
- [Money Smart Week](#)[®] – April 21-28
- [Preservation Week](#) – April 22-28
- [Children's Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros \(Día\)](#) – Monday, April 30
- [Children's Book Week](#) – April 30-May6
- [Choose Privacy Week](#) – May 1-7
- [National Library Legislative Day](#) – May 7-8
- [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) – September
- [International Literacy Day](#) – Saturday, September 8
- [Banned Books Week](#) – September 23-29
- [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#) – Wednesday, September 26
- [Teen Read Week](#) – October 7-13
- [National Friends of Libraries Week](#) – October 21-27
- [Picture Book Month](#) – November
- [International Games Month](#) – November

Know Your Legislator

According to the American Library Association (ALA) Library Advocate's handbook, the more you know about a legislator or official, the more effective you can be in communicating the library message and ensuring a successful outcome from your advocacy efforts.

In preparation for New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day, **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**, the *RCLS Weekly Memo* will be taking a closer look each week at one of the eleven legislators that cover the RCLS area.

Senator John J. Bonacic 42nd Senate District

Political Party:

Republican, Conservative, Independence Party

Assumed Office:

1999

Deputy Majority Leader, New York State Senate, 2017-present

Deputy Majority Leader for State/Federal Relations, New York State Senate

Deputy Majority Whip, New York State Senate, present

Assembly Member, New York State Assembly, 1990-1998

Legislator, Orange County Legislature, 1973-1989

Counsel, Bonacic, LoBiondo & Krahulik, Limited Liability Partnership, present

Former Employee, Orange and Rockland Utilities

Former Assistant District Attorney, Orange County

Education:

JD, Fordham University School of Law

BA, Economics, Iona College (Magna Cum Laude)

Family:

Married to Pat

2 Children, 3 Grandchildren

Primary Supporters:

[Vote Smart Facts Matter](#)

Committees:

- [Alcoholism and Drug Abuse](#)
- [Banks](#)
- [Children and Families](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Housing, Construction, and Community Development](#)
- [Judiciary](#), Chair
- [Racing, Gaming and Wagering](#), Chair
- [Rules](#)
- [State-Native American Relations \(Temporary Committee\)](#)

Priorities:

Healthcare, property tax relief and housing

Position on Libraries:

Pro-libraries. Grade of "A" in [2012 Voter's Guide](#)

Libraries in District:

Cragmoor, Eldred, Ellenville, Fallsburg, Florida, Gardiner, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Grahamsville, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Mamakating, Middletown, Monticello, Port Jervis, Roscoe, Tuxedo Park, Walkkill, Warwick, Western Sullivan

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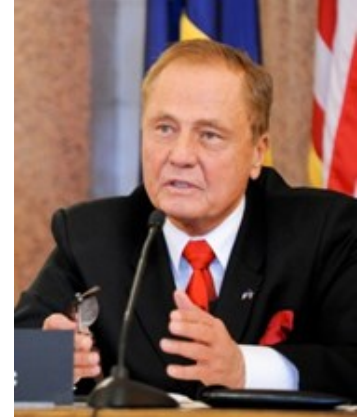
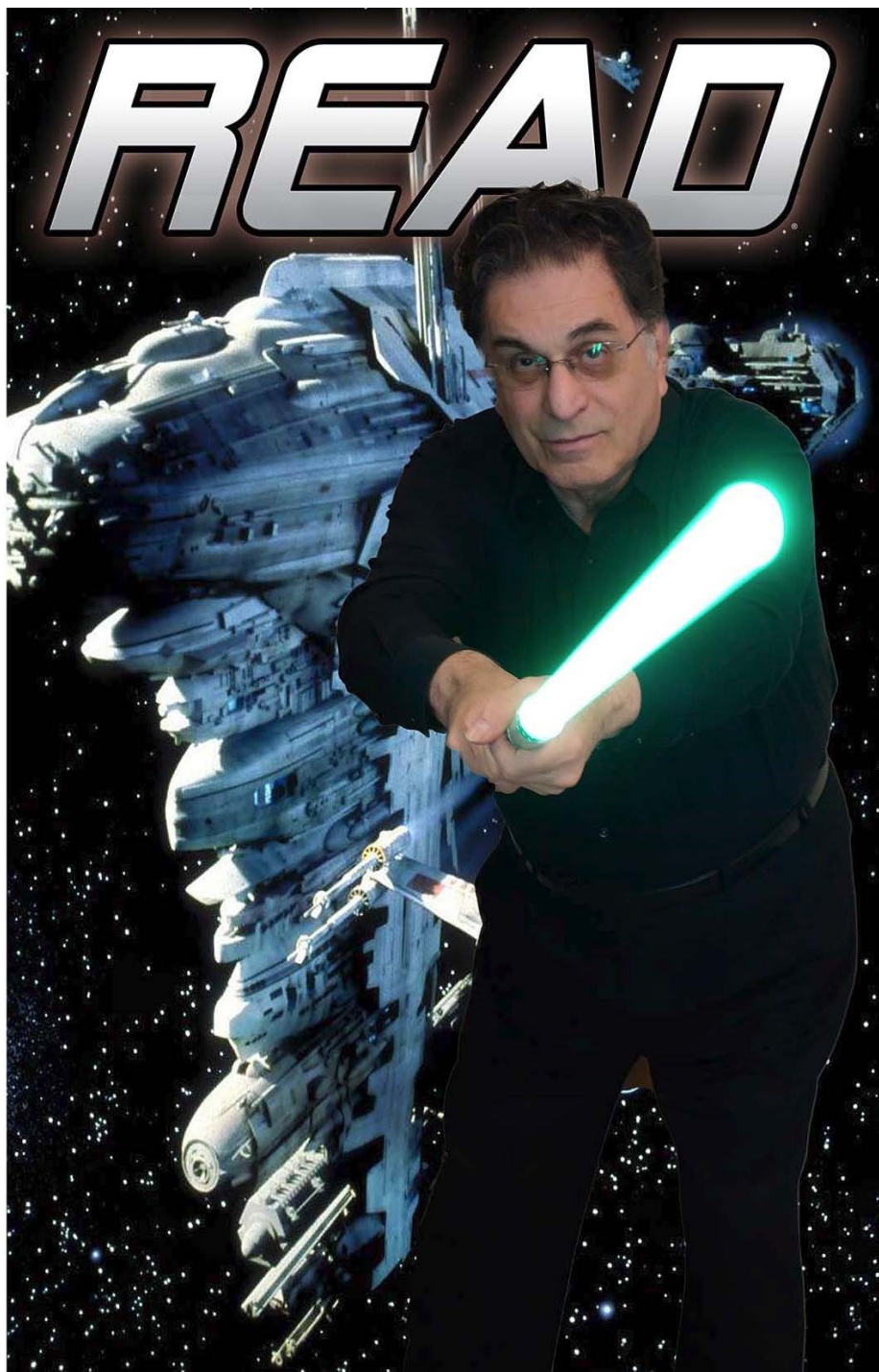


Photo of the Week



RCLS Executive Director Robert Hubsher with a light saber that he won during the New York Library Association (NYLA) Conference through a raffle held by the Nassau County Library Association as a fundraiser for their Continuing Education activities.

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.



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2017 RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

At the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting held on Friday, September 15, 2017 Annual Awards presentations were made. The following is a nomination for the *Member Library Youth Program of the Year Award*:




Program: “Sew You Club”
Nominator: Tara Morris, Children’s Services
Nominating Library: Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library

The “Sew You Club” is a program designed to teach basic sewing skills to children. Each of the five sessions builds upon what was learned in the previous weeks. In the first week we learn how to thread a needle and how to create straight and back stitches. In the second week we continue with basic stitches and introduce the border stitch. Other sewing skills will be taught, such as how to see on buttons, how to trace patterns and how to use fluff filling to build up a project.



During the program we will create fun projects that incorporate the various stitches and skills we learn, such as bookmarks, pillows and stuffed toys.



Sew-You Club

Thursdays
September 22 - October 20
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Ages 9 - 13
Learn basic sewing skills!

Make fun projects like
teddy bears, mini-pillows and more!

Registration is open for everyone!

Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library, Main Library, 10 W. Ramapo Rd, Camenville, NY 10923 (845) 786-3800

Library Certification

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

A reminder that public Librarian Professional Certificates issued as of January 1, 2010, and thereafter shall only remain valid when 60 hours of professional development are completed every five-year period (defined as every five years from the date the certificate is issued).

Approved programs from accepted providers include: courses, workshops, seminars, lectures, webinars, e-courses, library conference programs, or other relevant programs. As stipulated in Commissioner's Regulation § 90.7(c)(1), curriculum from “any other institution or provider as pre-approved by the employing library, employing library system or the State Education Department” can fulfill the professional development requirement.

What records to keep:

- Certificates or transcripts showing successful completion of courses.
- Letters from a supervisor indicating completion of a program or project.
- For webinars you attend, keep both the e-mail you receive when you register as well as the e-mail you receive after the event.

Each program attendee is allowed, once a year, to request a summary listing of the RCLS Continuing Education programs that they have attended from Ruth Daubenspeck (ruth@rcls.org).

More information is available on the [NYS Education website](http://www.nysed.gov). At this site the state also provides a Continuing Education Record Form which may be used to document your Continuing Education activities. Please do not submit this form to the New York State Education Department unless requested to do so.



January Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ State Annual Report Workshop

Friday, January 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This session will include a review of Major Changes and Helpful Hints for completing the 2017 State Annual Report. Teleconference will not be available as there are many handouts and an on-line demonstration. See the registration form for lunch options if staying for the afternoon session.

Presenters: **Stephen Hoefler**, RCLS Fiscal Officer and **Jerry Kuntz**, RCLS Electronic Resources Consultant

Location: Moffat Library of Washingtonville

Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)

✓ State Annual Report Hands-on Training

Friday, January 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hands-on Annual Report Training is designed for new directors and staff, but open to all. In the morning session handouts for the Library Collection (Section 2), Library Transactions (Section 4) and System Cash Grants to Member Library (Section 11) will have been distributed. This session will be hands on as you enter the your data into your report. Fifteen RCLS laptops are available on a first-come, first-served basis (see registration form to request one). You are welcome to bring your own laptop.

Presenters: **Stephen Hoefler**, RCLS Fiscal Officer and **Martha Sullivan**, RCLS Software Support Technician

Location: Moffat Library of Washingtonville

Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)

✓ Westchester Library System MakerSpace Skills

RCLS continues its partnership with the Westchester Library System (WLS) to provide RCLS member library staff with the opportunity for training in MakerSpace skills. The January schedule is below.

Location: Westchester Library System • 570 Taxter Road Suite 400 • Elmsford, NY 10523

Details and to Register: [WLS Calendar](#). When you register, under the NOTES field, please add “RCLS member library” to your registration form.

- Maker Program: Getting Started with Circuits and Arduino – Fridays 19 & 26 (2-part workshop)
- Maker Program: Turn Your Photo into a 3D Print – Monday, 22
- Maker Program: Vinyl Cutter Certification– Wednesday, 24
- Maker Program – Physics Fun! Wednesday, 31

January Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ Gale's Academic OneFile Refresher

Monday, January 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Academic OneFile is Gale's premiere periodical database for academic and scholarly journals. Join us for this webinar to refresh your knowledge on what you can expect to find here, using deep dive searches, and how to integrate its content into LibGuides, online syllabi, and more!

Register: [WebEx](#)

✓ Let's Talk About Race in Storytimes

Tuesday, January 9 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Storytime is the perfect place to model an open and welcoming environment for your whole community. No one should feel left out or erased from a larger narrative by never being able to see themselves or their race reflected in storytime. At this webinar, we will have a conversation in hopes it will lead to practice in tangible ways to model storytime inclusion.

Presenter: [Jessica Anne Bratt](#), [Grand Rapids Public Library](#).

Register: [First Tuesdays](#)

✓ Citations Needed: Build Your Wikipedia Skills While Building the World's Encyclopedia

Wednesday, January 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Librarians have the power to make Wikipedia better and more reliable. Once you understand how this collaborative, community-driven encyclopedia works, you will see the value of contributing your expertise and knowledge. [Wikipedia Library's annual #1lib1ref](#) ("One Librarian, One Reference") campaign provides a simple and fun way to get started. This global initiative invites all library staff to improve the verifiability of information on Wikipedia by adding at least one reference during the campaign, which runs from January 15 through February 3, 2018.

This webinar will illuminate the inner workings of Wikipedia to build your confidence in its viability as a resource and share why library staff love participating in #1lib1ref—and why engaging with Wikipedia makes sense for libraries. Learn how you can participate in #1lib1ref, confidently add a citation to Wikipedia and connect with other librarians who are motivated to contribute to this popular resource used by information-seekers around the world. Join the community of librarians who Wikipedia!

The Wikipedia + Libraries: Better Together project is funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Wikimedia Foundation.

Presenter: **Monika Sengul-Jones**, Wikipedian-in-Residence, OCLC, and **Emily Jack**, Community Engagement Librarian, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries.

Register: [WebJunction](#)

✓ Making Readers: How the Maker Movement Can Impact Literacy

Monday, January 22 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We have all heard how making and makerspaces can encourage STEM learning. But what can they do for literacy? This webinar will address ways that literacy and making can go hand in hand to enhance your program offered at the library. By focusing on transliteracy skills and including maker activities with literacy activities, librarians can better influence the traditional literacy skills they have always targeted.

Presenter: **Megan Egbert**, Meridian Library District

Register: [Idaho Commission for Libraries](#)

✓ Discovering Primary Documents in In Context

Monday, January 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Primary documents are more important than ever and your Gale In Context resources from NOVELNY have a rich collection of primary sources. This webinar is designed to help you discover them! We will share the best search practices for finding what you need and how to browse what is available.

Register: [WebEx](#)

✓ From Facilities to Trauma: Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency at Your Library

Tuesday, January 30 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Recent catastrophes have highlighted the important role public libraries play in enhancing their community's resiliency and post-disaster recovery efforts. Many community leaders now view libraries as ad hoc disaster recovery centers and recognize librarians as Information First Responders. This presentation will help you and your library embrace this new role as Information First Responders, who quickly enable people to get back to work, back to their lives, and ensure recovery of the community's economic life. Learn what you need to prepare before disaster strikes, guided by New Jersey State Library's [Disaster Preparedness & Community Resiliency Toolkit](#), which has been emergency-tested by libraries. Your library can be at the forefront in providing that safe haven in times of crisis and helping your community return to normal life.

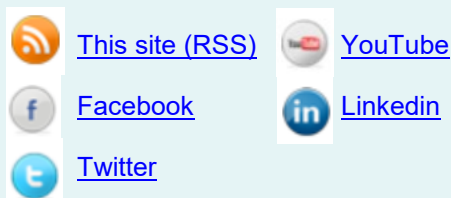
Presenter: **Michele Stricker**, Deputy State Librarian for Lifelong Learning, New Jersey State Library

Register: [WebJunction](#)

Job Openings

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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

Tuesday, 2—Friday, 19

[Juvenile Book Preview](#), RCLS 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 10

CTUG, Middletown—10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 11

Directors Association, Middletown—9:30 a.m.

Friday, 12

LARC-YS, Nanuet—10:00 a.m.

Monday, 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES

Tuesday, 16

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS—6:30 p.m.

Friday, 19

SUPLA, Callicoon—9:30 a.m.

Monday 22

[CLOUSC Mock Caldecott & Newberry Discussions](#),
 Newburgh—9:00 a.m.

[RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Award Discussions](#),
 Newburgh—2:00 p.m.

Monday, 22

ANSER Committee, Newburgh—9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 25

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

Friday, 26

[State Annual Report Workshop](#),
 Washingtonville—10:00 a.m.

[State Annual Report Workshop – Hands-on Training](#),
 Washingtonville —1:00 p.m.

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