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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Tuesday, January 16** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.

Congratulations to Nancy Krom!

The Cragmoor Free Library opened the doors to its building on July 9, 1925, 92 years ago. Just imagine all the stories it could tell (if only it could) about the changes it has gone through! Once again a change has come. Former Director Jennifer Campbell is off to a new exciting life near her family, blessed with good luck from the library's staff and Trustees. Nancy Krom, the "old" assistant director has been named the "new" director. Nancy stated, "The Director's job is both a privilege and a challenge. My goal is to have the library operate as it has in the past with efficiency, quality and warmth. Please stop by and help make this change a positive one."

State Law Requires Every Public Library Trustee to Take an Oath of Office

Many library trustee terms begin on January 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 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](#).

Reminders: A non-board member with the title Treasurer is considered a public officer and is required to take an oath of office.

Remember to track the date the oath of office is taken and the date it is filed with the town or county clerk for the State Annual Report.

Apply for Revisiting the Founding Era Program Grants

[*ALA Public Programs Office, Dec. 15*](#)

Public libraries are invited to apply for “Revisiting the Founding Era,” a nationwide project that will use historical documents to spark public



conversations about the Founding Era’s enduring ideas and how they continue to influence our lives today. A project of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in collaboration with ALA and the National Constitution Center, “Revisiting the Founding Era” is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. [Apply online](#) by **Wednesday, January 31**.

Apply for a grant to partner with NASA

[*National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Dec. 15*](#)

The NASA Office of Education invites proposals from libraries, museums, science centers, youth-serving organizations, and other eligible nonprofits via [NASA Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions](#). Proposals must be submitted electronically via the NASA proposal data system NSPIRES or Grants.gov. The grant will allow libraries to participate in NASA-based activities and provide students with the opportunity to contribute to NASA’s mission. [Proposals](#) are due **Wednesday, February 28**.



Free Webinar

✓ Navigating Digital Repositories for New York’s Historical Collections

Wednesday, January 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This webinar is an introduction to the digital collections of the Empire State Library Network in New York (ESLN), with a focus on the larger repositories that provide more convenient searches across collections.



Empire State Library Network
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The webinar will help member institutions better serve end users in locating archival and special collections resources and familiarize attendees with the navigation of these digital repositories. The webinar will begin by looking at digital collections and digital repositories: what they are and how they can be advantageous for end users. It will also include advice on how to use metadata as a means of navigation and how to determine copyright and re-use status of resources.

Attendees will be introduced to several regional platforms in New York, like New York Heritage (NYH), Digital Culture of Metropolitan New York (DCMNY), and Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH), as well as the national portal Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

Presenters: **Karen Li-Lun Hwang**, Digital Projects and Metadata Librarian, Metropolitan New York Library Council. **Jennifer Palmentiero**, Digital Services Librarian, Southeastern New York Library Resources Council. **Ryan Perry**, Digital Collections Librarian, Central NY Library Resources Council.

Register: [Empire State Library Network](#)

UCSD Library’s 3D Printer Gives Sea Turtle a Brace

[*Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Dec. 11*](#)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego has teamed up with the Digital Media Lab at UC San Diego’s Geisel Library to create what is believed to be the first 3D-printed brace for a sea turtle’s shell. The loggerhead sea turtle was [rescued](#) from a New Jersey power plant in 2013 with a large gap in the bottom right part of her shell. This gap, along with an abnormal curve of her spine and paralysis of her back flippers, is likely due to trauma experienced in the wild before she was rescued.



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 represent the RCLS area.

96th Assembly District

Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski, Jr.

Political Party: Democrat

Assumed Office: May 2007

Previous Positions:

- Legislator, Rockland County Legislature
- Counsel with Braufotel & Frendel, LLC law firm
- Partner with Zebrowski & Zebrowski PC law firm

Education: BA Magna Cum Laude in Political Science from State University of New York at Albany
Juris Doctor degree from the Seton Hall University School of Law

Primary supporters: [Vote Smart Facts Matter](#)

Committees:

- [Banks](#), Chair
- [Codes](#)
- [Ethics and Guidance](#)
- [Governmental Employees](#)
- [Judiciary](#)
- [Labor](#)
- [Subcommittee on Criminal Procedure](#)
- [Subcommittee on Emerging Workforce](#)

Priorities: A reform minded legislator who has sponsored bills to ensure transparency in campaign material and co-sponsored measures to close the LLC loophole and strip corrupt public officials of their taxpayer funded pensions.

He ensures that Rockland County is not overlooked in State Government.

Position on libraries: Favors libraries. Grade of B on 2012 Library Voting Guide

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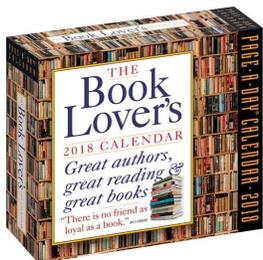
Photo of the Week



Making Clay Ornaments with Ellany Gable of Honey Hill Pottery at the Jeffersonville Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library.

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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New Guide to Teen Services Competencies

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has unveiled a new publication, *Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff*, which outlines the skills all library staff need to serve teenage patrons effectively. This is the latest resource developed to help graduate schools, library administrators, and library staff guarantee that all teens receive high quality service from their public and school libraries. [Click here to download the PDF](#) or [here](#) to learn more about the project.



New York Heritage Digital Collections Website

The New York Heritage Digital Collections website has been relaunched with a new look and navigation system – <https://nyheritage.org>

Users are able to more effectively search and browse through institutions and collections.



Additional contextual information was added to collection pages to enhance users' understanding of the materials.

New York Heritage Digital Collections would appreciate general [feedback via a survey](#). If you notice any specific problems with the site, they encourage you to [fill out a bug report](#).

A Snapshot of the National Library Service

Knowledge Quest blog, Dec. 4

Helen Adams writes, “School librarians encourage reading and protect their students’ right to read. But what if one of the students is blind, partially sighted, is unable to turn the pages of books, or has a reading disability that prevents reading print normally? The [National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#) (NLS) at the Library of Congress, is an excellent source for special-format books, magazines, and music materials. Here is an overview of NLS resources, services, and operations.”



News Worthy

Regional

National

- [This Mom is Visiting All 73 Library Branches](#) | Los Angeles Public Library 12.22.17
- [Ten Reasons Libraries Are Still Better Than the Internet](#) | American Libraries Magazine 12.19.17

2017 RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

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

Program: “Dinner and a Movie @ the Nanuet Public Library”
Nominator: Kristen McInerney
Nominating Library: Nanuet Public Library

In today’s busy world, everyone is “plugged in.” When I go to restaurants, I see people looking down at their phones and not at each other. This was the inspiration for the Nanuet Public Library’s “Dinner & a Movie” Series.

Sadly, Americans rarely eat together anymore. It is a pity that so many people are missing what could be meaningful time with their loved ones, but it can also have negative effects both physically and psychologically. Eating together and talking can be therapeutic, an opportunity to reflect on the day or on recent events. Eating together is a small act that requires very little time – 30 minutes. Thirty minutes away from the cell phone. Next, incorporate a classic or Oscar-nominated movie and you have an amazing program for adults young and old. People are unplugged and enjoy an inexpensive evening out.

Patrons arrived at the library at 6 p.m. for dinner – pizza, salad and a beverage. The card tables were set with tablecloths and popcorn cups decorated each table. Seating was at the discretion of the patron, they could sit at a table of two, three or four. The results were amazing! People came as couples, with friends, and some even came alone and joined a group! At 6:30 p.m., the lights were dimmed and the show began. Of course, dessert and coffee were available.

This program has only continued to grow and grow. People have spread the word and we have had over 30 people at a showing. Open to all cardholders, we charge a \$5 fee at registration to ensure that people attend. This money covers the cost of the pizza. The adult program budget covers all other items. For under \$150, you can have an amazing program!

Pictured right from the Nanuet Public Library Winter 2017-2018 Newsletter are upcoming Dinner & a Movie selections.

Dinner & a Movie @ Your Library!

For only \$5 you are treated to pizza, salad, a drink, popcorn, and dessert. No walk-ins or refunds. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Lee Daniels’ *The Butler*

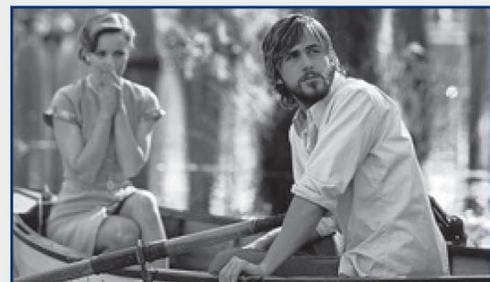
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6 PM



As Cecil Gaines serves eight presidents during his tenure as a butler at the White House, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, and other major events affect his life, family, and American society. Rated PG-13. 2 hours, 12 minutes. \$5 admission fee is due at registration. Registration begins on Monday, Dec. 4 for all library cardholders. Please register by Friday, Jan. 5.

The Notebook

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6 PM



A poor, yet passionate, young man falls in love with a rich young woman giving her a sense of freedom. They are soon separated because of their social differences. Rated PG-13. 2 hours, 3 minutes. \$5 admission fee is due at registration. Registration begins on Monday, Dec. 4 for all library cardholders. Please register by Friday, Feb. 2.

Job Openings

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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, 8—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.
 No Fines Project Presentation—11:00 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 & Newbery 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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