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Lend Your Voice!

Wednesday, February 28 was New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day (LAD). A total of 163 advocates – staff, trustees, Friends, students and Library Champions – from RCLS and Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) joined over 1,000 other advocates from around the State to bring our message about the importance of libraries and library systems to our legislators. RCLS supporters visited all 11 of the legislators that serve RCLS member libraries.

We need your help to continue our advocacy efforts!

Lend your voice to the effort by visiting the [NYLA's Online Advocacy Center](#) where you will be able to reach out and contact your elected representatives and voice your support for restoration of State Aid to libraries and library systems. It takes less than two minutes to send your message supporting New York's libraries. Please take the time to reach out to your legislators now!

To learn more about Library Advocacy issues, view the advocacy documents which were shared with our legislators on February 28. They are posted to the [RCLS website](#).



Senator John J. Bonacic meets with a room full of library advocates on Wednesday, February 28, 2018—NYLA Library Advocacy Day. Senator Bonacic stated, "Public libraries are a critically important aspect of our local communities. I'm glad to support the good work that libraries do on a daily basis."

News Worthy

Regional

- [Once It Was Overdue Books. Now Librarians Fight Overdoses](#) | The New York Times 2.28.18
- [Research, Surveys Culminate in Mahopac Library's Long-Range Plan](#) | Mahopac Public Library | Tap Into Mahopac News 2.17.18
- [New Paltz fantasy author Kim Ellis reads latest at Elting Library](#) | Elting Memorial Library | Hudson Valley One 2.16.18
- [Libraries are core elements of community life](#) | Roeliff Jansen Community Library | Hudson Valley 360 2.13.18

National

- [Missouri universities' libraries move to digital collections](#) | Sacramento Bee 2.21.18
- [Petition calls for separating LGBT materials in library](#) | Sioux City Journal 2.21.18
- [Oakland re-opens original library after 19-year wait](#) | northjersey.com 2.9.18
- [Company that bungled library deliveries won't commit to fixing problem](#) | northjersey.com 2.5.18
- [The unexpected role librarians are playing in Sacramento's homeless crisis](#) | Sacramento Bee 1.30.18
- [Social workers offer critical help about benefits at seven state libraries](#) | delawareonline.com 1.11.18

Add your voice – every message counts!

A big THANK YOU to our generous financial supporters for the LAD motorcoaches:

- Friends of Blodgett Memorial Library, Fishkill
- Friends of the Brewster Public Library Inc.
- Friends of the Cairo Public Library
- Friends of the Chatham Public Library Inc.
- Friends of the Cornwall Public Library
- Friends of the Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison
- Friends of the Greenville Library
- Friends of the Grinnell Public Library District, Wappingers Falls
- Foundation for Hudson Valley Libraries, Inc.
- Friends of the Howland Public Library, Beacon
- Friends of the Hyde Park Free Library
- Friends of the Hudson Area Library
- Friends of Kent Library, Inc.
- Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
- Friends of the Mahopac Library
- Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc.
- Friends of the Moffat Library, Inc., Washingtonville
- Friends of the Mountain Top Library, Tannersville
- Friends of the Nyack Library
- Orange Library Association
- Friends of the Patterson Library
- Friends of the Philmont Public Library
- Friends of the Pine Plains Free Library
- Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Inc.
- Friends of the Rosendale Library
- Friends of Saugerties Public Library
- Friends of Starr Library, Rhinebeck
- Friends of the Walkkill Public Library
- Roslyn Applebaum Hurwitz
- John Duncan
- Sue Anne Vogelsberg

A big thank you also to RCLS and MHLS staff members who assisted on this successful project.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for next year's NYLA Library Advocacy Day.

For more NYLA Library Advocacy Day photos, visit the [RCLS Twitter account](#) (you do not need a Twitter account to view). Also check out the [RCLS YouTube](#) video created by Martha Sullivan, RCLS Software Support Technician.

Assemblyman James Skoufis surrounded by library advocates.



RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Tuesday, February 20 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- RCLS ANSER Manager & Network Administrator John Hurley presented to the RCLS Board an overview of ANSER and all the complexities of the automation and technology department in providing services to the member libraries.
- Reorganization of the RCLS Board of Trustees including the election of the following officers:
Martha Anderson – President
Anita Bauman - Vice President
Carla Randazzo Amthor - Secretary
Bernard Marone - Treasurer
- New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day has 157 registered to attend from the RCLS region.
- Approved the Revised NYS Public Construction Funds allocation; bringing up all awards at least 37%.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the February Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, March 19 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 Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

Minecraft SRP Contest

Create an arena, stadium or concert hall using Minecraft and win a goodie bag. Four players have 90 minutes to build an entry. Libraries may have as many entries as they wish. A video must be submitted for each entry (two minutes maximum). Use a vanilla server.

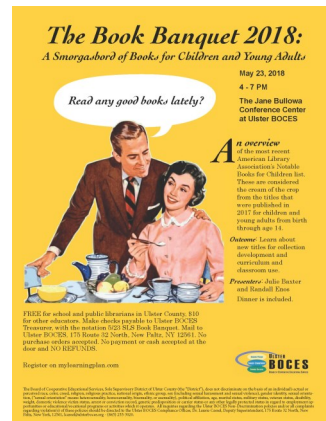
To borrow the RCLS Playstation 4, contact Ryan Smith at RCLS (ryan@rcls.org or ext. 230). For more information, contact Sue Scott at the Newburgh Free Library (suescott@rcls.org or 563-3600).

Contest runs from June 1 to September 1. Winner will be announced mid-September.

Notable Book Banquets

Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services
Consultant

Nearly 100 books from the American Library Association Notable Children's Book List will be presented by children's literature specialists Randall Enos and Julie Baxter. These titles are considered the best and brightest of those published in 2017 for children and young adults from birth through age 14. Learn about new titles for collection development, curriculum and classroom use.



Below is the 2018 schedule for the Notable Book Banquets presentations:

Wednesday, May 9

from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
SUNY Orange
Middletown

Tuesday, May 15

from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m.
Mid-Hudson Library System
Poughkeepsie

Wednesday, May 23

from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Ulster BOCES
New Paltz

There is a cost for dinner, which is part of each session. I hope you will be able to make one of the sessions. Contact me if you have any questions (ext. 240 or renos@rcls.org).

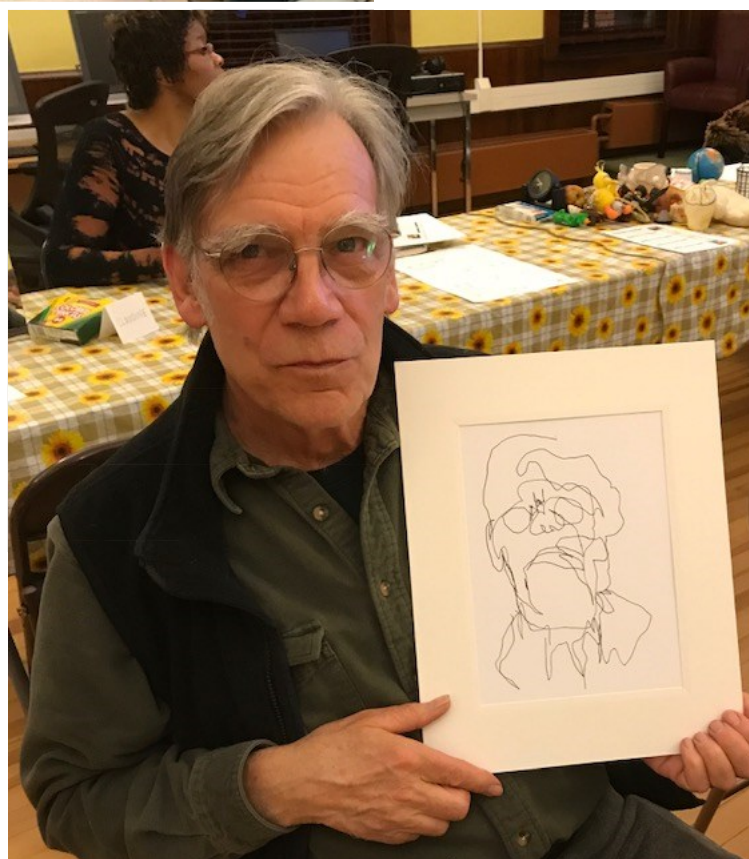
Once It Was Overdue Books. Now Librarians Fight Overdoses

[The New York Times 2.28.18](#)

Annie Correal writes, "The opioid epidemic is reshaping life in America, including at the local public library, where librarians are considering whether to carry naloxone to battle overdoses. At a time when the public is debating arming teachers, it is another example of an unlikely group being enlisted to fight a national crisis."



Photo of the Week



Fun was had by all at the Blind Contour Drawing Program at the Delaware Free Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library!



Remember, no lifting your pen off of your paper and no peeking (hence the paper plates)!

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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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](#).

March

Monday, 5

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

Monday, 5

[Teen Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#),
Chester – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 7

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

Friday, 9

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 9

LARC-YS, Sloatsburg – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins – Set clocks ahead one hour

Monday, 19

[Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#),
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 19

[RCLS Board Meeting](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 20

Spring Begins

Monday, 26

CLOUSC, Tuxedo Park – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 29

LARC-Adult Services, Nanuet – 10:00 a.m.

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

Friday, 30

**Orange/Ulster BOCES Spring Recess Day –
RCLS CLOSED**

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