



# Weekly Memo

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## Responding to Opioid Overdose State Targeted Response

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For more information and training dates and location, see the flyer on page 6.

## NYS Prevailing Wages Workshop with NYS DOL, Bureau of Public Works

*Stephen P. Hoefler, RCLS Fiscal Officer*

Is your library required to pay prevailing wages?

If you are an association library, no (with one exception); but **school district, municipal and special district libraries are all subject to NYS Department of Labor Article 8, public works projects, and Article 9, building services.**

The NYS Department of Labor, Bureau of Public Works has been invited to speak about prevailing wages and what the libraries' responsibilities are with regards to Request For Proposal (RFP) disclosures, applying for Prevailing Rate Case (PRC), viewing payrolls for facial validity and to submit the notice of award and completion.



The Public Works and the Library Responsibilities workshop will be held on **Tuesday, May 22**, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please register using the [RCLS online calendar](#).

It is worth noting that the [RCLS Review of Eligible Projects](#) workshop is the following day **Wednesday, May 23**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. If your library is a school district, municipal or special district library and the library intends to apply for a NYS Public Library Construction Grant, this is a great workshop to ensure the library is adhering to the Library Board of Trustee's Assurance Document in which they "assure" that "The project will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations" such as prevailing wages.

I am looking forward to seeing someone from the 28 out of 47 libraries that are not association libraries.

## Gearing up for the 2020 Census

*District Dispatch, Apr. 4*

Larra Clark writes, "In the warp speed of politics, 2020 can seem light years away. But current policy discussions and outreach planning for the United States [2020 Census](#) could have significant impacts for libraries. ALA is working to ensure that libraries are informed and represented in the process. To best position libraries to support our communities in the 2020 Census, ALA has begun engaging with the Census Bureau and other stakeholders, including the Leadership Council on Civil and Human Rights."

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Budget crisis will end Yonkers libraries' Sunday service](#) | Lohud.com 4.19.18
- [Area Mourns the Passing of NYS Assemblyman Frank Skartados](#) | Hudson Valley News Network 4.15.18
- [New Rochelle: 'Save our library' petition gains traction](#) | LoHud.com 4.5.18

### National

- [Boys will read girls](#) | Casper Wyoming Journal 4.18.18
- [Gwinnett library first in nation to go self-service](#) | Atlanta Journal Constitution 4.15.18
- [Child's lost library card used to steal dozens of items from area libraries](#) | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel 4.11.18
- [Librarian is left baffled by 'secret code' found in dozens of wartime novels](#) | msn.com 4.5.18

### International

- [Do libraries have the key to the framework for implementing the SDGs?](#) | Devex 3.21.18
- [Why the future of UK libraries is in the 'connection, not the collection'](#) | iNews 9.12.17

## RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday, April 16 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Observed a moment of silence for two lost Library Champions – Former RCLS Trustee Robert P. Knight and New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Bernard A. Margolis.
- Chuck Conklin presented a report on his department – Delivery and Building Maintenance.
- Report from Rosemary Cooper, Directors Association representative regarding circulation rules, E-rate, and public safety.
- Approved increasing the number of Annual Meeting Awards for 2019 from three to four and to retitle the Youth Program Award as Children's Program Award and add Young Adult Program Award. These awards will be based on programs held during 2018.
- Topics for board retreat centered on services that RCLS provides member libraries.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the April Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, May 21 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](#)).

## Libraries Encouraged to Apply for 'Bullet Aid'

*Jeremy Johannesen, CAE, Executive Director,  
New York Library Association*

As you are likely aware, recent NYS budgets have included appropriations for direct grants-in-aid to certain educational institutions, including libraries and library systems. The recently adopted state budget again has included these funds – 'Bullet Aid,' in the vernacular.

NYLA has effectively partnered with library and library system directors to grow the share of Bullet Aid awards to libraries. We owe this success in part to the increased number of libraries submitting requests for funding. Bullet Aid awards are allocated at the discretion of individual legislators from their share of available funds.

We are encouraging all public libraries to submit a request for funding to their State Senator AND State Assemblymember. Project awards have ranged from as little as \$500 to over \$50K, to support everything from programming to technology upgrades, to renewable energy and sustainability initiatives.

NYLA is pleased to provide a baseline template for submitting a request for funding – [2018 Bullet Aid Request Template](#)

Best of luck to all – together we can ensure that libraries receive as much of this funding as possible.

## Photo of the Week



Assemblyman Brian Miller visited the Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden during National Library Week! He spent the morning visiting with staff, catching up on the latest construction projects in the building, and talked about advocacy and increased funding in the State Budget.

Pictured from left to right are Library Clerk and Teen Services Department Head Abby Williams, Assemblyman Miller, Library Clerk Daniel Atonna.

*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 [rcls-memo@rcls.org](mailto:rcls-memo@rcls.org) with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.*

## Everyday Advocacy Has Lots to Offer

[ALSC Blog, Apr. 5](#)

Laura Schulte-Cooper writes, “With National Library Legislative Day (May 7–8) just about a month away, this seems an appropriate time to remind everyone about Everyday Advocacy (EA). According to ALSC’s [EA website](#), Everyday Advocacy is ‘a grassroots effort that starts with you and the incredible things you’re already doing for the youth and families you serve.’ Consider Everyday Advocacy an antidote to the advocacy intimidation factor. [Here is a sampling](#) of what you will find on the website.”

**everydayadvocacy**  
LEARN, SHARE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## In Memoriam

### Robert Knight, 1939-2018

*Brian Jennings, Head of Adult Services, New City Library*

Robert “Bob” Knight died at his home in Congers on Sunday, April 1. Bob was a long-time advocate and user of Rockland libraries. He was on the RCLS Board for a total of 19 Years (January 1980 - December 1989 and January 2003 - December 2011). He was President of the Board in 1986-1987 and 2010-2011. His love of libraries began much earlier than that as a young boy at the Pearl River Public Library. In an interview from 2015, Bob recalled those early years as a reader and an avid library patron:

*My mother introduced me to the library very early on and I was probably 4 or 5 years old when I first went to the library and I became addicted to the library. That became my hangout in town. It was on Ridge Street in what had been a two lane bowling alley and when the bowling alley went out of business they converted into a library, just one room, very small, but it had an amazing collection of books and that was where I first discovered that, even they had what I thought at that time was a big collection – even though it was just one large room that was the entire library, they also had the ability to get books, so if I wanted a book that they didn't happen to have they had this mysterious way which I later got much more involved in and found out how it worked. At that time to me it was a big mystery that I could go and request a certain book and two or three days later I could go back and the book would be waiting there for me with my name on it. I thought that was amazing – behind the librarian's desk there would be a book with the name Robert Knight on a little piece of paper stuck in it. I just thought that was incredible.*

Bob was also an avid postcard collector, local historian, and a local newspaper reporter. He covered the fatal Valley Cottage bus crash in 1972 for the *Journal News* and would later move to the old Gilcrest sandstone farmhouse just adjacent to the scene of that horrible accident. He covered the Orangetown Town Board Meetings for over 50 years, first as a reporter for the *Journal News* and more recently for the *Rockland County Times*. He worked tirelessly as an advocate for the preservation of historic structures as Historian for the Town of Clarkstown and he served on many local historical commissions, committees and organizations. If you want to learn more about Bob and his life, listen to the oral history interview I did with him back in December 2015 on the [Hudson River Valley Heritage website](#).

## Passing of New York State Librarian Bernard A. Margolis

*Statement from Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa and  
Commissioner of Education Maryellen Elia*

We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Bernard A. Margolis, New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries.

Bernie was an outstanding library leader and a visionary. His expertise in library matters will be missed not only by the Board of Regents and the staff of the State Education Department, but across the State and the nation. His colleagues and friends at the Department and in the library community will miss his intelligence, eloquence, keen sense of humor and sage advice.

Appointed State Librarian by the Board of Regents in January 2009, Bernie provided leadership and vision for the New York State Library, the state's 73 library systems and New York's 7,000 academic, public, school and special libraries.

Bernie was very much looking forward to celebrating the State Library's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month. Thanks to his vision and leadership, we have much to celebrate.

Bernie accomplished much over the course of a long and successful career as a librarian and library leader. During his tenure at the New York State Library, state funding for public library construction more than doubled; participation in *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* grew to more than two million young people; and free public access internet and Wi-Fi are now available to patrons in all of New York's public libraries. Of course, those are only some of the highlights of his exceptional tenure as New York State Librarian.

Bernie came to the State Library from his previous post as President of the Boston Public Library, where he served from 1997 to 2008.

We are so fortunate that Bernie chose to share with the public his lifelong love of books and learning. We are all better off because of his dedication and service to others.





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To add information, contact [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).

### April

**Monday, 23**

CLOUSC, Wallkill – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 25**

[Transforming PreSchool Story Time](#), RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 26**

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

**Friday, 27—Saturday 28**

[LTA Trustee Institute](#), Uniondale, NY

### May

**Tuesday, 1**

[Hands-on Book Repair Workshop](#), RCLS—10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 2**

Directors Association, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 2**

[Orientation—Trustee Education Session 101](#), Monticello 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, 7**

RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS– 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 9**

CTUG, Middletown—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 9

[2018 ALA Notable Children’s Book Banquet](#), SUNY Orange—4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, 10**

[Sustainability Training Session](#), RCLS—10:00 a.m.

**Friday, 11**

SUPLA—Monticello—9:30 a.m.

**Friday, 11**

LARC-YS, New City—10:00 a.m.

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## Responding to Opioid Overdose State Targeted Response

### Background:

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### Training Description:

Naloxone has been fundamental in the efforts to decrease rates of fatal overdoses. This training teaches first responders, likely opioid overdose witnesses and community members to understand, recognize, respond to and reverse opioid overdoses using a naloxone rescue kit. Participants will receive a free naloxone rescue kit after completing the training. This training is modeled after the evidence-based SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit.

The objectives are:

- to increase understanding and awareness of fatal overdoses related to opioids and the impact within the community
- to identify risk factors for an overdose
- to be able to recognize an overdose
- to be able to identify the five essential steps for first responders as outlined in the SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit in the event of an overdose
- to be able to correctly use naloxone to save lives

### Who Should Attend:

This interactive training is tailored for first responders or other likely witnesses to an opioid overdose.

### Why Attend:

- to become part of the solution to solving the opioid issue in the community
- to learn how to save a life during an overdose situation
- to receive education on crucial information related to opioids and the surrounding community

### ORANGE COUNTY Dates and Locations

#### In Cooperation With



**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**  
**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**  
**Cornwall Public Library**  
395 Hudson Street  
Cornwall, NY 12518

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**  
**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**  
**Cornwall Public Library**  
395 Hudson Street  
Cornwall, NY 12518

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**  
**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**  
**Cornwall Public Library**  
395 Hudson Street  
Cornwall, NY 12518

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programs at the Cornwall Public  
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