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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, June 18** 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.

## Walkill Public Library Wins Romance Writers Grant

The Public Library Association (PLA) of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Romance Writers of America each year provide a public library the opportunity to build or expand its romance fiction collection and/or host romance fiction programming. The 2018 Award of \$4,500 has been given to the Walkill Public Library (WPL), which has a large fan base of the genre. WPL, along with PLA's other award winners will be recognized as part of the PLA Member Welcome Breakfast at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA the end of June.



Congratulations!

## YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy

The YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy (EALA) is a seven-month program created by the Youth Services Section (YSS) of the New York Library Association. The program is specifically designed for youth services providers who are interested in developing their leadership skills for personal and professional advancement.

To learn more about this program or to register, visit the [NYLA website](#).

Scholarships for the EALA program are available through the [Youth Services Section](#) of the New York Library Association. Applications are due **Saturday, June 30**.

## ALDI Smart Kids Program

ALDI Smart Kids is a program dedicated to supporting the health and wellness of the children in the communities ALDI serves. In our service area, there are ALDI stores in Middletown, Monticello, Newburgh and Stony Point. The program supports local community organizations that encourage kids to be active in the areas of education, physical activity, nutrition, socializing and the arts. Program support ranges from monetary donations to ALDI gift cards, in amounts from \$100 to \$5,000.

Eligible organizations must have a 501(c)(3) to qualify. Applications are accepted through an online form between February 1 and December 15 each year and are awarded on a rolling basis. Visit the [ALDI website](#) for complete details and links to the application.

## News Worthy

### National

- [Rockland libraries pick local 'Book of the Year'](#) | LoHud.com 6.7.18
- [Change at SUNY Sullivan Library](#) | The River Reporter 6.6.18

### International

- [As Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' turns 200, audiobook captures tragedy](#) | Raleigh News & Observer 6.6.18
- [Transgender librarian files suit over Alaska health policy](#) | Lincoln Journal Star 6.6.18
- [Baltimore Library goes fine free for overdue books](#) | The Baltimore Sun 6.4.18
- [Johnstown Library seeks to become school district library](#) | The Daily Gazette 5.31.18
- [Librarian catalogs stories from Long Island's military veterans](#) | Long Island News 12 5.30.18
- [Library of Congress acquires its largest donation of comic books ever](#) | Albany Times Union 5.30.18
- [2018 IMLS National Medals ceremony showcases how libraries transform](#) | District Dispatch 5.25.18

## Integrating STEM and Coding into Makerspaces

*American Libraries Live, May 25*

Join American Libraries Live on **June 11** at 1 p.m. for “[Librarians’ Insights on How to Integrate STEM and Coding into Makerspaces](#),” a free, 60-minute webinar led by Azadeh Jamalian, head of education strategy at littleBits. Jamalian will talk about how school libraries are bringing STEM into their curriculum and the leading role that librarians and media specialists are taking to make this a reality. Register [online](#).



## Transforming Library Services for and with Teens

*YALSA, May 31; YALSA Blog, May 31*

YALSA has released a new report, [Transforming Library Services for and with Teens through Continuing Education](#).

Authored by Linda W. Braun, Nicole A. Cooke, Denise Lyons, Sara Ryan, and Beth Yoke, the report is the result of a year-long national forum that took place from June 1, 2017, to May 31, 2018, and was hosted in partnership with the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies. It discusses the challenges, opportunities, and recommendations for improving CE for library staff to aid them in transforming teen services. Braun offers a [summary](#) of its recommendations.



## German Genealogy Research Online

*Empty Branches on the Family Tree, May 17*

Linda Stufflebean writes, “With the exception of a few Ancestry records and those found in FamilySearch, there haven’t been many online resources for those researching family in Germany. There are two up-and-coming, growing websites of which you should be aware if you have German ancestors. The first is [Genealogynet wiki](#), which describes itself as the German genealogy internet portal, and you can read it in either English or German. The second website is [Archion](#), a subscription site based in Germany.”



## Photo of the Week



Libraries Rock! .... and here are the newspapers to prove it. Pictured are the 40,000 copies of the "Ramapo Catskill Library System: A Guide to Summer Reading 2018" put together by RCLS and StrausNews which are destined for distribution in schools and other cooperative organizations in the RCLS service area. All of the papers that were requested have been distributed. If you have need for another pack, contact Randall Enos at RCLS right away as the supply is very limited. Happy Summer Reading everyone!

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) with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.

## LAST CALL—RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

Reminder that nominations for all three RCLS Annual Meeting Awards must be received no later than **Friday, June 15** by the Awards Committee c/o RCLS. Nominations submitted after that date will not be accepted. Detailed guidelines for the three awards are available on the [RCLS website](#).



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### ★ Friday, June 15

Nominations for [RCLS Annual Meeting Awards](#) to Awards Committee c/o RCLS

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

## June

### Monday, 11

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

### Wednesday, 13

[System Orientation](#), RCLS—10:00 a.m.

### Thursday, 14

[RCLS/OLA Friends Gathering](#), Washingtonville—5:30 p.m.

### Friday, 15

[LARC 2018 Annual Meeting](#), New City—9:00 a.m.

### Monday, 18

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

### Wednesday, 20

[OverDrive Playground](#), RCLS—9:30 a.m.

### Thursday, 21

RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Planning Committee, RCLS—10:00 a.m.

### Thursday, 21—Tuesday, 26

ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

### Thursday, 28

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

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