



Weekly Memo

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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday, June 18 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Gary Theodore, CPA from Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. of Montgomery spoke in regards to RCLS' annual audit. He praised RCLS's practices as being the model for libraries. He stated that the System's financial procedures are in line with state laws and requirements. No recommended changes were made.
- OverDrive will be up and running with e-magazines beginning on Wednesday, June 20.
- Signed 4 ½ year CSEA Contract. All parties are pleased with how negotiating progressed and ultimately the final outcome.
- Awarded Jody DeGroat, Library Assistant at the Albert Wisner Public Library, Warwick the Spring Management Professional Development Scholarship of \$500 for continuing her education.
- Fine Free Project will begin Saturday, September 1 with 14 member libraries. More information to come, both pros and cons on this initiative.
- RCLS renovation project is essentially completed; coming in just under budget. The Board and staff are looking at a project of comprehensive parking lot revamping.
- Save the Date - **Friday, September 14, 2018** for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting at The Sullivan Event Center in Rock Hill, NY.
- Save the Date - Goshen Public Library and Historical Society's Topping-Off Ceremony on **Friday June 29, 2018** at the library's Salesian Park construction site from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the June Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, August 20 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports, Executive Director's Report and Assistant Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

News Worthy

Regional

- [Assemblyman Cahill to interact with community](#) | Daily Freeman 6.12.18
- [White Plains Library: no fines for late children and young adult materials](#) | LoHud.com 6.11.18
- [Police hold 'Coffee with a Cop' at Warwick Library](#) | The Warwick Advertiser 6.7.18

National

- [Tompkins library card holders can now check out Empire Passes](#) | Ithaca Voice 6.7.18
- [Libraries are Bridging the Summer Gap for Hungry Kids](#) | Civil Eats 6.5.18
- [S.F. Public Library wins Library of the Year award](#) | Albany Times Union 6.5.18
- [New York Public Library, HBO launch summer reading program](#) | silive.com 6.1.18
- [I don't censor the books my children read. I think they'll be stronger for it](#) | The Washington Post 5.18.18
- [Mobile library aims to engage underserved neighborhoods](#) | San Francisco Chronicle 5.16.18
- [Donation allows Iowa library to clear fines for children](#) | Des Moines Register 5.13.18
- [How Shonda Rhimes and Reese Witherspoon are getting people to read again](#) | Moneyish.com 4.4.18

Walkill Public Library Wins HMGS Grant

The Walkill Public Library has received a \$500 grant from the Historical Miniature Gaming Society (HMGS). This funding will allow the library to host a historical gaming club and participate in outreach with local schools and community organizations. Workshops will include exploration into historical battles, painting of gaming figures, creation of terrain and use of a 3-D printer to create gaming pieces.

Tween & Teen Summer Reading Lists

Two booklists with suggested reading for tweens and teens this summer are now posted and downloadable on the [RCLS website](#). Scroll down to see the two links:

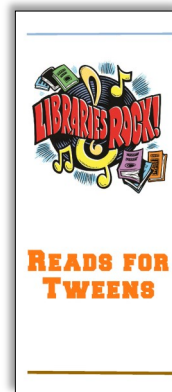
- [Libraries Rock Reading List – Teens](#)
- [Libraries Rock Reading List – Tweens](#)

These were designed to be easily downloaded into the tri-fold format that has been used in the past. The lists can be printed two-sided on 8½” x 11” paper.

Thanks to the Booklist Committee members for submitting the titles:

- Dianne Aimone, Albert Wisner Public Library, Warwick
- Jennifer Cohen, Suffern Free Library
- Felicia DaVolio, Newburgh Free Library
- Gia Farruggia, Monroe Free Library
- Joanna Goldfarb, Valley Cottage Free Library
- Cheryl Jones, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello

And to Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS for compiling and formatting the lists.



Incredibles to Use Powers for Library Card Sign-up Month

ALA Communications and Marketing Office, June 5

The Incredibles are joining ALA and libraries nationwide to encourage the public to obtain a free library card as honorary chairs of [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) this September. The superheroes will use their powers to remind families, students, and people of all ages that signing up for a library card is a great step toward a truly super lifestyle. Posters, bookmarks, and stickers are [available](#). Later in June, the Incredibles will appear in Library Card Sign-up Month print and digital PSAs available for libraries to download.



Photo of the Week



Assistant Undersheriff Anthony Weed (above, left) and Lieutenant Duane Lopez (above, far right) of the Orange County Sheriff's Office attended a recent staff training day at Florida Public Library and presented a lively and informative program on Active Shooter Defense. The Sheriff's Office also provides security assessments of library building safety.

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.

Trustee FYI

The spring edition of the *RCLS Trustee FYI* is on its way to member library trustees, directors, Friends presidents and is posted in PDF format on the [RCLS website](#). An archive of *Trustee FYIs* can also be found on the [Web page](#).

This issue's lead article is "2017 RCLS Statistics Available" The data compiled from information provided in the mandatory State Annual Reports is useful for preparing budgets, annual reports and as an aid in planning services.

Other articles you and your trustees will enjoy reading are: "2018 Legislative Breakfast & Annual Meeting," "Nomination of RCLS Trustees Memo," "RCLS Trustee Nominations," "Trustee Training Opportunities" and "Summer Visits with Our Legislators."

Fine Free Information

An Overdue Discussion

[*American Libraries* feature, June](#)

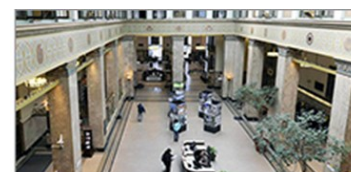
Phil Morehart writes, “Whether to charge fines for overdue materials is a hot-button topic. The issues are many: Some libraries have halted the practice, citing concerns that fines keep patrons away, while other libraries have kept them in place as vital revenue streams. Fines are also used by some libraries as a method to teach personal responsibility, while other libraries consider that lesson outside the realm of librarianship. We spoke with a librarian on each side of the debate: Jenny Paxson and Sarah Houghton.”



More Libraries are Going Fine-free

[*Washington Post*, June 11](#)

The *Washington Post* Editorial Board writes, “In an era when ebooks and new forms of entertainment have threatened to [drive down](#) library use, public libraries are increasingly looking to modernize and innovate. Some have turned to [ebooks](#) or [digital literacy programs](#) to reach more patrons. Others have opted for a different approach: They have gotten rid of the pesky late fees that drive borrowers away. Last week, the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore [announced](#) it was eliminating fines. This serves a laudable purpose.”



✓ F3: Fine-Free Future Archived Webinar

Libraries continue to strive toward more equitable access even as many of our communities face growing income inequality—and the question of library fines has become particularly relevant. This webinar brings together three experienced library directors who have recently eliminated some or all overdue fines at their libraries to discuss the strategies they used in their communities, the arguments for and against the elimination of fines, their plans to measure impact and success, and how they communicate the issue of overdue fines as critical to any library’s mission of equal access and social equity. As part of this discussion, they will share examples of how they used data to inform their fine-elimination process.

Presenters: Sarah Houghton, Director, San Rafael Public Library, Peter Bromberg, Executive Director, Salt Lake City Public Library, and Gretchen Caserotti, Library Director, Meridian Library District

Webinar Archive and Slides: [Research Institute for Public Libraries website](#)

July Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ Westchester Library System (WLS) Summer Sessions Schedule

All programs take place at: Westchester Library System • 570 Taxter Road Suite 400 • Elmsford, NY 10523

- Maker Program: Turn Your Photo into an Elegant 3D Print: 7/19
- Your Fundraising Career - What Matters? 7/24
- Maker Program: Physics Fun! 8/13
- Maker Program Vinyl Cutter Certification 8/14

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

July Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ Don't Let the Bedbugs Bite (your library)

Tuesday, July 10 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In this webinar, Beverly Choltco-Devlin will give an overview of Tacoma Public Library's experience when several patrons from multiple locations introduced bedbugs into the library through the return of dozens of heavily impacted materials. Relying heavily on the [Public Library Association](#) document on what to do (biggest message: "Don't Panic"), system staff pulled together with vigilance and determination to mitigate against a potentially disastrous outcome. A resource list will be provided.

Presenter: [Beverly Choltco-Devlin](#), [Tacoma Public Library](#).

Register: [First Tuesdays](#)

✓ Laying Out the Welcome Mat: Asset Mapping to Better Serve the Immigrant Community

Tuesday, July 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As of 2016, more than 43 million immigrants were living in the US, and that number is growing. Immigration can breathe new life into the local economy as young workers replace retiring baby boomers, open new businesses, and become active consumers. Libraries can ease immigrants' transition into the community by acting as a resource hub. Asset mapping encourages libraries to go out into their communities and uncover and assess the resources available to immigrants. The information they gather gives the insight libraries need to develop programming to serve these patrons and help them thrive. This webinar will discuss how asset mapping can facilitate community entry for immigrants by helping libraries better understand the needs of this population and address those needs through service and program development.

Register: [WebJunction](#)

✓ Be a Data Champion at Your Library

Tuesday, July 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We all know data collecting is important, but what type of data should libraries be collecting? And how should they use the data they collect? Data is both a library tool and a community resource, and libraries can act as data champions within their service areas in order to amplify the reach and impact of library services.

This webinar will explore multiple steps along the library data pathway, from using data for internal analytics, to building institutional and community data literacy, to leveraging data for community and civic engagement. Regardless of where you and your organization are currently with regard to library data, this webinar will provide insight and resources to facilitate your next steps as a data champion.

Presenters: [Toby Greenwalt](#) and [Amy Koester](#)

Register: [Infopeople](#)



✓ When I'm 64: Financial Literacy Resources for Those Nearing and in Retirement

Thursday, July 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Patrons' financial interests and questions often highlight the complexity that an aging America faces as individuals transition to their golden years. Issues such as how much to save for retirement, protecting ourselves and our families from fraud, and helping loved ones manage their assets can be daunting for library staff tasked with directing patrons to reliable information. This webinar explores free resources provided by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (formerly Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) that can help consumers navigate some of these complexities. You'll also hear about programming and resources from the Kansas City Public Library that help patrons as they near their retirement years—valuable information for you and your patrons!

Register: [WebJunction](#)

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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](#).

June

Thursday, 21—Tuesday, 26

ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Thursday, 28

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

July

Wednesday, 4

Independence Day—RCLS CLOSED

Wednesday, 11

Directors Association, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 12

RCLS Annual Meeting and Awards Committee,
RCLS 2:00 p.m.

Friday, 13

SUPLA, Monticello—9:30 a.m.

Monday, 16

RCLS Board Retreat, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, 23

ANSER Committee, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 26

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

August

Wednesday, 1

Directors Association Executive Committee,
RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 2

[Mandatory Construction Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 8

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

Monday, 20

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 22

[101 Basic Library Trustee Education](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

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