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## RCLS Personnel Changes Welcome Marla!



Marla Landsman recently became the newest RCLS employee, moving onto the personnel roster as Assistant Fiscal Officer, a position held by Diane Biondi, who is retiring at the end of August after 32 years of service to RCLS. Marla is happy to be working at RCLS and enjoys meeting and interacting with the member library staffs in her new role.

Marla has resided in the hamlet of Wallkill, NY for 16 years with her husband, Steve, a science teacher at Washingtonville High School. They have two daughters. Emily, age 20, is studying music therapy at Seton Hill University in western Pennsylvania. Her musical proficiency includes piano, flute, piccolo and guitar. Jillian, age 16, also enjoys music and plays trombone in the high school jazz band and euphonium for NYSSMA, Area All-State and All-County bands. She aspires to be an environmental educator after college and recently finished a training program to be a junior ranger at Mohonk Preserve. Both daughters volunteer at Wallkill Public Library. Family pets include three rescue cats: Pumpkin and Spice are sisters; Basil is male. A unique pet family member for 2½ years was a hedgehog. Sadly, Ricc-hedge-io (aka "Ricky") passed away last year.

Prior to coming to RCLS, Marla had been employed since 2008 at Wallkill Public Library as well as the Cornwall Public Library since 2016 as Bookkeeper. Early on during her time at Wallkill Public Library, Marla coordinated and conducted the Children's programs there. With an accounting degree from Siena College, Marla was employed in the accounting department of IBM (1989-2002), until her children were born.

Marla's free time activities include walking for exercise, vegetable gardening (raised box), tent camping with family and taking part in yoga classes. Some favorite vacation destinations include Lake George and Wells Beach, Maine. She is also the volunteer treasurer for the Friends of Wallkill Public Library, is an active member of the Wallkill Reformed Church and was a Girl Scout troop leader for ten years. Marla shares that she is willing to try goat yoga, a fitness trend that is currently sweeping the nation.

Looking to the future, she and Steve would like to partake in travelling around America as well as internationally.

All the staff at headquarters are pleased to welcome Marla Landsman ([marla@rcls.org](mailto:marla@rcls.org) / ext. 225) to the RCLS team!

## News Worthy

### National

- [Privacy v. Personalized Services in Libraries](#) | Intellectual Freedom Blog 7.9.18
- [What's Early Lit for Kids Who Can't See?](#) | ALSC 7.2.18
- [Library that eliminated late fees says borrowers return more](#) | Albany Times Union 7.8.18
- [ALA Honors African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation](#) | American Libraries 7.3.18
- [The meaning of the Wilder Award name change](#) | Book Riot 7.5.18
- [Youngsters encouraged to sign up for Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge](#) | Daily Freeman 7.3.18

## Library Swap Shop

The New York Library Association has opened the Library Swap Shop to facilitate the ease in which libraries might redistribute any materials and/or equipment they no longer need. The Library Swap Shop was created as a place for libraries to connect with one another to exchange items and support the practice of reuse. To learn more, visit the [NYLA website](#).



## Summer Advocacy Visits with Legislators

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator is scheduling summer visits with the State Legislators who represent the RCLS service area in their local offices. The first appointment is with Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski, Jr. at his office in New City on **Friday, July 27** at 2:00 p.m. To view the full schedule of appointments, visit the [RCLS website](#). If you plan to attend a meeting, contact Grace at RCLS ([griario@rcls.org](mailto:griario@rcls.org) or ext. 233). This will allow your name to be added to the list of participants that will be visiting the legislator's office and to inform you of any last minute changes.



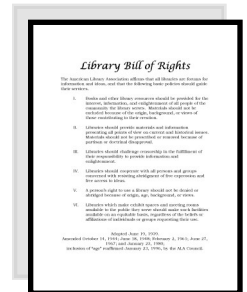
## Three Revisions to *Library Bill of Rights* Interpretations

[ALA member news 07/03/2018](#)

At the American Library Association's (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans, ALA Council adopted three *Library Bill of Rights* interpretation revisions — proposed by the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) — that cover [Meeting Rooms](#), [Library-Initiated Programs as a Resource](#), and [Services to People with Disabilities](#).

The three interpretations will be included in the 10th edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*, published by ALA Editions. The committee estimates that at least 13 additional intellectual freedom documents will need revisions before the manual is published in 2020. Interpretation drafts will be published on ALA Connect for members to provide feedback.

All *Library Bill of Rights* interpretations can be found on the [ALA website](#).



## Top 10 Most Challenged Books FAQ

[Intellectual Freedom Blog, June 4](#)

Kate Lechtenberg writes, "Every spring, I look forward to the day when the Office for Intellectual Freedom releases its [annual 'Top 10 Most Challenged Books.'](#)" What questions, issues, and topics sparked conversations for communities, schools, and the nation? So how does this list, this snapshot of our literary and civic psyche, come about? I sat down to talk with Kristin Pekoll, OIF assistant director, to hear more about how the office compiles the list and the questions that staff wrestle with along the way."

For Banned Books Week booklists and bookmarks, visit the [RCLS website](#).



## Photo of the Week



## FPL Knit & Crochet Circle Reaches 1,000 Quilt Milestone

PICTURED LEFT: FPL Knit & Crochet members (from left to right) sitting Kathleen Braun and Lily Lang, standing Nancy Scott, Dottie Kimiecik and Camille Tanzella

*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.*

The Florida Public Library's (FPL) Knit & Crochet Circle reached quite a milestone this past month, completing their 1,000th quilt to be donated to Project Linus. The group which meets on the third Monday of the month at the library has been making quilts for Project Linus since 2012. Kathleen Braun, who leads the group, has knitted many blankets, donated an abundance of yarn and assisted volunteers in choosing suitable patterns and sizes for the blankets. Florida resident Lily Lang was personally responsible for making well over half the blankets herself!

Project Linus, a non-profit organization, provides homemade blankets to children in need. The blankets are lovingly made by adults *and* children from all walks of life and many different sources. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

## Jeremy & Alex's Excellent Library Adventure 2018!

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

2018 marks the fourth NYLA Library Tour of NYS libraries – #NYLALibraryTour18! While the classic 1978 Volkswagen Westfalia Camper is going strong, Jack (now 14) is handing over the tour notebook to his younger brother Alex (age 11).

We will be on the road from July 30 to August 3, beginning and ending the trip in Albany, NY. Alex and I will be tooling around the state visiting as many libraries as we possibly can, and we want to come see YOU! This is our chance to see what's exciting at your library, and your chance to tell us how NYLA can serve you better.

We are also looking for places where we can park for the night and make camp.

Invite us to stop by – here's how:

Complete the online [NYLA Library Tour 2018 Invitation Form](#) and include the following information:

- Contact Name
- Library Name
- Physical Address
- Days / Hours of Operation<sup>1</sup>
- Camping Options<sup>2</sup>
- Any notes, or special considerations

1. We need to know what days and times the library will be open, so we don't come by while you're closed.

2. Let us know if we could park in the library lot for the evening, and if there might be a bathroom and an electrical outlet we could access.

Please complete the invitation form by **July 25, 2018**. We won't be able to make it everywhere, but we'll do our best.

You can follow our adventures online via NYLA's FaceBook and Instagram accounts. Our escapades will be documented and reported on in the NYLA e-Bulletin.

Thanks in advance to everyone who invites us to visit their library!

## 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](#).

### July

#### Monday, 23

ANSER Committee, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, 26

LARC-Adult Services, Orangeburg—10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, 26

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

#### Monday, 30

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

### August

#### Wednesday, 1

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

#### Thursday, 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.

#### Thursday, 23

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

#### Friday, 31

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

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# MANDATORY Construction Workshop

Thursday,  
August 2,  
2018

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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This workshop will provide an in-depth discussion on how to prepare a successful New York State Public Library Construction Grant application.

The morning session will delve into the nitty-gritty details of the online application, other grant requirements and is the mandatory part. **The person directly involved in preparing the application must attend this workshop – no exceptions.**

In the afternoon participants will complete several required documents together.

Lunch will be provided.

## Presenter

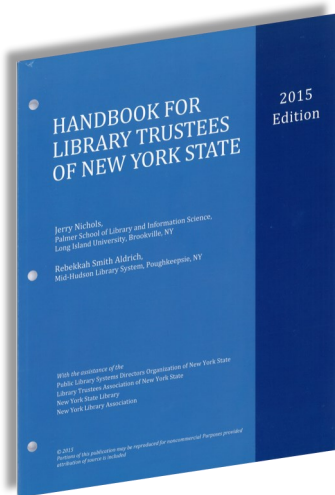
Stephen Hoefler, RCLS Fiscal Officer

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 31. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

This is a Construction workshop; participants will receive 3 contact hours for attending.





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# 101: Basic Library Trustee Education

**Wednesday,  
August 22,  
2018**

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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This session is designed to give new trustees a basic understanding of their duties and responsibilities.

It will cover basic financial practices, essential laws and other critical information you may need to ensure your confidence in serving as a Board member of a Library and a voice of your community. The items covered in this session are limited; it is advised that you familiarize yourself with the New York State Trustee Handbook, which will be distributed to each attendee at the program.

Light dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

## **Presenter**

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and  
Outreach Coordinator

## **Registration**

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 21. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

