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## RCLS Legislative Breakfast Displays

*Dan Hulse, RCLS Development Officer*

The RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting will be held on **Friday, September 14** at The Sullivan Event Center, Rock Hill, NY.

The legislators in attendance have always been impressed with the varied displays showing programs and services that member libraries provide their patrons. Once again, we are asking you to help by presenting visual displays showing the fabulous ways funding for your library benefits your community. Let your imagination run wild, put those artistic and snappy collage skills to good use. Go through your photos and look for snapshots that show all ages having fun at your library. Do you have a photo of a county and/or state legislator presenting your library with funding? Make sure to include it. Have a model of future expansion or renovations that you could bring along? Please do so. You may also bring handouts to put on the tables. Show legislators that your library offers the public much more than it did 15 or 20 years ago.

Displays can be a tri-fold exhibit on poster board with an easel backing, inside a Lucite display holder, a laptop with a PowerPoint presentation, or other options. Make sure your library's name and location are prominently noted on the display. All displays need to be registered with Dan Hulse at RCLS (ext. 245 or [e-mail](#)). Let me know if your display needs an electrical connection to operate. If you will be attending the breakfast, please bring the display early that morning. You will also be required to take the display with you when you leave the breakfast. If you or a representative will not be able to attend, drop off the display at the System no later than **Wednesday, September**

**12**. If you have any questions, contact me. Thank you and we look forward to seeing your displays!

Register for this event using the [RCLS online calendar](#).



Florida Public Library's 2017 display depicting their awarding winning program "Door to Door Outreach Campaign."

## News Worthy

### National

- [ALA and Constance Wu Team Up to Celebrate Libraries](#) | I Love Libraries
- [A Library Card Will Get You Into the Guggenheim \(and 32 Other Places\)](#) | The New York Times 7.16.18
- [Libraries are filling an affordable fitness void](#) | The Outline 7.16.18
- [Policy allowing hate groups to meet at libraries comes under fire](#) | Los Angeles Times 7.11.18
- [New Kids' Books Put A Human Face On The Refugee Crisis](#) | NPR 7.10.18
- [Three poisonous books were found in University of Southern Denmark's library](#) | Albany Times Union 7.10.18
- [The Gig Economy Gets a Boost Thanks to Public Library Tech Upgrades](#) | StateTech 7.9.18
- [The Changing Face of Romance Novels](#) | The New York Times 7.7.18
- [The Critical Role Your Neighborhood Library Could be Playing in Public Health](#) | Penn Medicine News 6.25.18

## Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries Survey

To help combat the continuing rise of opioid related deaths in New York State, State laws were recently amended to allow New York State's public libraries to administer opioid antagonist (naloxone) in library facilities by partnering with a New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

As part of a coordinated statewide effort, the New York State Library, the State Education Department, the State Department of Health, the New York Library Association, the Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO), and the Harm Reduction Coalition collaborated to create [Guidance for Implementing Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries](#) to help all New York State libraries implement their own opioid overdose prevention programs.

The results of the [Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries Survey](#) of library directors/managers are intended to help the State Library and its partner organizations:

- Assess the status of opioid overdose prevention measures in libraries;
- Identify additional tools, resources and guidance needed; and
- Identify programs, services, best practices and other strategies that New York's libraries are employing to assist communities in fighting the opioid overdose epidemic.

To preview or print a copy of the survey questions: [Printable Survey \(PDF\)](#)

The survey deadline is **Friday, August 31**.

If you have any questions about this survey or Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs in public and association libraries, please contact Frank Rees, Library Development Specialist I, New York State Library at [francis.rees@nysed.gov](mailto:francis.rees@nysed.gov) or 518.474.1565.

## Early Literacy for Kids Who Can't See

*ALSC Blog, July 2*

Jill Rothstein writes, "Five inclusive services librarians have created a [new brochure](#) on how to address the pre- and early literacy needs of young children who are blind or visually impaired. Many libraries understand the importance of early childhood literacy, but not many know how to make it inclusive. Kids with low or no vision need to be able to read words and images. There are easily learnable and shareable ways you can adapt your early literacy campaign to be more inclusive."



## Photo of the Week



Cornwall Library volunteers and staff and Mo Willems' Pigeon shared the joys of books and the library at the community Touch-a-Truck event in June.

*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.*

## Technology Petting Zoo at Austin Public Library

*[Austin \(Tex.\) American-Statesman: 521tech, June 1](#)*

Omar L. Gallaga writes, "On the fifth floor of the Austin (Tex.) Central Library is the Technology Petting Zoo, an area where patrons can check out some gadgets they might be curious about, but haven't owned or tried out. These items include tablets, a voice-activated Google Home device, Phillips Hue smart Wi-Fi lights, and even a large-scale 3D printer that can churn out fabricated artwork and models. This month the zoo is adding a [Spire Studio](#) device that the library will have on hand for visitors to try out."





## August Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

### ✓ **Mandatory Construction Workshop**

**Thursday, August 2**

**Location: RCLS**

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 (**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**) 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 (**12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**), participants will complete several required documents together.

Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

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

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ **System Orientation**

**Wednesday, August 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: RCLS**

Attendees will first meet with the RCLS Executive Director to gain an overview of the System. Visitors will then walk through the building and meet with department supervisors who will explain the services their departments provide to member libraries. Attendees will also have ample opportunity to ask questions.

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ **101 Basic Library Trustee Education**

**Wednesday August 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: RCLS**

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 5:30 p.m.

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ **Senior Improv @ Your Library**

**Friday, September 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: Albert Wisner Public Library, Warwick**

Libraries have taken on the role as community arts centers in our communities. In this seminar, you will experience how senior improvisational drama workshops and performances can help provide opportunities for seniors, and others, to come together and experience spontaneity, connection, and creativity through shared action. Participation in this seminar will offer library staff methods to build connections in the community through story sharing and plays and will help support our shared goals of diversity, equality, and inclusion in our programming. Besides, you'll have a lot of fun with your peers.

[Click here](#) for flyer.

**Featuring:** Linda Richmond and Ron Wiener

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

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## August Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

### ✓ Digging into Assessment Data: Tips, Tricks and Tools of the Trade

**Tuesday, August 14 from 3:00 pm. To 4:00 p.m.**

You know what you want to know and how to ask the right questions. Now what? This session will delve into assessment tools and data collection methods—and how to choose the method that works best for you. You also will learn how to analyze your data and turn it into information your library can use. Don't worry if using qualitative and quantitative data is new to you. You'll gain the insight you need to use both with confidence.

This webinar is the second in a [three-part series](#) bringing together research and practice from across library sectors, covering the ins and outs of creating, and implementing assessments that provide insightful, actionable data.

**Register:** [WebJunction](#)

### ✓ Upholding Core Library Values: Serving Patrons Who Are Homeless

**Tuesday, August 7 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

An exploration of how three different library systems are approaching service to patrons who are homeless according to current best practices.

**Presenters:** [Suzanne Carlson-Prandini, Bellingham Public Library](#); [Hayden Bass, Seattle Public Library](#); [Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District](#).

**Register:** [First Tuesdays](#)

### ✓ Getting Unstuck: Help Your Board, Staff, and Town Talk about Library Funding

**Wednesday, August 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Library leaders have been trained to "do more with less" for so long that it's become a virtue. Though talking about budgets is a challenge, library staff need better funding to provide the public with needed services and expertise. If your budget is stuck, and your board, staff and stakeholders are having a hard time talking about new taxes or levies, this webinar can help. Please join us for real-world, practical, actionable advice on how to overcome local political problems, negative feelings, and unmotivated stakeholders, to move your library toward a more financially secure future.

This webinar is hosted in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries and EveryLibrary.

**Presenters:** [John Chrastka](#), Executive Director, EveryLibrary; [Lee Hallberg](#), Executive Director, Mancos Public Library, CO; and [James Ochsner](#), Sutter County Library, CA

**Register:** [WebJunction](#)

## Learning Opportunity Highlights

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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](#).

### July

**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.

**Thursday, 23**

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

**Friday, 31**

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

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