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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, August 20** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Head-quarters in Middletown.

This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.

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## Is this what it feels like sometimes in LibraryAware?



With so many great LibraryAware templates to choose from, it can feel a bit overwhelming to find exactly what you need. Join Kathy Lussier, LibraryAware Customer Engagement Coordinator, on **Thursday, August 16** at 11 a.m. for a FREE, short webinar when she will show you how to navigate LibraryAware. Learn to quickly locate RCLS specific templates, how to take a design you love and customize it for your library promotion or event, and simple new ways to edit templates, and more. You'll be finding needles in no time! [Click here to register.](#)

### Haven't tried LibraryAware? You should!

Contact Martha Sullivan at RCLS ([msullivan@rcls.org](mailto:msullivan@rcls.org)) for a LibraryAware account!

LibraryAware is an incredible online program for creating flyers, bookmarks, booklists, e-mails, newsletters, social media posts and more. It was made specifically for libraries to make your job easier and save you time. [With the new "drag and drop" style editor](#) and fresh designs, you'll be amazed at what you can create without being a designer!

### Don't have time to get creative?

LibraryAware has dozens of items that are ready-to-go [like this sign](#) to let patrons know you are closed on Labor Day. Just choose a closing sign, book display sign or other item, save and print!

### Want to provide reading recommendations the easy way?

Your subscription also includes [NextReads newsletters](#) on 26 topics, already prepared and automatically e-mailed to your subscribers. Every item is linked to your catalog so your patrons can just click to put their selection on hold. Use them as-is or edit for a custom look. And P.S. – new promotional materials are available to help you spread the word!

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Woodstock voters will decide whether to dissolve library district](#) | Woodstock Public Library District | Hudson Valley One 8.4.18
- [New Rochelle: Pop-up libraries coming to the city](#) | LoHud.com 8.2.18
- [Race to the Finish focuses on final \\$50K for new Goshen library](#) | The Chronicle 8.2.18
- [Ann Roche celebrates 50 years as Goshen librarian](#) | The Chronicle 8.1.18

### National

- [The real story behind the 'Little House on the Prairie' controversy](#) | New York Post 8.7.18
- [Books your kids REALLY should read during the summer](#) | Albany Times Union 8.3.18
- [Looking for Housing or Affordable Healthcare? Your Local Library is Here to Help](#) | Nation Swell 7.27.18
- [Utah library workers must remove LGBTQ buttons](#) | St. George (Utah) Spectrum and Daily News 7.25.18
- [Public Library Social Work: An Emerging Field](#) | National Association of Social Workers 6.11.8

### International

- [A day in the library: 'This is a safe space for people'](#) | The Irish Times 7.28.18

## Speak Up and Speak Out!

The RCLS Board of Trustees invites Library Champions to speak up and speak out once again at this year's Legislative Breakfast on September 14 at The Sullivan Event Center. The legislators especially take notice and like to see and hear non-library staff share what their library means to them and has done for them. Library Champions are members of the public (patrons) that are unaffiliated with the operation of libraries. This means that no staff or trustees can be considered as a Library Champion.

Please give some thought as to whom you might invite as a Library Champion that would be prepared to speak for up to two minutes. Let Dan Hulse (845.243.3747, ext. 245) know his/her name and their library.

Registration is required for this free event. Use the convenient form on the [RCLS online calendar](#). Deadline for reservations is **Friday, September 7**. Questions? Contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS ([e-mail](#) or 243.3747, ext. 222).

We look forward to seeing YOU and your Library Champion!



## Next Chapter Book Club: Where Reading is for Everyone

Through the Next Chapter Book Club, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are finding a unique opportunity to engage in literacy, socialize and hang out in a community setting – all through the power of books and reading. Public libraries are a key partner in bringing this program to life and keeping these patrons connected.

Read more on the [WebJunction website](#).

## New Dewey Decibel Episode: Cybersecurity

*[AL: The Scoop, July 31](#)*

Cybersecurity has been dominating news cycles this year, and libraries are no exception. In [Episode 28](#), *Dewey Decibel* looks at cybersecurity in the library world. The podcast features Todd Stephens and Chris McSwain from Spartanburg County (S.C.) Public Libraries, the victim of a ransomware attack in January, as well as Patrick Craven, director of the nonprofit Center for Cyber Security Safety and Education based in Florida.



## Photos of the Week



Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of New York Library Association (NYLA) and his 11-year-old son Alex took the fourth NYLA Library Tour of NYS Libraries – #NYLALibraryTour18 – in the classic 1978 Volkswagen Westfalia Camper. The road trip of 668 miles that took from July 30 through August 4, began and ended in Albany, NY.

On Thursday, August 2, Jeremy and Alex made stop #26 at RCLS to spend the night. They broke-in the new Staff Room with a [pasta dinner](#).

Stop #29 was the Josephine-Louise Public Library on Friday, August 3. The morning visit included a tour of the building, meeting the staff and a discussion of library funding and challenges. Of course, staff had to highlight their summer reading program activities. A nice surprise for the staff and lots of fun!



Pictured left to right: Jeremy and Alex Johannesen, Library Assistant Beth Balogh and Library Clerk Daniel Atonna.

The traveling duo made stops at some other RCLS member libraries. Jeremy's full account, including photos, of visits with 33 libraries can be viewed on the [NYLA website](#).

To relive previous exploits check out the archive: [#NYLALibraryTour15](#) / [#NYLALibraryTour16](#) / [#NYLALibraryTour17](#).

## Library Card Sign-up Month

**September is Library Card Sign-up Month**, a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.



This September, Disney Pixar’s superhero family, The Incredibles, will team up with the ALA to promote the value of a library card. As honorary chairs, The Incredibles will remind families, students and people of all ages that signing up for a library card is a great step toward a truly super lifestyle: libraries offer fun and informative resources to help you pursue your passions and succeed in school.

Throughout the summer, ALA will be providing a variety of **free tools and ideas** for promoting Library Card Sign-up Month in your local community. For more information, visit the [ALA website](#).

## 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](#).

### August

**Thursday, 16**

[LibraryAware Template Tips and Tricks](#),  
Webinar – 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, 20**

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

**Wednesday, 22**

CLOUSC Planning Meeting, RCLS – 9:30 a.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.

### September

**Monday, 3**

**Labor Day—RCLS CLOSED**

**Friday, 7**

LARC-YS, Haverstraw—10:00 a.m.

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[Senior Improv @ Your Library](#), Warwick—10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, 8**

[Teen Battle of the Books](#), SUNY Orange 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 12**

CTUG, Middletown—9:30 a.m.

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Directors Association, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

**Friday, 14**

[RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting](#),  
The Sullivan Event Center—8:00 a.m.

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