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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, October 15** 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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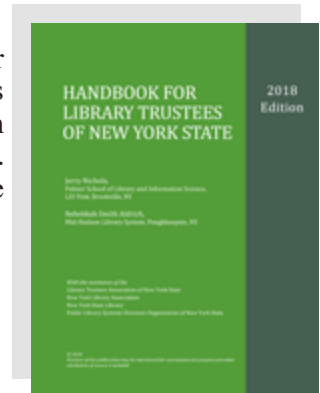
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Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State

A new edition of the Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State is now available online for free through the [New York State Library's website](#). Print copies will soon be available through RCLS.

Updates include:

- Alignment of information with the newly revised Minimum Standards for Public Libraries in NYS;
- Clarity on the questions surrounding the Library Treasurer and Library District Clerk positions;
- Expanded commentary on procurement policies and the “claims audit” procedure, a very hot topic in recent audits of public libraries by the Office of the State Comptroller;
- New information about the position of the Library Director as an “Officer of the Corporation” and the suggestion that the Library Director take the Oath of Office, just as public library trustees do;
- Connections to the work of the Sustainability Initiative of the New York Library Association; and
- Links to several brand-new webinars that will help trustees do their job as a trustee.



ALA Accepting Scholarship Applications

[Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Sept. 18](#)

If you need financial assistance to get through your graduate program, [scholarship funds](#) are now available. ALA has more than \$300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs at the master's degree level. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, March 7, 2019**. Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. They include scholarships for students who are interested in children's, youth, and federal librarianship, as well as new media and library automation. Scholarships are available for minorities, persons with disabilities, and people who are already employed in libraries but do not have an MLS.

News Worthy

Regional

- [Local Library is Fighting Back Against Banned Books](#) | Pleasant Valley Library | WRRV 9.26.18

National

- [Million Fathers March in Muscogee County Schools prompts literacy](#) | WTVM 9.28.18
- [Most city public libraries to close on Saturdays due to lack of funding](#) | Philadelphia Inquirer 9.28.18
- [By the Numbers: Banned Books Week](#) | American Libraries Magazine 9.25.18
- [Palaces for the people: why libraries are more than just books](#) | The Guardian 9.24.18
- [No good reason to ban 'Thirteen Reasons Why' book](#) | The Columbus Dispatch 9.23.18
- [Libraries Help Alleviate Poverty and Rural Isolation](#) | The New York Times 9.20.18
- [Repurpose with a Purpose](#) | American Libraries Magazine 9.4.18

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Time Is Running Out!

Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services Consultant

The [Juvenile Preview Session](#) at RCLS headquarters will end Friday, October 19. I hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to look at over [1,000 new books](#) for children and teens. Those who participate in the preview session are able to request specific books from the preview. Other free items are available to those who come to RCLS to preview the books.

Free Virtual Mini Conference

- ✓ **Library 2.018 : Social Crisis Management in a 21st Century World**

Wednesday, October 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our human condition has changed dramatically and has implications for libraries of all types on a global scale. Food insecurity and hunger, housing policies and homelessness, violence, mental health service needs, social, economic, educational and racial equity, substance abuse and drug overdose – all of these and many more challenges impact the people who frequent our libraries – as customers, students, faculty, and staff. Operational decisions continue to be influenced by social concerns. Join us for a series of conversations on how libraries have developed, responded, and championed programs and services to address some of these social crises and learn about outcomes. What's the new normal for libraries in this world of social and economic disparity? Has it altered or enhanced our core mission?

Presenters: **Patty Wong**, Director of Library Services, Santa Monica Public Library; **Ryan Dowd**, Executive Director of Hesed House and author of *The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness*; **Rebekkah Smith Adrich**, Executive Director, Mid-Hudson Library System

Register: [library 2.0 website](#)

Webinar

- ✓ **Getting started with LibraryAware?**

Thursday, October 11 at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m.

New to LibraryAware? Join a webinar for an overview of the many ways you can use LibraryAware to quickly create professional-looking promotional materials for your library. They will show you step-by-step how to use their most popular templates for print, e-mail, and social media so you will be ready to start creating right away. With the new drag and drop editor, working in LibraryAware has never been faster or easier!



Register: [LibraryAware website](#)

Photos of the Week



Best-selling author Jennifer Probst recently helped Wallkill Public Library with the ribbon-cutting on their new and improved romance collection, which was funded by the Romance Writers of America Grant!

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.

Humanities New York Grants

Humanities New York awards grants to tax-exempt organizations that use the humanities to foster engaged inquiry and dialogue around social and cultural concerns. They encourage innovative approaches in the design and delivery of public-facing programming. There are three competitive grant opportunities: Vision (\$1,500), Action (\$5,000) and Quick (\$500).

They prioritize support to projects that reach audiences with fewer opportunities to attend cultural programming. Because Humanities New York is a statewide organization, within each grant round they strive to make awards in as many regions of the state as possible. Through 2020, requests related to the U.S. Women's Suffrage Centennial are welcome. Other priorities include supporting small and rural organizations.

For more information, visit the [Humanities New York website](#).

LC's National Screening Room Now Online

[Library of Congress, Sept. 26](#)

The Library of Congress announced September 26 that it has digitized hundreds of hours of motion pictures that will be freely available on the newly launched [National Screening Room website](#). Most of the content in the National Screening Room is in the public domain and is fully downloadable. Permissions were granted for the inclusion of copyrighted motion pictures, which are only available as streaming files. The first phase of the project features 281 titles; new content will be added every month.

RCLS Biblio Basket Raffle

Seven literary-themed baskets are being offered in the RCLS Biblio Basket Raffle and YOU could be a lucky winner. Each one is overflowing with goodies and includes items designed and manufactured by Storiarts (an Oregon-based company whose sale of literary-themed products aids children worldwide in learning to read, write, and create)! Contents of *each* basket are valued at over \$75.



The Hound of the Baskervilles Basket

View photos of the baskets and ticket ordering information on the [RCLS website](#).

Why enter? The person whose winning ticket is drawn takes home a basket filled with wonderful items and the proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets benefit the RCLS Delivery Van Fund. Plus, a portion of the proceeds from every item sold by Storiarts is donated to LitWorld, a non-profit organization dedicated to on-the-ground innovative solutions to tackling illiteracy worldwide.

The drawing will take place **November 19, 2018**. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email.

Address questions via e-mail to: Anita Baumann, Chair of Advocacy & Fundraising Committee, at abaumann@rcls.org

Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets, and GOOD LUCK to ALL the entrants!

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](#).

October

Tuesday, 9—Friday, October 19

[Preview Book Center](#), RCLS 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 9

[Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families – for Library Staff](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 10

System Orientation – CANCELED

Thursday, 11

[Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families – for Library Staff](#), Nyack – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 12

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 15

[Adult Programmers Roundtable](#), Mamakating – 10:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, 16

[eContent Buyers Session](#), RCLS – 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 16

[Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families – for Library Directors & Trustees](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 17

[WorkFlows Circulation Basics Refresher](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 18

[Making the Most of Library Volunteer Recruitment and Retention](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families

For Library Staff

**Thursday,
October 11,
2018**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Nyack Library

59 South Broadway
Nyack, NY
845.358.3370

This interactive training assists library staff in improving access for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer-identified, and questioning (LGBTQ) communities. Participants will explore common challenges encountered by LGBTQ individuals of all ages and leave better equipped to serve as resources, particularly for youth. The training provides promising practices for communication, privacy, collections, and programming to better meet the needs of LGBTQ individuals and families.

Presenter

For over 15 years, [Lyndon Cudlitz](#) has been providing training and technical assistance for libraries, schools, healthcare providers, and organizations seeking to enhance environments and services for LGBTQ individuals. Lyndon has worked for several LGBTQ organizations in the Northeast and has founded and directed youth leadership camps nationally. Additionally, Lyndon currently serves on a transgender advisory committee to the NYS Department of Health and is the Board Vice President for an NYC-based LGBTQ organization.

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, October 10. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

This is a Special Client Populations/Customer Services workshop; participants will receive 3 contact hours for attending.



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Long Overdue: Enhancing Library Services for LGBTQ Individuals & Families

For Library Directors & Trustees

**Tuesday,
October 16,
2018**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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WorkFlows Circulation Basics Refresher

Staff Client
WorkFlows



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**Wednesday,
October 17,
Friday,
October 19,
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9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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During the session, participants will review: User Registration, Checkout, Checkin, Daily Reports, Paying Bills. Lunch break from 12:00 to 12:30 - bring your own or order from the menu.

Each session is limited to 15 people. Preference given to allow as many libraries as possible to be represented.

Audience

All library staff.

Presenters

Jerry Kuntz, RCLS Electronic Resources Consultant

Martha Sullivan, RCLS Software Support Technician

CE Credits

This is a Technology workshop; participants will receive 6 contact hours for attending.

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. the day before the workshop. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



Ramapo Catskill Library System
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Making the Most of Library Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

**Thursday,
October 18,
2018**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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In this day and age, making the most of our volunteer recruitment and retention efforts is critical to our overall programs success. We can't ignore the impact that the current economic challenges have on volunteer recruitment, training, retention, recognition, and—most importantly the community need that we meet by having volunteer opportunities at our libraries.

Audience

Library staff working with volunteers.

Presenter

Deborah L. Worden, Executive Director of Action Toward Independence

CE Credits

This is a Project Management / Supervision workshop; participants will receive 2 contact hours for attending.

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, October 17. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

