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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, November 19** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

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

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## NYLA/GIRT Announces 2018 Mildred Lowe Award Recipient

Rosemary LaSala, President of the New York Library Association's Government Information Roundtable (NYLA/GIRT), has announced that Diana Wendell, Orange-Ulster BOCES School Library System Director, has been selected as the 2018 winner of NYLA/GIRT's Mildred Lowe Award.



The award is presented annually by NYLA/GIRT to a librarian who has made a significant contribution to government documents librarianship, access to government information, and/or the encouragement of documents use in New York State libraries.

## ALA Policy Brief About Libraries and the 2020 Census

ALA has released a policy [brief](#) about the role of libraries in supporting the 2020 Census. For related resources please see [ALA's 2020 Census page](#).

From the brief:

"Libraries are essential, trusted partners in achieving a complete count in the 2020 Census."

Libraries:

- Deliver information about the Census and host community outreach activities.
- Provide internet access and enable respondents to complete the Census form online.
- Serve as trusted messengers, including in hard-to-count communities.
- Train data users and provide access to Census statistics for businesses and community members.



## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Community rallies in support of Pleasant Valley Free Library](#) | Poughkeepsie Journal 11.8.18
- [Fire damages Pleasant Valley Library](#) | Midhudsonnews.com 11.6.18

### National

- [Connecticut libraries Seeking Donations For Kindness Project](#) | Hartford Courant 11.5.18
- [PICTURE PROMPTS: Public Libraries](#) | The New York Times 11.2.18
- [19 of the most stunning libraries across the US](#) | Albany Times Union 11.2.18
- [In this Oregon library room, you don't have to whisper](#) | The Oregonian 11.1.18
- [This Library Has New Books by Major Authors, but They Can't Be Read Until 2114](#) | The New York Times 11.1.18
- [Kayaks, ukuleles, neckties: The weird and useful things you can check out from local libraries](#) | Albany Times Union 10.30.18

### International

- [If books can cure loneliness why are we closing libraries?](#) | The Guardian 11.5.18

## 2018 Summer Reading Program

More than 2.4 million students and children statewide participated in the 2018 Summer Reading Program, an increase of approximately 230,000 participants over last year's program, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and State Library have announced. In addition, the NYSED announced results from its partnership with the myON e-book platform, which offered free access to thousands of enhanced digital books to children from birth to 8th grade and their families last summer: 192,711 books were opened/browsed, 113,517 books were read, and 1,496,384 minutes of reading were logged within the myON platform.



For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit the [State Library's website](#) or the [Summer Reading Program website](#).

## Donate Life NYS Toolkit

This year, the New York Library Association (NYLA) is launching a partnership with Donate Life New York State (NYS) to introduce a simple campaign to educate patrons about donation and transplantation, and to give them an opportunity to join the New York State Donate Life Registry. New York Libraries for Life: a statewide campaign, which includes public, academic, special and hospital libraries of all sizes, hopes to inspire New Yorkers to sign up as donors! For more information visit the Donate Life NYS Toolkit on the [NYLA website](#).



## SmarterMail: Help! Includes Videos

*Jerry Kuntz, RCLS Electronic Resources*

All nine of the SmarterMail help videos found on the [SmarterMail LibGuide](#) have been re-recorded. Each of the videos is under ten minutes long (some are less than three minutes). The videos include:

- Using File Storage
- Add a Photo to Your Profile
- Display Settings
- Addressing Auto-Complete
- Contact Lists and Contact Categories
- Content Filtering
- Freeing Up Account Space
- Mail Folder Management
- Block Sender



## Photo of the Week



*Emelia Estep, staff member of the Mamakating Library, dressed as the Queen of Hearts for the Wurtsboro Founders' Day Street Festival.*

*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.*

## 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. Contents of *each* basket are valued at over \$75.

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

Remote orders delivered to RCLS will be accepted through, **Sunday, November 18**. The drawing will take place **Monday, November 19, 2018**. Winners will be notified by phone and/or e-mail.



## 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](#).

### November

**Tuesday, 13**

[Cybersecurity: How it relates to your library](#), Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 14**

[Cybersecurity: How it relates to your library](#), Tappan – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 14**

[Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Trustees & Directors](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 15**

LARC Executive Board, Haverstraw – 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, 16**

DOSS, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 19**

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

**Monday, 19**

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 20**

[JOBNOW Webinar—Refresher Course](#), 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday 22—Friday, 23**

**Thanksgiving Holiday  
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

**Monday, 26**

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

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CLOUSC, Cornwall – 9:30 a.m.

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