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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday, November 19 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Acknowledged the appointment of Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries.
- Heard a report from the Directors Association representative Rosemary Cooper on the Fine Free Program that has begun in several member libraries.
- Appointed Carla Randazzo Amthor of Wallkill, NY to fill the Ulster County seat on the RCLS Board until elections at the next Annual Meeting.
- Recognized that all but \$250 was raised for the cost of the 2018 RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting.
- Witnessed the drawing of the seven winners' names of the Biblio Baskets raffle. The proceeds of over \$1,500 from this fundraiser activity will benefit the RCLS Delivery Van Fund.
- Save the date, **Wednesday, February 27, 2019** for the New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day.
- Save the date, **September 13, 2019** for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual meeting.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the November Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, December 17 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports, Executive Director's Report and Assistant Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

News Worthy

Regional

- [LETTER: Saugerties Public Library wants everyone to feel safe and welcome](#) | Daily Freeman 11.21.18
- [Share Listen Learn: Remembering the Kennedy Assassination](#) | Rockland Journal-News 11.21.18
- [You can now check out cooking supplies at libraries](#) | Albany Times-Union 11.14.18
- [Become a 36er: Visit all our libraries](#) | Albany Times-Union 11.8.18

2018 National Book Awards

[USA Today, Nov. 14](#)

Sigrid Nunez won the 2018 National Book Award for fiction for *The Friend* (Riverhead) at a November 14 ceremony in New York City. The 69th annual National Book Awards were sponsored by the National Book Foundation. Diversity was once again in the spotlight throughout the evening. The young people's literature award went to slam poet [Elizabeth Acevedo](#) for *The Poet X* (HarperTeen), featuring an Afro-Latina heroine. The nonfiction winner was Jeffrey C. Stewart for *The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke* (Oxford), and Justin Phillip Reed won the poetry prize for *Indecency* (Coffee House Press).



For a complete list of the award winners and the short lists and long lists of titles that were being considered for the awards in each of the five categories, visit the [National Book Foundation website](#).

The Poet X is one of the titles under consideration for the RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz award, which will be decided on Monday, January 14. Get your copy now!

PLA Awards and Grants

Ten PLA service awards and grants – including the new [Helping Communities Come Together Award](#) – highlight the best in public library service and honor those bringing innovation, creativity and dedication to public libraries. Consider nominating yourself, a colleague or your library today! To submit an application or nomination, log in to the [PLA Awards Online Application](#). The 2019 award winners will be recognized at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

Deadline to submit nominations is **Monday, December 10**.

Adult Arts and Crafts at the Library (and 5 Cool Projects to Get You Started)

Introverts around the world will relate to Adult Services Librarian Elizabeth Koenig's inspiration for starting an arts and crafts program for adults at her library. "I'd done various art parties in my home for friends and had found I really preferred them to the more awkward (for me) sit-down dinner parties." Her in-home art parties were so well received among her friends that she pitched the idea to her supervisor as a program at the Everett Public Library in Washington state. Read the full article on the [WebJunction website](#).

Photos of the Week



Attorney Ellen Bach presenting *Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Trustees and Directors* at RCLS headquarters on Wednesday, November 14. The workshop was based on the New York State Department of Labor model of training program that was made public October 1, 2018.

The final *Sexual Harassment Prevention Training* workshop for staff will be held at RCLS on Wednesday, December 12. Use the [RCLS calendar](#) to register for this program.

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.

Libraries = Strong Communities

Free Tools available to participate in Libraries = Strong Communities, an initiative of ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo, highlights the critical role libraries play in providing resources and expertise that foster community engagement. Garcia-Febo launched her Libraries = Strong Communities tour in early October with a visit to



Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs, CO. You, too, can spread the word about how your library is building a strong community with the Libraries = Strong Communities toolkit. Use the free social media graphics, postcards, bookmarks, and other promotional materials to spread the word today! To access promotional materials visit the [Libraries Transform website](#).

December Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ Early Literacy Workshops “Simple Storytime Props” & “Early Literacy Adventures”

Friday, December 7

Location: RCLS Headquarters

MORNING SESSION • 10:00 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

"Simple Storytime Props"

Don't let your fear of crafting keep you from creating storytime magic! Learn simple tips and tricks to make feltboards, puppets, and other fun additions to storytime. Leave with completed projects and the knowledge and ability to complete several more. All materials provided, just bring your willingness to try something new!

AFTERNOON SESSION • 12:30 P.M. TO 2:15 P.M.

"Early Literacy Adventures! Beyond Storytimes"

Participants in this hands-on interactive presentation will learn an easy way to incorporate traditional early literacy components into a fun filled adventure for young patrons.

This workshop will show examples of adventure programs already created, teach how to create these programs from scratch, discuss budgeting, and give hints and tips for planning and conducting these programs.

During the workshop participants will brainstorm a plan for an adventure program and will walk away with a template and method for planning adventure programs for their own library.

Early Literacy workshops - Participants will receive 1.5 contact hours for attending each workshop (3.5 contact hours for attending both workshops).

[Click here for flyer.](#)

Snow Date: Friday, December 14, 2018

Presenters: Sarah Northshield (morning) and Melinda Watkins (afternoon)

Register: [RCLS website](#)

✓ Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Wednesday, December 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS Headquarters

This is a sexual harassment prevention training workshop based on the New York State Department of Labor final model of a training program made public on October 1, 2018. The training will be interactive as required by law. Every employee across the state is required to participate in a sexual harassment prevention training program.

For more details on the model of training, please [click here](#).

Presenter: Annmarie Buckley

Register: [RCLS website](#)

Additional Online Learning

The WebJunction Course Catalog is **free** and open to library staff everywhere whenever you are ready to learn. They offer library-specific self-paced courses, webinar archives and other great learning materials.

Certificates of Completion are available to help library staff meet CE and LEU credit requirements. [Create your free account](#) and start learning today.

December Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ Why Open Data Belongs at Libraries

Tuesday, December 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

What do libraries have to do with open government data found on data.wa.gov or local gateways like those for [Seattle](#) or [Spokane](#)? Plenty. In this webinar, participants will learn how libraries are connecting patrons to this emerging resource and helping local government become better open data publishers. They'll also learn how libraries can use open data to improve their own operations. The webinar will include examples, tips and dozens of resources to support your library's open data activity.

Presenter: [Kathleen Sullivan, Washington State Library.](#)

Register: [First Tuesdays website](#)

✓ Community Conversations Across Neighborhoods: Dialogue-Driven Programming

Wednesday, December 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Libraries have the potential to inspire local dialogue on timely issues across communities, positioning library staff as trusted facilitators. This free one-hour webinar will explain how New York Public Library created a conversation series on important issues in the diverse communities they serve.

ALA's Public Programs Office and ProgrammingLibrarian.org.

Presenter: Alexandra Kelly Berman, manager of adult programming and outreach services at the New York Public Library.

Register: [Programming Librarian website](#)

Note: This webinar will be recorded. The recording will be available for free viewing at the link above starting on December 6.

✓ E-Rate Training 2018

Wednesday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Division of Library Development and E-Rate Central will present a webinar on E-Rate filing that will focus on proper use of the Form 470 and the use of Category 2 funding.

Presenter: Win Himsworth, E-Rate Central

Register: [New York State of Opportunity website](#)

✓ Library Programming for Adults, From Start to Finish

Tuesday, December 18 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adult programming at your library can bring the community together in meaningful ways but finding the ideal program and attracting the right audience can be overwhelming. This webinar will teach you to plan events and programs from start to finish, including identifying potential partners, getting community input, and successful marketing. Learn how to deliver quality, budget-friendly programs that will bring in the crowds without reinventing the wheel. From choosing dates and times to selecting events that get results, you'll hear practical tips on everything it takes to launch adult programs your community will love.

Presenter: Cara Romeo, Assistant Library Director/Community Services Librarian, K. O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library (SD).

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

The Coming Wave of Affordable Textbooks

The Scholarly Kitchen, Nov. 19

Joseph Esposito writes: “Big changes in textbooks are coming, and libraries will be at the center of them. Textbooks, whether print or digital, fall into three categories: Traditional textbooks are the books we are all familiar with, open educational resources that are free to the end user and enable configuration by the instructor, and inclusive access programs are traditional textbooks put into all-digital programs so that librarians or other university representatives can negotiate with publishers for lower prices.”



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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](#).

November

- Monday, 26**
ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.
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CLOUSC, Cornwall – 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 28**
[Sexual Harassment Prevention Training](#),
Valley Cottage – 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 29**
LARC-Adult Services, Blauvelt, – 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 29**
RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, 30**
SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

December

- Monday, 3**
RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 10:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, 5**
Directors Association Executive Committee,
RCLS – 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 5**
Directors Association, RCLS 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 7**
[Early Literacy Workshops](#) “Simple Storytime Props” &
“Early Literacy Adventures,” RCLS – 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 11**
RUG, Middletown – 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, 12**
[Sexual Harassment Prevention Training](#),
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 13**
LARC-Executive Board, Stony Point – 10:00 a.m.

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