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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, December 17** 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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Forthcoming Bestsellers

Eileen Acosta, RCLS Communications Assistant

The Winter 2019 issue of [Forthcoming Bestsellers](#), a handy guide to up-and-coming new books, is now online. Member libraries' staff can duplicate or direct their patrons to the PDF.

This list is one of four produced during the year as predicted and derived from *Publisher's Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Booklist*, Brodart or Baker & Taylor lists, etc. According to the publishers' schedules, the titles will be released during the upcoming three months.



For best results, place copies of the list near your New Books area or at the Circulation Desk.

The Editors for this edition are Nancy Moskowitz–New City Library, Rosemary Farrell–Nyack Library and Eileen Acosta–RCLS.

Be Kind to Your RCLS Delivery Driver

Please be sure to clear ice and snow from library access points on your delivery days so RCLS drivers can make deliveries in a safe and timely manner. The drivers need a path at least 3-feet wide to get in and out of your facility with a loaded hand truck.



Thanks!

RCLS Headquarters Closings

When RCLS headquarters closes due to bad weather, you can find out by:

- Going to cancellations.com.
- Calling RCLS' main number – a message will announce the system's status.
- Checking e-mail – cancellations and early closings are usually indicated with an e-mail to "allrcls" and "closings."

ANSER Staff can be reached for emergency calls at **845.243.3747, ext. 230**



News Worthy

Regional

- [Monroe Library collecting gifts for Safe Homes](#) | The Photo News 11.29.18

National

- [NY lawmakers to review challenges facing public libraries](#) | Daily Freeman 12.7.18
- [2018 I Love My Librarian Winners Announced](#) | American Libraries 12.4.18
- [Appreciating the 'powerful good' of the public library](#) | PBS 12.4.18
- [Everything is going to be just fine \(without fines\)](#) | Albany Times Union 12.4.18
- [No permanent address? No problem. Berkeley library makes it easier for those without homes to get library cards](#) | Berkeleyside 12.3.18
- [Leath Library now renting out laptops, Wi-Fi hot spots](#) | Richmond County Daily Journal 11.16.18

Library Certification

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

A reminder that public Librarian Professional Certificates issued as of January 1, 2010, and thereafter shall only remain valid when 60 hours of professional development are completed during a five-year period (defined as every five years from the date the certificate is issued).

Approved programs from accepted providers include: courses, workshops, seminars, lectures, webinars, e-courses, library conference programs, or other relevant programs. As stipulated in Commissioner's Regulation § 90.7(c)(1), curriculum from "any other institution or provider as pre-approved by the employing library, employing library system or the State Education Department" can fulfill the professional development requirement.



What records to keep:

- Certificates or transcripts showing successful completion of courses.
- Letters from a supervisor indicating completion of a program or project.
- For webinars you attend, keep both the e-mail you receive when you register as well as the e-mail you receive after the event.

Each program attendee is allowed, once a year, to request a summary listing of the RCLS Continuing Education programs that they have attended from Ruth Daubenspeck (ruth@rcls.org).

More information is available on the [NYS Education website](#).



Happy Holidays

RCLS will be **closed** Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25.

No deliveries will be made on these days.
No *RCLS Weekly Memo* will be issued the week of December 24.

Photos of the Week




The Art and Fashion of the Romance Novel was a program recently presented with Romance Novel Cover Artist Sharon Spiak at the Delaware Free Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library in Callicoon.

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.

NEH Preservation Grants for Smaller Institutions

Preservation Assistance Grants, awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), help small and mid-sized institutions, such as libraries, historical societies, and archival repositories, improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. The maximum award amount is \$10,000 (\$15,000 for projects related to the 250th anniversary of American independence).

Additional information and grant application materials are available on the [NEH website](#). Deadline for submitting applications is **Thursday, January 31, 2019**.



Send your library news to the **RCLS Weekly Memo** at rclsmemo@rcls.org

Eight Ways for Small Libraries to Save Money on Programs

Programming Librarian, Nov. 15

Chelsea Price writes, “Meservey, Iowa, is a tiny, rural town of just 240 people. We have a church, a bar, a post office, and my little library. There isn’t much to do in town as far as entertainment goes, so the library tends to serve as a community hub—we are one of the only local sources of free events and programs. As you might imagine, our programming budget is quite small. I’m very limited on what I’m financially able to do, as there’s not much wiggle room for pricey performers or large events. But during my four years as director, I’ve found ways to get a lot of bang for my programming buck. Here are a few things I’ve learned.”



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](#).

December

Monday, 17

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

Monday, 17

[RCLS Board](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 24—Tuesday, 25

**Christmas Holiday
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

January

Tuesday, 1

**New Year’s day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Wednesday, 9

Directors Association, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 11

LARC-YS, New City – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 14

[CLOUSC Mock Caldecott & Newbery Discussions](#), RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

Monday, 14

[RCLS Teen Librarians’ Mock Printz Award Discussions](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 15

[JOBNOW Webinar - Refresher Course](#) – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 21

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Tuesday, 22

[LARC-YS Mock Newbery and Caldecott Discussions](#), Valley Cottage – 9:30 a.m.

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[RCLS Board](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

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