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RCLS Board Meeting



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

A meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committee will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Both are open meetings and all are invited to attend.

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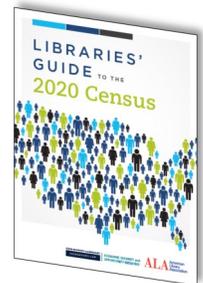
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ALA Releases Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census

The [American Library Association](#) (ALA) has released the [Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census](#) (a free download), a new resource to prepare libraries for the decennial count of every person living in the United States.

The Guide contains practical information to assist library staff in addressing potential patron and community requests regarding the upcoming 2020 Census. The Guide includes:

- Basic information about the Census process;
- Highlights of new components in the 2020 Census, such as the online response option;
- Frequently asked questions;
- A timeline of key Census dates;
- Contact information and links to additional resources.



ALA teamed with the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality to develop the Guide, with support from ALA's 2020 Census Library Outreach and Education Task Force.

ALA plans to provide additional resources for library practitioners in the months leading up to Census Day on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

NYS Public Access Law Libraries Offer Free Legal Research Services and Resources



New York State Judiciary Law mandates that a law library be open to the public in each county. In most counties, a designated Public Access Law Library is conveniently located in or near the county courthouse and in other counties, a public library fulfills that role. Legal Research Services and Resources are freely available to the public from these libraries.

Unfortunately, many people with legal needs do not know that these libraries are available for public use. The New York State Unified Court system is seeking to raise awareness and devise ways to make this information more accessible to the public through distribution and posting of a flyer at public libraries in New York State. To access the flyer, visit the [RCLS website](#).

News Worthy

Regional

- [SNAPSHOT: Little Free Library at Kingston's Kinderland](#) | Kingston Library | Daily Freeman 5.10.19
- [Monroe Library makes books available in colorful plastic bins throughout the town](#) | The Photo News 5.3.19
- [Libraries as Alternative Spaces](#) | Olive Free Library, Saugerties Public Library, Stone Ridge Library | Roll Magazine 4.19

National

- [Public libraries are not just about books. At their heart, they are about social equity](#) | The Guardian 5.9.19
- [The Library of Congress digitized 70 classic children's books you can read for free](#) | Times Herald Record 5.7.19
- [South Philly library's latest project: Distributing personal hygiene kits](#) | The Inquirer- Daily News 5.3.19
- [We Must Bring Libraries, Journalists And Technologists Together To Preserve Online News](#) | Forbes 5.3.19
- [Library Systems Report 2019: Cycles of innovation](#) | American Libraries Magazine 5.1.19
- [Sustainability: On a Mission](#) | Library Journal 4.3.19

YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy

Registration opens on **Saturday, June 1** for the New York Library Association (NYLS) Youth Services Section (YSS) Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy (EALA). This seven-month program is specifically designed for youth service providers who are interested in developing their leadership skills for personal and professional advancement. The curriculum for 2019-2020 includes:

- 3 Full Day in-person Workshops
- 4 Live 90 minute Webinars
- 24 Hours of Continuing Education

Visit the [NYLA website](#) for more information.

The Stephanie Squicciarini Memorial Scholarship is offered to provide financial assistance to a participant of the EALA by covering the cost of the tuition for the Academy. For more information, visit the [RCLS website](#). All applications must be submitted or postmarked no later than **Monday, July 1**.

Great Stories Club “Growing Up Brave on the Margins”

Library workers are invited to apply for the American Library Association’s Great Stories Club series on *Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation* (TRHT), a thematic reading and discussion program that engages underserved teens through literature-based library outreach programs and racial healing work.

[Visit the project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **Monday, July 15**. Up to 35 libraries will be selected.

An expansion of ALA’s longstanding Great Stories Club program model, the TRHT series features books that explore questions of race, equity, identity, history, institutional change and social justice. The series is a part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation efforts, a comprehensive, national and community-based process to plan for and bring about transformational and sustainable change, and to address the historic and contemporary effects of racism.

Participating libraries will work with small groups of approximately 10 teens; provide up to four theme-related books for each participant to keep as their own; and convene opportunities for exploration and discussion of relevant humanities content among peers. Libraries will also be encouraged, but not required, to offer at least one interactive session led by a racial healing practitioner.

The Great Stories Club is administered by ALA’s Public Programs Office in partnership with ALA’s Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services. Funding is provided by the Kellogg Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Photo of the Week



Florida patron Faith Sauka recently donated her earnings of \$100 from the TREP\$ Program to the Florida Public Library. Faith, a 5th Grader from Golden Hill Elementary School, made and sold string art.

TREP\$, short for enTREPpreneur\$, is a project-based learning program that teaches youngsters in grades 4-8 how to start their own businesses. They learn the lessons in afterschool workshops, and apply them at home as they build their businesses with the support of their families. On Thursday, March 14, the student entrepreneurs launched their businesses at Golden Hill's TREP\$ Marketplace.

Pictured are Library Clerk Beth Verblauw, and Faith Sauka along with a sample of Faith's string art.

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.

Join Us Under the Big Tent of Children's Literature – It'll Be 'Lit'!

Public libraries pitch a big tent where everyone is welcome. On **Saturday, May 25** the Sullivan Public Library Alliance, in partnership with literacy-based county organizations (the Sullivan County School Libraries through BOCES and Literacy Volunteers of America, Sullivan County along with the Ramapo Catskill Library System) will erect a big tent in the parking lot of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello, NY. Under the tent will take place the first bi-annual Sullivan County Youth Book Festival. Meet authors and illustrators of books for children from birth to young adulthood and purchase autographed copies of their newest titles.

Events include: crafts, face painting with Miss Sunshine, Farm Arts Collective stilt walkers, musical entertainment by the Uncle Brothers, character meet & greets, authors reading from their books in Vera's Story Garden throughout the day and scheduled Story Walks up one side of Broadway and back down the other while reading *What If...* by Samantha Berger, about a child who likes to draw and write stories that imagines what would happen if there were no pencils, paper, or other tools for being creative. Lindsay Barrett George, one of our participating authors, will lead a hands-on workshop 'Once Upon a Doodle' in the Robert D. Norris Community Room; register for this fun interactive program that starts at 11 a.m. when you arrive. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., winners of the [Cross County Reading Challenge](#) will be announced. Visit the [Book Festival website](#) to check out the full days' schedule and all the wonderful sponsors of this event. The Festival is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You won't want to miss what's taking place under the big tent on Broadway on May 25!

If anyone from the RCLS community would like to volunteer to help out, we would love to have you. Email us at: scybookfest@gmail.com. If you attend, you may spot a much-missed buddy of us all; actually, you might not recognize him...



Robot Club and Open Support

The Jeffersonville Robot Club is a monthly gathering for older children and teens, ages 8 and up. The Robot Club meets on **Tuesday, May 21** at 4:30 p.m. at the Jeffersonville Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library to assemble various robotic kits, provided by the library. These kits teach the children valuable aspects of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math). This month's project is an amphibious vehicle capable of traveling on both land and water! Since the library supplies the robotics kits for the students, registration is limited to only 12 students each month and the registration is first come, first served. Patrons can register online at wspnline.org or by calling the Jeffersonville Branch at 845.482.4350.

Open Technology Support is a time for patrons to bring their various devices into the library to get one-on-one support from Abram VanHassel, the library's Multimedia Technician. Open Support Hours are on Mondays at the Delaware Free Branch in Callicoon from 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays at the Tusten-Cochecton Branch in Narrowsburg from 4 to 7 p.m., and Fridays at the Jeffersonville Branch in Jeffersonville from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no registration process for Open Technology Support and patrons are helped in the order they arrive.



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](#).

May

Monday, 20 – Friday, June 7

[Juvenile Book Preview Session](#), RCLS

Monday, 20

ANSER—Canceled

Monday, 20

RCLS Personnel and Finance Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, 20

[RCLS Board](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 21

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

Wednesday, 22

[Vidcode Webinar](#), 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Thursday, 23

[Construction Workshop—Review of Eligible Projects](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 27

**Memorial Day Observed
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Wednesday, 29

RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

June

Tuesday, 4

[Great Give Back Day—Participating Libraries Meeting](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 5

[2020 Census Training for Youth Staff](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 4

[2020 Census Training](#), RCLS – 6:00 p.m.

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Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Trustees and Directors

**Tuesday,
May 21,
2019**

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library

10 West Ramapo Road
Garnerville, NY
845.786.3800

This session is for Library Directors and Trustees only. The session will include the 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. PLUS participants will have the opportunity to ask legal questions regarding the law, the policy and the requirements as an employer.

Presenter

Ellen Bach practices principally in the area of labor and employment law and litigation. Ms. Bach represents public and private employers in federal and State courts, labor arbitrations, and administrative proceedings before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, U.S. Department of Labor, New York State Division of Human Rights, New York State Department of Labor, and other administrative agencies. For more than 25 years, she has advised clients regarding daily employment decisions such as hiring, discipline, and termination of employees; drafted employment contracts, personnel manuals and other employment-related documents; and worked with employers to ensure compliance with federal and state statutes such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and others. She has previously served as special in-house labor and employment counsel to a Fortune 100 company.

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 20. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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Construction Workshop Review of Eligible Projects

**Thursday,
May 23,
2019**

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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An in-depth discussion on what types of projects are eligible for the New York State Public Library Construction Aid program. Projects previously funded, program timeline and new program developments will be reviewed, as well as your specific questions answered.

The Mandatory Construction Workshop scheduled for Thursday, August 1 will provide detailed instruction on how to prepare a successful application.

Presenter

Stephen Hoefer, RCLS Fiscal Officer

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 22. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

This is a Construction workshop; participants will receive 2.5 contact hours for attending.



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2020 Census Training

Workshop

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. Counting an increasingly diverse and growing population is a massive undertaking. Ultimately, the success of the census depends on everyone's participation. Libraries, as always, will be playing a pivotal role in educating community members about the impact the Census data will have in our lives for the next ten years.

The 2020 Census data will be essential for you and your community. Please join us at one of the 2020 Census training sessions below. As library staff, you will face many questions about the 2020 Census; people will be coming to the libraries seeking help on filling out the online form. We want to be prepared!

Orange County

RCLS Headquarters
Wednesday, June 5
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
[Register here](#)

Rockland County

Pearl River
Public Library
Thursday, June 6,
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
[Register here](#)

Presenter

Mario Garcia, Partnership Specialist - Lower Hudson Valley Region/U.S. Census Bureau

Registration

Registration is required. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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MANDATORY Construction Workshop

Thursday,
August 1,
2019

Mandatory:

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Optional:

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
845.243.3747

This workshop will provide an in-depth discussion on how to prepare a successful New York State Public Library Construction Aid application.

The *mandatory* morning session will delve into the nitty-gritty details of the online application and other grant requirements. **The person directly involved in preparing the application must attend this workshop – no exceptions.**

During the optional afternoon session, participants will complete several required documents together.

Lunch will be provided.

Presenter

Stephen Hoefler, RCLS Fiscal Officer

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 31. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

This is a Construction workshop; participants will receive 3 contact hours for attending.

