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Speak Up and Speak Out!

The RCLS Board of Trustees invites Library Champions to speak up and speak out once again at this year's Legislative Breakfast on September 13 at The Sullivan Event Center. The legislators especially take notice and like to see and hear non-library staff share what their library means to them and has done for them. Library Champions are members of the public (patrons and Friends of the Library) that are unaffiliated with the operation of libraries. This means that no staff or trustees can be considered as a Library Champion.

Please give some thought as to whom you might invite as a Library Champion that would be prepared to speak for up to two minutes. Let Dan Hulse (845.243.3747, ext. 245) know his/her name and their library.

Registration is required for this free event. Use the convenient online form on the [RCLS Event Calendar](#). Deadline for reservations is **Friday, September 6**. Questions? Contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS (e-mail or 243.3747, ext. 222).

We look forward to seeing YOU and your Library Champion!



Celebrate 2019 Library Card Sign-Up Month

[ALA Communications and Marketing Office, Apr. 15](#)

In September, Disney and Pixar's *Toy Story 4* characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep, and friends are joining ALA on an adventure to promote the value of a library card as [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) honorary chairs. In their new role, they will remind the public that signing up for a library card opens a world of infinite possibilities. A variety of *Toy Story 4* posters, stickers, and bookmarks are available now for purchase through the [ALA Store](#). In May, free library card artwork as well as other print and digital graphics featuring the characters will be available for libraries to use.



Thanks to Suzanne Schwartz at Finkelstein Memorial Library, Spring Valley, permission was granted to libraries with a Swank Movie Licensing USA annual site license to celebrate the end of Library Card Sign-Up Month with a showing of *Toy Story 1, 2 or 3* inside the library. The showing must *not* take place before **Thursday, September 19**.

News Worthy

National

- [Agatha Christie-Obsessed Librarian Helps Solve Murder Mystery](#) | People magazine 7.31.19
- [Libraries Act as Cooling Centers in Heatwaves](#) | Book Riot 7.28.19
- [ALA Statement on New Macmillan Library Lending Model](#) | American Libraries Magazine 7.25.19
- [New library smoking restriction presents logistical challenges](#) | Albany Times Union 7.25.19
- [Screen time for young children draws scrutiny](#) | Albany Times Union 7.23.19
- [Onondaga Libraries hit by ransomware attack, locations open but some services affected](#) | WSYR - TV 7.16.19

International

- [Backlash grows against unstaffed libraries](#) | The Guardian 7.21.19

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SEAL News

[SEAL \(SouthEastern Access to Libraries\)](#) is Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC)'s resource sharing platform. It connects libraries of all types in the Southeastern NY region – encompassing Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster counties – and allows them to easily share books, DVDs, and other resources.



SENYLRC has announced that the New York State Library is joining SEAL. The State Library is a fantastic resource for materials, particularly academic books.

A [libguide](#) is available for current or interested SEAL users. It includes training materials such as the SEAL manual, tutorial videos, and answers to frequently asked questions. If you are interested in joining SEAL, or would like more information, please contact Resource Sharing and Cataloging Librarian [Kelsey Milner](#). Southeastern will provide any necessary training to implement the SEAL system at your library.

Getting Started with LibraryAware

Join the LibraryAware team 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 the most popular templates for print, e-mail, and social media so you will be ready to start creating right away. With the drag and drop editor, working in LibraryAware has never been faster or easier!



- **Tuesday, August 13** at 12:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 26** at 2:00 p.m.

To register and view other training, visit the [LibraryAware website](#).

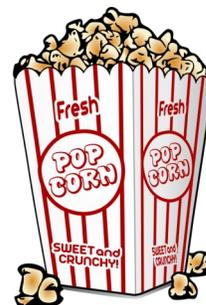
How to be a Good Library Patron

[Book Riot, July 19](#)

Anna Gooding-Call writes: “As a librarian, I think I could be forgiven for thinking that not enough people use the library. In fact, I feel this way most of the time. However, I have my days. These are the days when I encounter that 2% of the public that does not know how to be a good library patron. This isn’t just about [not damaging the books](#). It’s about being a good citizen in a unique public space where personal boundaries can feel a bit fuzzy. I’m convinced that this is a lapse in education, so I’m gonna edumacate you right here and right now. If you think you’re a stellar patron, read this anyway.”



Photos of the Week



As part of the celebration for the Albert Wisner Public Library's (Warwick) 10th Anniversary in the McFarland Drive location, the Piccolo Circus performed a variety of thrilling circus acts in front of almost 400 library lovers of all ages. All performers are professional circus entertainers.

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.

Public Libraries and Bike-sharing Programs

[*US News and World Report, July 9*](#)

Wilson Chapman writes, “Across the US, more than 20 public libraries have [introduced](#) special bike-share programs, in which members take out bicycles from the library for free before returning them at the end of the day. The initiatives are often done in partnership with city public health departments to help promote health and exercise among community members. In May, the public library system in [Lorain, Ohio](#), became one of the latest to launch a bike-share program. Ohio has the most public libraries with bike-share programs in the US, with at least eight towns being served.”



Fall River Library Shares Bicycles

[*Fall River \(MA\) Herald News, July 12*](#)

As regional planning officials work to attract the kinds of bike share companies that have thrived in larger cities such as Boston and Providence in recent years, Fall River (Mass.) Public Library has set a plan of its own in motion. Two bikes and a bike rack have been parked in the building’s lobby for the last month, waiting for anyone with a library card and a place to go. City residents can check out each bike for a week at a time and, unlike most bike-shares, it’s free of charge. Originally donated to Government Center as part of the state’s [Mass in Motion](#) initiative, the bikes were transferred to the library this spring.

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](#).

August

Wednesday, 7

[RCLS System Orientation](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 9

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 12

RCLS Bylaws/Policy Review Committee, RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 13

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 14

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

Thursday, 15

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 19

CLOUSC Planning Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 19

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

Monday, 19

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 20

Teen Librarians Planning Meeting, RCLS – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 21

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

Monday, 26

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 28

[Vidcode Training](#), RCLS – 11:00 a.m.

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