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## RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday, October 21 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Acknowledged the successful Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting with 176 people in attendance representing 40 member libraries.
- Heard a report stating that in order to avoid security issues, the RCLS Automation Department is upgrading 385 ANSER computers from Windows 7 to Windows 10. In addition, 35 computers will be replaced as they are unable to be upgraded.
- Noted that RCLS continues its commitment to make sure everyone in its service area gets counted in the 2020 Census.
- Learned about the *Resilience* project taking place through the Westchester Library System, which fosters positive experiences and skills to deal with adverse childhood events. RCLS has been invited to help with the expansion of the program to the counties it serves.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the October Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on **Monday, November 18** at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports and Executive Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Grace Riario (243.3747, ext. 233 or [e-mail](#)).

## Trustee FYI

The autumn edition of the *RCLS Trustee FYI* is on its way to member library trustees, directors, Friends presidents and is posted in PDF format on the [RCLS website](#). An archive of *Trustee FYIs* can also be found on the [Web page](#).

This issue's lead article is "Grace Riario Appointed RCLS Executive Director." Learn more about Grace and her career as a librarian.

Other articles you and your trustees will enjoy reading are: "Become a Census Champion," "New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day 2020," "RCLS 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting," "Trustee Training Opportunities," "Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee Award" and "Summer Visits with State Legislators."



## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Journey to Appalachia through literature, the arts in NEA Big Read](#) | Poughkeepsie Journal 10.10.19
- [Plattekill Town Board approves sale of library building](#) | Southern Ulster Times 10.9.19
- [Touch-a-Truck event benefits Highland Library](#)

### National

- [Local libraries push back against e-book embargo coming next month](#) | PIX 11 10.17.19
- [Fines are fine: New York's public libraries should continue charging late-return fees](#) | NY Daily News 10.13.19
- [Laundromat Libraries Aim To Boost Literacy In Milwaukee](#) | WUWM 10.10.19
- [Climate Change and Sustainability](#) | American Libraries Magazine 10.9.19
- [The battle for the future of e-books is happening at your local library](#) | Fast Company 10.9.19
- [As the welfare state decays, public libraries become sites of social trauma](#) | Salon 10.6.19
- [Finally, Feel Free to Return That Library Book You Checked Out in 1981](#) | The Wall Street Journal 10.3.19
- [Google pledges \\$10M to support businesses in underserved communities via libraries](#) | New York Business Journal 10.3.19

## 2019 Teen Video Challenge



Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 CSLP Teen Video Challenge (TVC) celebrating Summer Reading and “A Universe of Stories!” The four national winning libraries and their teen team videos can be viewed on the [Summer Reading at New York Libraries site](#).

A total of 56 TVC entries were made nationwide, with eight TVC entries submitted from libraries and teens in New York State, including the Kingston Library of the Mid-Hudson Library System.

The New York State Library looks forward to even more TVC entries from New York State in 2020 when the slogan will be “Imagine Your Story!”

## Banned Books Symposium



In partnership with the Southeastern New York Library Council (SENYLRC) and the Dutchess, Rockland, Sullivan, Orange-Ulster, and Ulster School Library Systems, Mount Saint Mary College (MSMC) will host its second [Banned Books Symposium](#) on **Saturday, March 7, 2020** on the MSMC campus in Newburgh. This half-day conference will feature presentations on all aspects of dealing with controversial literature in K-12 schools and libraries, including banned and challenged books. The keynote speaker will be Nick Bruel, *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of children’s books including the “Bad Kitty” series.

## PLA Awards and Grants

Ten [PLA 2020 Service Awards and Grants](#) – including the [Helping Communities Come Together Award](#) and the [Library Innovation 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, login to the [PLA Awards Online Application](#). The 2020 award winners will be recognized at the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Application deadline is **Friday, December 6**.



## PLA 75th Anniversary Conference Scholarships

To celebrate PLA’s 75th Anniversary and encourage equity, diversity and inclusion in library leadership, PLA has raised \$7,500 to sponsor 15 scholarships to attend the [#PLA2020 Conference](#). The scholarships will be divided into three categories—library school students, early-career librarian, and library support staff—with five scholarships given out in each category. Each scholarship will include complimentary early-bird registration (up to a \$305 value), and \$500 stipend to attend the [PLA 2020 Conference, February 25–29, 2020](#) in Nashville, TN. Visit the [PLA website](#) to learn more and apply. Application deadline is **Wednesday, November 6**.

## Photo of the Week



The 2019 Banned Books Week theme was "Censorship Leaves Us in the Dark," urging everyone to "Keep the Light On." Tuxedo Park Library 'kept the light on' as seen here by Eileen Reynar, library patron and clerk, captured reading a Banned / Challenged Book at the library.

*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).*

## "Rocking the Library World"

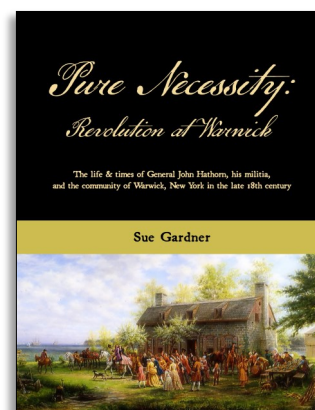
A new section of the *RCLS Weekly Memo* that highlights the accomplishments, trainings, workshops, milestones, etc. of library staff. A place to recognize and honor staff who are growing and developing into library leaders by furthering their education, leading workshops, receiving awards and recognition, etc.

### New Book on Warwick's Founding Veterans

Sue Gardner, local history librarian at the Albert Wisner Public Library, Warwick, has completed a new book, *Pure Necessity: Revolution at Warwick*. It tells the story of the Warwick Valley during the Revolutionary War using original documents, eyewitness testimony and oral traditions. Research was compiled by the author with the help of many volunteers over the past 20 years. The project is part of the Friends of Hathorn House's mission to discover the true history of Gen. John Hathorn, his militia, and the people of our area during the late 18th century.

Sue will present material from her book at the Albert Wisner Public Library, Warwick on **Sunday, November 3** at 3:00 p.m. [Registration is required](#).

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## November Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

### ✓ How to Foster Conflict Resolution in the Workplace

**Tuesday, November 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC), Highland, NY**

SENYLRC offers a monthly Library Support Staff Special Interest Group open to staff from all library types. This month's topic is *How to Foster Conflict Resolution in the Workplace*.

**Facilitators:** Tammy Myers, Poughkeepsie Public Library and Clarisa Rosario-DeGroatte, Mount Saint Mary College

**Register:** [SENYLRC website](#)

### ✓ Evaluating, Auditing, and Diversifying Your Collections

**Tuesdays, November 5, 12 and 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Online (live, interactive sessions)**

In this multifaceted online course, you will complete work to ensure that your collections are diverse, equitable, and inclusive—with personal coaching experts from libraries and beyond.

This course will cover a wide range of topics; helping tech librarians learn to evaluate books and media through an inclusive lens that includes the experiences of LGBTQIA people, people of color, non-binary or gender non-conforming people, and ethnic, cultural, religious minorities, and more.

**Presenter:** [Trevor A. Dawes](#), Vice Provost, Libraries and Museums, University of Delaware, former President, ACRL

**Also Available On-Demand!** Can't make a live session? All sessions will be available "on-demand" following the initial broadcast.

**Register:** [NYLA website](#)

### ✓ 101: Basic Library Trustee Education

**Thursday, November 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: RCLS Headquarters**

This session is designed to give new trustees a basic understanding of their duties and responsibilities. It will cover basic financial practices, essential laws and other critical information you may need to ensure your confidence in serving as a Board member of a Library and the voice of your community. The items covered in this session are limited; it is advised that you familiarize yourself with the *New York State Trustee Handbook*, which will be distributed to each attendee at the program.

Light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The session will start at 6:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Grace Riario, RCLS Executive Director

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ 102: Intermediate Trustee Education

**Tuesday, November 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: RCLS Headquarters**

If you have served as a Board member of a library for more than three years, you are encouraged to attend this session. This is not an introductory course. A basic knowledge of the role and responsibilities of a library trustee in the State of New York (session 101) is advised.

This session will cover some of the laws and regulations that libraries must comply with, financial reports, motions and fiscal issues you need to be aware of as a Board member. It will also consist of a review of the best practices for running an effective Board meeting, including the role of a Board President.

Light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** Grace Riario, RCLS Executive Director

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

## November Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

### ✓ How to make the most of READsquared....All Year Long!

**Wednesday, November 6 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Libraries that used READsquared for their Summer Reading program will learn about the next steps to wrap up after Summer Reading and move forward. Find out what your library can do to maximize the use of the READsquared product for other seasonal reading programs! Learn about useful reports and activity-based programs.

The webinar will be recorded and archived for later viewing.

**Presenters:** Kimberly DeRemer, READsquared Support Specialist and Barry Young, President, READsquared

**Register:** [READsquared](#)

### ✓ Advocacy 101: When Advocacy Becomes Second Nature

**Thursday, November 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

If advocacy is a scary word to you, this webinar may change your feelings about it. Advocating for increased support for your library is an action that promotes the library's success and contributes to your own enhanced ability to do your job well, with improved resources. Join us for this webinar to help your library begin to build advocacy into your everyday routines. Learn about inexpensive ideas and activities, how to tap into the Friends of the Library and other groups, and how to figure out what matters to "them" (i.e. funding partners, community, grantors). Before you know it, you will be advocating like a natural.

This webinar is presented in collaboration with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries.

**Presenters:** Lisa M. Shaw, Rural & Small Libraries Specialist, Maine State Library; and Kate Brunner, Children's Services Manager, Pine River Library (CO) and Regional Literacy Specialist, Southern Region at the Colorado State Library

**Register:** [WebJunction website](#)

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## Drexel University: The Future of Library Science

Renowned for its commitment to innovation and quality, Drexel University's online LIS program has been consistently top-ranked by U.S. News & World Report. Through a partnership with Drexel University, WebJunction members are eligible for benefits including a 25% tuition savings on the online MSI LIS program and a 10-40% savings on other programs. Learn more about our partnership and how to get more information by visiting the [WebJunction website](#).



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## Bringing the Library to the Gym

[WMFD-TV, Mansfield, Ohio, Sept. 17](#)

The Mansfield-area YMCA held a ribbon cutting on September 17 to introduce a new service being offered at the facility with the help of the Mansfield-Richland County (Ohio) Public Library. Members who use the facility will now be able to borrow books and movies from the library's collection—through a specialized vending machine, the only one of its kind in the Mansfield area. Library Director Chris May says the library was looking for new ways to connect with the community, especially those who are hard to reach or don't visit libraries often.

## Laundromat Libraries in Milwaukee

[WUMW-FM, Milwaukee, Oct. 10](#)

Emily Files writes, "Over the next few months, Milwaukee residents washing clothes at laundromats will start to see something different: mini libraries. A new city office focused on early childhood education is installing



reading nooks in places where children tend to

have downtime. The goal is to meet families where they are to encourage early literacy. The laundromat 'Read, Play, and Learn' spaces are some of the first concrete actions from the new Milwaukee Office of Early Childhood Initiatives, [created last year.](#)"

## 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](#).

### October

**Monday, 28—Wednesday, November 27**

[RCLS Juvenile Book Preview Session](#), RCLS

**Monday, 28**

CLOUSC, Port Jervis – 9:15 a.m.

**Monday, 28**

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 29**

[101: Basic Library Trustee Education](#),

Haverstraw – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 30**

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

**Wednesday, 30**

[Working together to get everyone counted!](#),

Monticello – 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday, 31**

[OLA Meeting](#), Goshen – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 31**

[Working together to get everyone counted!](#),

Goshen, – 11:00 a.m.

### November

**Monday, 4**

Battle of the Books and RCLS Teen Librarians, Suffern – 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, 4**

CLOUSC Mock Newbery Committee, RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

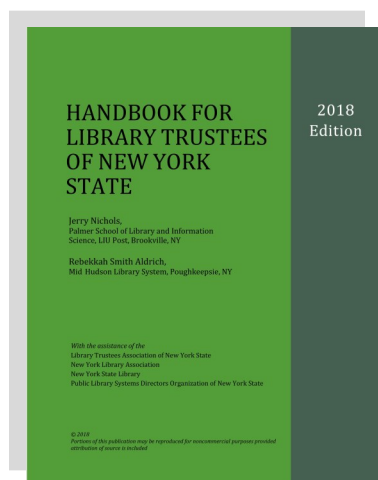
**Wednesday, 6**

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

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# 101: Basic Library Trustee Education

**Tuesday,  
October 29,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Haverstraw  
King's  
Daughters  
Public  
Library**

10 West Ramapo Road  
Garnerville, NY  
845-786-3800

This session is designed to give new trustees a basic understanding of their duties and responsibilities.

It will cover basic financial practices, essential laws and other critical information you may need to ensure your confidence in serving as a Board member of a Library and a voice of your community. The items covered in this session are limited; it is advised that you familiarize yourself with the New York State Trustee Handbook, which will be distributed to each attendee at the program.

## Presenter

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

## Registration

Registration is required. A minimum of 5 registrants is required or the workshop will be canceled. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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## Rockland County

Blauvelt Free Library  
541 Western Highway  
Blauvelt, NY  
845-359-2811

**Wednesday, October 16**

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Register here](#)

## Sullivan/Ulster County

Ethelbert B. Crawford  
Public Library  
479 Broadway  
845-794-4660

**Wednesday, October 30**

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Register here](#)

## Orange County

Goshen Public Library  
and Historical Society  
366 Main Street  
Goshen, NY  
845-294-6606

**Thursday, October 31**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Register here](#)

The libraries are once again called upon to assist people to participate in the Census. Once again, we have no extra funds or resources to do this work. The 2020 Census will be online for the first time and we, the libraries, will be the ones helping our communities navigate the 2020 Census portal, answer questions and making sure everyone gets counted.

What can we offer to our communities with the resources we currently have? This is the question that we will answer together during this session.

Please join us for a discussion about what we need to consider before we help our communities. Together, we will develop the best practices for libraries that are able to help with the 2020 Census and can become a 2020 Census site for their County.

## Registration

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