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## Your Library is Counting on YOU to be a Library Advocate in Albany on Tuesday, February 25

RCLS member library staff, trustees, Friends and Library Champions (patrons) of all ages are encouraged to attend Library Advocacy Day in Albany NY, sponsored by the New York Library Association (NYLA) on **Tuesday, February 25**. The purpose is to help the legislators understand how much people care about libraries by packing their offices with advocates at every scheduled appointment. With 11 legislators to visit, many people are needed to come and show their support. RCLS makes all the appointments, supplies the talking points and arranges transportation (see below) – you just bring your passion for libraries!



Your attendance can make a BIG impact. Join other advocates for meetings with your NYS representatives to discuss increasing Statewide Library Aid to \$200M and funding Library Capital Infrastructure improvements at \$75M.

Governor Cuomo will soon release his Executive Budget. If it is similar to previous years' budgets, it will include cuts to both State Library Aid and State Aid for Public Library Construction.

For more information, visit the [RCLS website](http://www.rcls.org).

## RCLS makes getting there easier!

- **RCLS Coordinates Transportation**  
Take a motor coach from one of the five convenient pick-up point locations—West Nyack, Newburgh, New Paltz, Kingston or Catskill. Register today using the [RCLS online calendar](#). Send your check for \$5 per person to Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS. For the details, [view the flyer](#).
- **RCLS Makes All Appointments with Legislators**  
The schedule will be available on the motor coaches and posted on the [RCLS website](#). Meetings are between 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- **RCLS Gathers Up-to-Date Information**  
To keep library advocates up to speed, information is available on the [RCLS website](#). All attendees will receive an information packet, regardless of whether they ride a motor coach or drive themselves.

## News Worthy

### National

- [Update on Macmillan Ebook Embargo](#) | American Libraries Magazine 12.31.19
- [Why many libraries are eliminating late fees](#) | Forbes 12.30.19
- [One of the world's largest private equity firms just bought one of the world's largest library ebook companies](#) | Boing Boing 12.27.19
- [When Natural Disasters Strike, Libraries Support Their Communities](#) | Book Riot 12.27.19



### Dewey Decibel Podcast: Year-end Conversations

*AL: The Scoop, Jan. 27*

In [Episode 45](#), Dewey Decibel looks back at interviews American Libraries staffers conducted with speakers at ALA's 2019 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. NBC's Today cohost [Hoda Kotb](#), journalist [Mariana Atencio](#), actor and activist [George Takei](#), CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA [Sylvia Acevedo](#), journalist and activist [Isha Sesay](#), writer and CBS Sunday Morning contributor [Mo Rocca](#), and philanthropist [Melinda Gates](#) reveal the important role that libraries and books have played in their lives.

## 2020 Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant Program

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, dedicated to supporting arts and literacy programs in public schools and libraries across the country, has announced its annual call for proposals.

Approximately 70 grants, up to \$500 each, will be awarded to teachers and librarians in public schools and libraries whose proposals reflect imagination and a desire to make learning fun. The Foundation welcomes Mini-Grant proposals focusing on any subject. Decisions will be e-mailed to all applicants in May. View [Examples of Exemplary Mini-Grants](#) to learn from past grant winners.

To learn more about EJK Mini-Grants, and to see the criteria for application, visit [Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants](#).

Deadline for application is **Tuesday, March 31**.

## ALSC's Bookapalooza Program

ALA's Association for Library Services to Children's annual [Bookapalooza Program](#) selects three libraries to receive a collection of materials to help transform their collection, provide the opportunity for these materials to be used in their community in creative and innovative ways, and enhance their library service to children and families. Applicants must be personal members of ALSC and ALA.

Each year the ALSC office receives almost 3,000 newly published books, videos, audio books, and recordings from children's trade publishers. The materials are primarily for children ages birth through fourteen and are submitted to ALSC award and media evaluation selection committees for award and notables consideration. The Bookapalooza Program was created to find new homes for these materials.

More details and a link to the short online application are available on the [ALSC's website](#).

Deadline for applications is **Saturday, February 1**.

## PLA's Inclusive Internship Initiative

Want to mentor a paid high school intern at your library? The Public Library Association's [Inclusive Internship Initiative](#) (III) will sponsor 50 paid, summer internships for high school junior and senior students at their local public library as a pathway program to increase diversity in public librarianship. Students from diverse backgrounds are recruited to be interns and introduced to careers in librarianship. Over the summer, each intern works with a library mentor on a community-based learning project. Library mentors practice leadership skills, and host libraries grow new audiences through outreach and programming. Grant funds will include an intern's stipend of \$3,500 and travel, hotel, and meal expenses for interns and mentors at two events: a June kick-off in Chicago and a closing event in Washington, DC in late September.

For more information and to apply to be a host library, visit the [ALA website](#). [FAQs available](#).

Deadline for applications is **Monday, February 3**.

## Photo of the Week



Jim Mahoney, Director of the Rose Memorial Library in Stony Point shared this photo taken by Jake Cataldo sometime during mid-summer. Jim writes, "Jake is the youngest Rotary Club President in the country (at 24 years-old or something) and works in real estate, hence I guess the photography skills."

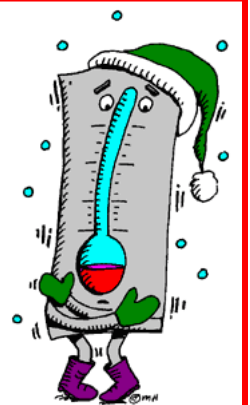
Share a library-related photo! Include a brief caption, your name, position and the library's name. A photo release is required from recognizable individuals in the photo. [Click here](#) for the RCLS photo release. Submit the picture to [rclsmemo@rcls.org](mailto:rclsmemo@rcls.org).

## Update on the Macmillan ebook Embargo

*AL: The Scoop, Dec. 31*

Timothy Inklebarger writes, "Two months have passed since Macmillan Publishing began its restrictive embargo on ebooks, and the response by library advocates, by way of a public awareness campaign and efforts to influence state and federal lawmakers, appears to be gaining steam. More than 230,000 people have signed the [#eBooksForAll online petition](#) urging Macmillan to reverse its decision to limit a single copy per title to each public library for the first two months after its release. Advocates are making inroads at the congressional level—particularly with the [House Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law](#), which is currently investigating competition in digital markets."

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## Little Free Libraries for Dogs

*[Bored Panda, Dec. 16](#)*

It's easy to make dogs happy. But do you know what the majority of dogs probably love the most? Sticks! No matter how small or large, canines just can't stroll past a good piece of wood without grabbing it. A 59-year-old dog owner named Andrew Taylor of Kaiapoi, New Zealand, decided to create a "stick library" and place it in the park so all local dogs could borrow a stick to play with. He engraved the box with "Stick Library," encouraging people to return them once their dog is done playing. Local dog owners loved the idea.

### RCLS Board Meeting

The materials for the **Tuesday, January 21** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at RCLS.

This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.



## 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](#).

### January

#### Tuesday, 14

[LARC-YS Mock Discussion](#), Valley Cottage – 9:30 a.m.  
(snow date: Wednesday, January 15)

#### Wednesday, 15

CTUG, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, 16

MHVSHRM Event, RCLS – 8:00 a.m.

#### Friday, 17

[State Annual Report Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

#### Friday, 17

[State Annual Report Workshop—Hands-on](#)  
RCLS – 1:00 p.m.

#### Monday, 20

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

#### Tuesday, 21

RCLS Board Meeting, – 6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, 27

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday, 28

RUG, New City – 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 29

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

#### Friday, 31

LARC-YS, New City – 9:30 a.m.

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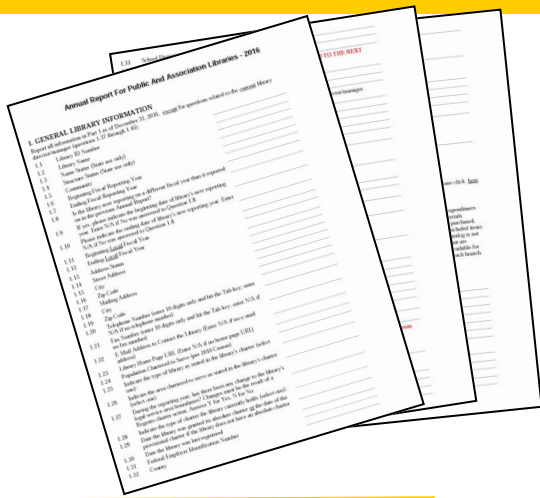
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# State Annual Report Workshop and Hands-on Training

**Friday,  
January 17,  
2020**

Snow Date:  
Wednesday, January 22, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
State Annual Report  
Workshop

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Hands-on Training

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## Workshop–Morning

This session will include an overview of Major Changes, Helpful Hints and online demonstrations for completing the 2019 State Annual Report. Handouts for the Library Collection (Part 2), Library Transactions (Part 4) and System Cash Grants to Member Library (Part 11) will be distributed. Teleconference will not be available due to the on-line demonstration portion.

## Lunch

See the registration form for lunch options.

## Hands-on Training–Afternoon

Hands-on Annual Report Training is designed for new directors and staff, but open to all who would like to start working on their library's report with help from RCLS staff. Use the handouts we provide at the morning workshop and bring your own library's information:

- Board members including their addresses, terms as of February 1, 2020, date of oath, and training dates;
- Library's financial records including capital budget activity, etc.;
- Your hand-counted circulation statistics to add to report figures provided RCLS;
- Program statistics.

Sixteen RCLS laptops are available on a first-come, first-served basis (request one when registering) or bring your own laptop.

## Presenters

Stephen Hoefer, RCLS Fiscal Officer  
Jerry Kuntz, RCLS Electronic Resources Consultant  
Martha Sullivan, RCLS Software Support Technician

## Registration

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

State Annual Reports are due to RCLS by **Monday, February 3, 2020.**





# NYLA Advocacy Day 2020

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## Tuesday, February 25

**CONVENIENT MOTOR COACH LOCATIONS and DEPARTURE TIMES!**  
(PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE - MOTOR COACHES LEAVE ON TIME)

- West Nyack 6:45 a.m. (Palisades Center)
- Newburgh 7:30 a.m. (Newburgh Mall)
- New Paltz 7:45 a.m. (Thruway Exit 18 Park & Ride)
- Kingston 8:15 a.m. (Thruway Exit 19 Park & Ride)
- Catskill 8:40 a.m. (Thruway Exit 21 Park & Ride)

Leaves Albany at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments, advocacy information and a schedule of appointments provided on the motor coaches.

Register online @ <http://calendar.rcls.org/>

Make checks (\$5 per person – non-refundable) payable to RCLS.  
Thanks to donations from the many Friends Groups, we are able to subsidize the price.  
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**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**LET US KNOW IF DRIVING YOURSELF**

Use the online registration and check "Driving myself" under  
"What is your preferred pickup location?"  
You will receive an information packet.



**QUESTIONS?**

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