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## RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday April 15 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- The RCLS State Annual Report was approved by the Division of Library Development on Friday, April 5, 2019.
- Grace Riario continues to be the driving force behind the 2020 Census lead for library involvement. 2020 sounds far away, but educating the public, library staff and trustees is the key to success.
- Save the date of **Friday, September 13, 2019** for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting. RCLS Trustees' goal is to have 100% participation by all member libraries, including staff and trustees.
- Annual Meeting Award information was distributed to member libraries. Nominations are due to the RCLS Annual Meeting and Awards Committee by **Friday, June 14, 2019**.
- Approved a resolution: The RCLS Board of Trustees recognizes the extraordinary and dedicated service provided to Ramapo Catskill Library System by its Executive Director Robert Hubsher and thanks him for his service.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the April Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, May 20 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website ([Minutes/Financial Reports](#), [Executive Director's Report](#) and [Assistant Director's Report](#)). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

## FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award

The Friends of Libraries Section of NYLA solicit nominations for its annual Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award. The Casey Award, which began in 1993, honors a volunteer member or a group of the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of the Library organizations.

Submit nominations by **Monday, July 1**. It's not too soon to be thinking about a worthy recipient.

Additional information and nomination form can be found on the [NYLA website](#).

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Sale of Plattekill Library back on track](#) | Southern Ulster Times 4.10.19

### National

- [City of San Diego Grants Library Fine Forgiveness to 130K Locals](#) | San Diego 7 | 4.9.19
- [How Public Libraries Are Empowering American Taxpayers](#) | Inside Sources 4.9.19
- [Overdue Library Fees May Soon Be A Thing Of The Past In Dallas](#) | CBS DFW 4.9.19
- [John Oliver's parody book among the ALA's most 'challenged' works](#) | USAToday.com 4.8.19
- [Huge majority of New Yorkers say budget cuts for public libraries would hurt communities across the city: poll](#) | Daily News 4.8.19
- [Library strives for more empathy toward homeless](#) | San Diego Union-Tribune 4.7.19
- [Commission divided on funding needs for census outreach](#) | Albany Times Union 4.6.19
- [Officials quietly banned prisoners from receiving used books through the mail](#) | Seattle Times 4.4.19
- [10 books that have been banned over the years](#) | Tribune News Service 4.4.19

## Banned Books Week Grants

Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) distributes Judith Krug Fund grants to non-profit organizations to support activities which raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Week celebration (September 22-28, 2019). Libraries, schools and universities are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded at two levels, \$1,000 and \$2,500. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must not have been a recipient of an FTRF grant within the past five years.



Grantees are encouraged to share their events on social media and local press. A follow-up report detailing expenditures, numbers of participants, links to press coverage, and a narrative of the event is due within six weeks of the Banned Books Week celebration.

The 2019 Banned Books Week celebration is **September 22-28**.

Apply for a grant by **Tuesday, April 30**. [Visit the Freedom to Read Foundation](#) to learn more and apply.

## Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and libraries that offer literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General in 44 states.



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LITERACY  
FOUNDATION**

The Foundation provides support through the following grant programs: [Adult Literacy Grants](#) support nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance. [Family Literacy Grants](#) support family literacy service providers that combine parent and youth literacy instruction. [Summer Reading Grants](#) help nonprofit organizations and libraries with the implementation or expansion of summer reading programs for students who are new readers, below grade level readers, or readers with learning disabilities. [Beyond Words: Dollar General School Library Relief Program](#) supports public school libraries recovering from major disasters by providing grants for books, media, and equipment. [Youth Literacy Grants](#) support schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations that work to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

Apply for a grant by **Thursday, May 16**. For more information, visit the [Dollar General website](#).

## Photo of the Week



### Grow with Google Celebrates National Library Week

Above is Justin who is part of a short video created by Google for National Library Week. Google asked Googlers to tell them how their local library provided the tools that set them on their life’s course. Rhonda Rossman, Director of the West Nyack Free Library, points out that toward the end of the video Justin thanks his library – the West Nyack Free Library! Visit YouTube to [enjoy the video](#).

What’s your library story? Use the [#MyLibraryMyStory](#) to share yours.

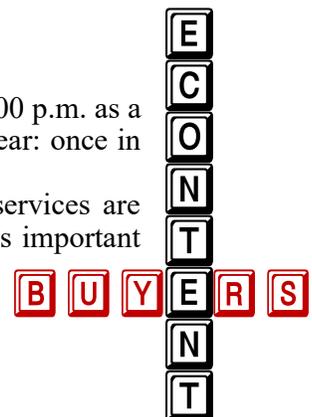
*Share a library-related photo, include a brief caption, your name, position and the library’s name. A photo release is required from recognizable individuals in the photo. [Click here](#) for the RCLS photo release. Submit the picture to [rclsmemo@rcls.org](mailto:rclsmemo@rcls.org) with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.*

### eContent Buyers Session

On **Wednesday, May 1**, the eContent Buyers will meet at RCLS from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. as a follow-up to their October 2018 discussion. The eContent Buyers meet twice a year: once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

The purpose of these meetings is to improve and change the way eContent services are provided to our community members. If you purchase eContent for a library, it is important that you attend these meetings.

Register for the eContent Buyers Session using the [RCLS calendar](#).



## Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow Poster Exhibit

The Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library (HKDPL) is proud to present the *Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow* poster exhibit during the month of June. This exhibition has been organized by the New-York Historical Society and details a dramatic national story of the struggle for black equality after the end of slavery.

All are welcome to view this special exhibit in the adult reference area of HKDPL's main library located at 10 W. Ramapo Road, Garnerville, NY 10923.

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## 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](#).

### April

**Monday, 22**

ANSER, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

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CLOUSC, Highland Falls – 9:30 a.m.

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RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 23**

[102: Intermediate Trustee Education](#), West Nyack – 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 24**

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

**Thursday, 25**

LARC Executive Board, New City – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 25**

[Data Analysis Workshop](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, 26**

[NYLA YSS Spring Conference](#), Double Tree Hotel, Tarrytown, NY

**Monday, 29**

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

### May

**Wednesday, 1**

[eContent Buyers Session](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

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

**Thursday, 2**

[COSAG](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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