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Libraries Encouraged to Apply for 'Bullet Aid'

*Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director,
New York Library Association*

As you are likely aware, recent NYS budgets have included appropriations for direct grants-in-aid to certain educational institutions, including libraries and library systems. The recently adopted state budget again has included these funds – ‘Bullet Aid,’ in the vernacular.

NYLA has effectively partnered with library and library system directors to grow the share of Bullet Aid awards to libraries. We owe this success

in part to the increased number of libraries submitting requests for funding. This year, these pots of aid are much smaller than the tens of millions available to each house in prior years – \$5M is available to each the Senate and Assembly. The diminished amount of available aid will likely affect how it is appropriated from each house’s pot; in the past, program aid was awarded at the discretion of individual legislators from their share of available funds.

Despite these changed circumstances, we strongly encourage all public libraries to submit a funding request funding to their State Senator and State Assemblymember, regardless of whether that member is in their house’s majority. Project awards have ranged from as little as \$500 to over \$50K, to support a range of projects including programming, technology upgrades, and renewable energy and sustainability initiatives.

NYLA is pleased to provide a baseline template for submitting a request for funding.

[NYS Senate Template](#)

[NYS Assembly Template](#)

We recommend that you submit your requests as soon as possible – by **Friday, May 10** at the latest.



News Worthy

Regional

- [United for Libraries to designate Literary Landmarks in celebration of Children's Book Week](#) | ALA News 04.30.19
- [Sale of Plattekill Library back on track](#) | Southern Ulster Times 4.10.19

National

- [Library grapples with uptick in bad behavior by young patrons](#) | Albany Times-Union 4.30.19
- [In Classic Children's Books, a Window to Childhood in Past Centuries](#) | The New York Times 4.29.19
- [Cyclists to ride to all 27 Seattle public libraries in 11-hour journey Saturday](#) | Albany Times Union 4.19.19
- [Why Doctors and Librarians Make Great Partners](#) | Publishers Weekly 4.12.19
- [Why Reading Books Should Be Your Priority, According to Science](#) | Inc. 3.15.18

NYS Library Provides Opioid Overdose Guidance to All NY Libraries

[WebJunction 04 April 2019](#)

In New York, state law was recently changed to allow public libraries to administer naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal drug. This prompted the New York State Library and several partnering organizations to collaborate in developing guidance, resources and technical assistance to support New York's 756 public and association libraries in their efforts to develop formal programs to address the growing opioid overdose crisis in local communities across the state.



RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

Reminder that **nominations** for all four RCLS Annual Meeting Awards **must be received no later than Friday, June 14, 2019** by the Awards Committee c/o RCLS. Nominations submitted after that date will not be accepted. The 2018 program winners in the respective categories are not eligible for nomination in 2019.

Detailed guidelines for the four awards are available on the [RCLS website](#). Presentation of the awards will be made at the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting on Friday, September 13 at The Sullivan Event Center.

If you have any questions, contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS (ruth@rcls.org or at extension 222).



2018 RCLS Statistics

The 2018 RCLS Statistics are available on the [RCLS website](#) both as an [Excel file](#) and a [PDF](#).

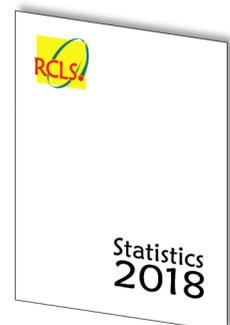
The Excel file format allows the sorting of data and to create specific reports that meet one's needs. If you do not have the Excel program, Quattro Pro and Lotus 123 can be used to access the Excel file.

[Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) will be needed to view and print the PDF version of the file.

These numbers are compiled from the 2018 State Annual Reports.

The 2010 U.S. Census Bureau figures have been used to calculate the per capita statistics in this report.

Contact Martha Sullivan at RCLS (msullivan@rcls.org or ext. 247) with questions, comments or corrections.



Photos of the Week

Farewell and Welcome!

Jane Marino retired from the Nyack Library on Friday, May 3 after six years of service to the library. Some of her accomplishments during her tenure include the revamp of the Library's nonfiction collection from the "Marketplace" format, repurposing the library's computer classroom into a Maker Space, and the reconfiguration of the popular materials area to make the collection more accessible to the patrons.



Jane Marino

Over the last six years, the Library has received several grants, including a Westchester Arts Grant to help support the Carnegie Concert series, a grant from the Tappan Zee Bridge authority to renovate the Carnegie-Farian room, and a New York State Construction grant that enabled the library to expand the Circulation Office.

While saying farewell to Jane, the library welcomes its new Director, Angela Z. Strong, who begins on Monday, May 6. Angela was most recently the Assistant Director for Operations at the Schenectady Public Library with the responsibility of administration and management of public access, technical, digital facility and safety services for the county library system. Previously she was the Assistant Director for Technology at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library where she managed staff and budgets to

provide IT, digital services, training and technical processing for the library.

Angela brings a wealth of experience and skills to the position and clearly emerged as the top choice after an exhaustive search of many quality candidates. The Nyack Library staff is excited to welcome her!



Angela Z. Strong

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.

Juvenile Book Preview Session

[Joanna Goldfarb](#), RCLS Youth Services Consultant

The RCLS Preview Session for juvenile books at RCLS opens Monday, May 6 and will run through **Friday, June 7**. I hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to look at over 1,150 books published during 2018-2019 for children and teens.

The preview books are divided into 10 categories (picture, fiction, nonfiction-individual, nonfiction-series, series-fiction, young adult fiction, young adult nonfiction, and pop-up/toy books, etc.), allowing you to focus on the areas in which you are interested. Visit the [RCLS website](#) for details, [instructions](#) on how the preview operates and [a list of the books](#). Please print two copies of the title list for your use while previewing the books.

Those who participate in the RCLS Preview Session will be able to request specific books from the collection for their library.

Other free items are available to those who come to RCLS to preview the books.

The collection is available for viewing Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment (you must register to participate), contact Eileen Acosta at ext. 221 or [e-mail](#). Space is limited!





LC Puts Classic Children’s Books Online

[Library of Congress, Apr. 29](#)

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of [Children’s Book Week](#) (April 29–May 5), the Library of Congress on April 29 launched an online collection of 67 historically significant children’s books published more than 100 years ago. Drawn from the LC collection, [Children’s Book Selections](#) are digital versions both of classic works still read by children today and of lesser-known treasures. From *Humpty Dumpty* to *Little Red Riding Hood*, the books in this collection were published in the US and England before 1924, are no longer under copyright, and are free to share.

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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](#).

May

Monday, 6 – Friday, June 7

Juvenile Book Preview Session, RCLS

Monday, 6

[RCLS Teen Librarian Luncheon and Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 7

[Data Analysis Workshop](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 8

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

Wednesday, 8

[101: Basic Library Trustee Education](#), Monticello – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, 9

[Introduction to Finding Grants](#), Newburgh – 10:00 a.m.
Event is Full

Friday, 10

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 10

LARC-YS, Sloatsburg – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 13

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 14

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

Wednesday, 15

[What the Internet Knows About You \(And Why You Should Care\)](#), Haverstraw – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 15

CTUG, Middletown – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 16

[MHVSHRM Event—HR Hacks You’ll Wish You Knew Sooner](#), RCLS – 8:00 a.m.

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A Presentation by Michael Cart

Monday, May 6 from 1:00-3:00 at RCLS

*Michael Cart is a nationally recognized expert in
Young Adult literature.*

He is the former director of the Beverly Hills (California) Public Library and a past president of the Young Adult Library Services Association, and his column "Carte Blanche" appears monthly in Booklist magazine.

Michael will join us at RCLS to talk about trends in YA, and share tips and tricks on YA collection development.

This presentation is open to all RCLS member library staff. Please register online through the RCLS calendar.



This presentation is worth 2 contact hours. [Register Here](#)

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Data Analysis Workshop

**Tuesday,
May 7,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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619 Route 17M
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Workshop

“The Census Bureau is dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America’s people, places, and economy”
Census.gov

The Census Bureau collects a lot of different data every year, not just every ten years. All of that data is available, but the problem is most of us do not know how to retrieve, interpret and use it to apply for a grant, to develop a new program or to create or cancel a service.

The session will be hands-on; space is limited.

Presenter

Megan Tennermann, AICP, Planner from the Orange County Planning Department will go over the data the census collects, how she uses the data to support County programs, non-profit organizations, governments, and businesses, and what type of data can be most useful to you.

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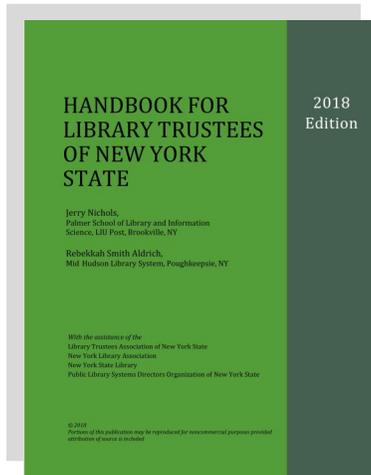
This is a Planning and Evaluation Workshop; participants will receive 1.5 Contact Hours.

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, May 6. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



Ramapo Catskill Library System
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101: Basic Library Trustee Education

**Wednesday,
May 8,
2019**

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Ethelbert B.
Crawford
Public
Library**

479 Broadway
Monticello, NY
845.794.4660

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.

Light dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

Presenter

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and
Outreach Coordinator

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 7. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.





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102: Intermediate Trustee Education

**Tuesday,
May 14,
2019**

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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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 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 5:30pm.

Presenter

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

Registration

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What the Internet Knows About YOU (And Why YOU Should Care)

Wednesday
May 15,
2019

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Haverstraw
King's
Daughters
Public Library

10 West Ramapo Road
Garnerville, NY
845.786.3800

Workshop

Many of the online applications we have come to know and love trade their free services for access to your personal data. And whether we know it or not, the data we create has become an extremely valuable commodity.

This workshop will provide a gentle introduction to how the internet works so that we can identify how and why our information can be collected, both with and without our knowledge.

We will take a tour of the online information flow, discuss the ways in which our information is used, and describe how even our smallest actions – like which posts we stop to read and which links we click – amount to data so valuable that internet companies will do almost anything to keep your attention.

We will explore the ways in which internet companies make their products compelling and provide steps to take to reduce your contributions (should you choose) to companies that grow rich based on your time and attention.

By the end of this workshop, you will have a better sense of the data that is being collected about you, why it is being collected, and what we can do to protect ourselves from this relentless surveillance.

Presenter

As Program Manager for Technology, Culture, and Libraries, Davis's work focuses on understanding the impact of technology on culture at large, translating these challenges into real solutions for library staff. She is project lead for NYC Digital Safety, an NYC-funded program that keeps library staff informed about evergreen topics in data privacy and digital security.

Davis worked with Mozilla Foundation to review and update their web literacy curriculum, resulting in the launch of Mozilla's Core Curriculum for Web Literacy in March 2018. In addition to planning and emceeding METRO's symposia series, Davis has designed and facilitated workshops on data privacy and security, web mechanics, and personal networking skills for library staff.

Registration

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



This is a Technology Workshop; participants will receive 4 Contact Hours.

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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.

**Ramapo
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System**

619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
845.243.3747

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 Hoefler, 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 Hoefer, 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.

