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Annmarie McAnany, Director
of the Sloatsburg Public Library

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Rocking the Library World

A Special Library Director's Career Journey

The Sloatsburg Public Library has often been acclaimed, by its patrons, as the best little library in Rockland County. That is largely due to the forward thinking of its Director, Annmarie McAnany. Annmarie embodies everything that a Director of Library Services should possess.

In 2004, Annmarie began her tenure at the Library as a front desk and book clerk. She expanded her role not long after, when she became the Children's Programming Coordinator. As a result of her enthusiasm and dedication to the community, children's programming and the Summer Reading Program began to grow and thrive, drawing many children and their parents to the library.

By 2014, Annmarie took over the Manager/Director position at the library and hit the ground running. At the time, Annmarie held an Associate's Degree, but dedicated time and attention to completing her Bachelor of Science Degree in December 2016, with concentrations in English, as well as Communications and Public Administration. It was during this time period that the Sloatsburg Library Board of Trustees, and the community at large, began to see the ideas and changes she was bringing to the library that were necessary to keep the library current.

In just the five years Annmarie has been in the Manager/Director position, the library has taken on an entirely different look, both inside and out! With the introduction of Binge Boxes, a Quiet Room, the Teen/Tween Diner-themed room, reconfiguration of stacks and better lighting for optimal usage, comfortable sitting areas (including a fireplace!) throughout the library, a beautifully reorganized local history room, a multi-station computer area, and a coffee/snack bar. Annmarie has made the Sloatsburg Library a hub of the community.

In September 2019, Annmarie completed her Master of Library Science Degree through Syracuse University. The Board of Trustees of the Sloatsburg Library are so proud of Annmarie for her personal drive and dedication to education, the Library, and the community of Sloatsburg. Congratulations, Annmarie!

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to the rclsmemo@rcls.org*

News Worthy

Regional

- [LaGrange library plans expanded community spaces in new Route 55 home](#) | Poughkeepsie Journal 11.13.19

National

- [Library designs program to reach children with autism](#) | Albany Time Union - Associated Press 11.16.19
- [Let's Be Thankful for Libraries](#) | Publishers Weekly 11.15.19
- [7 Ways Libraries are Combatting the Opioid Crisis](#) | Book Riot 11.15.19
- [Ex-Librarian From West Babylon Stole \\$260K From Library: NCDA](#) | Babylon Village Patch 11.13.19
- [Will "artificial scarcity" of library e-books push sales?](#) | Market Place 11.12.19
- [Stories That Stand the Test of Time](#) | American Libraries Magazine
- [Public libraries generate social capital that can save lives](#) | OCLC 11.6.19
- [The Economic Case for Supporting Libraries](#) | Book Riot 11.6.19
- [Unauthorized Practice of Law in the Library](#) | American Libraries Magazine 11.6.19

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- [Google, Israel's National Library team up to digitize books](#) | Times Herald Record - Associated Press 11.13.19

Webinar

✓ Library Programs and Partnerships in the 2020 Census

Monday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m.

ALA will hold a free webinar for library staff that will highlight key opportunities for libraries to collaborate with community partners and provide informational programs in the upcoming Census. Strategies for libraries to reach groups at risk of being undercounted in the 2020 Census will be emphasized.



Register: [Association of College & Research Libraries website](#)

Libraries and 2020 Census Newsletter

Subscribe to the [ALA 2020 Census Newsletter](#) for more up-to-date information.

Digital Census Preparation Training

Digital Census Preparation Training is for anyone who intends to work with communities towards a complete count during Census 2020. If you or your organization is considering providing internet access or digital tools and services, this training will help you create safe digital and non-digital pathways to participation for your patrons or community.

Modules in this session include public-facing FAQs, reference interview materials, physical space security, holistic IT, secure participation kiosks, and more.

Date: Friday, January 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Southeastern New York Library Resources Council, Highland, NY

Register: [Empire State Library Network website](#)

The full schedule of sessions and more information is on the [Census 2020 for New York Libraries LibGuide](#).

Seven Ways Libraries are Fighting the Opioid Crisis

[Book Riot, Nov. 6](#)

Christine Ro writes, “As the death toll from the [US opioid epidemic](#) continues to rise, public and private institutions are seeking to help in whatever way they can. Libraries are no exception. As [trusted, non-partisan organizations](#), public libraries have a unique role in spreading information. But some have gone further than sharing information about opioids, to play a more active role in public health. Drawing on the recent report by [PLA](#) and OCLC, [Public Libraries Respond to the Opioid Crisis with Their Communities](#), here are seven of the ways libraries are combating the opioid crisis.”

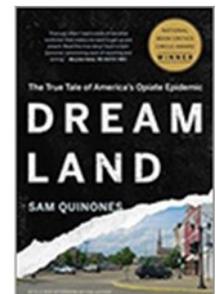
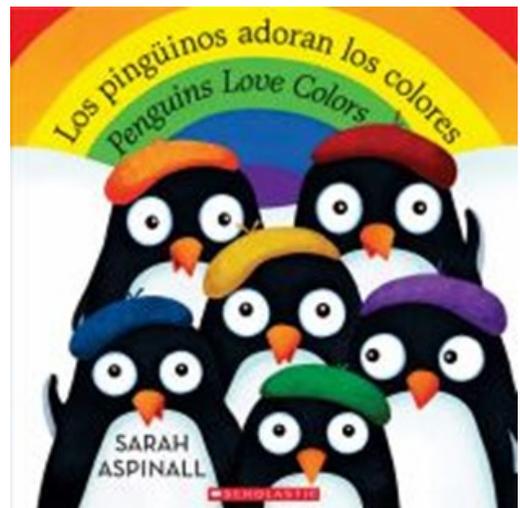


Photo of the Week



Congratulations to the Chester Public Library on its one-third-of-a-mile StoryWalk depicting *Penguins Love Colors* *Los Pingüinos Adoran Los Colores* by Sarah Aspinall!

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.





Maine Library Director to Hike Appalachian Trail for Funds

Ellsworth (Maine) American, Oct. 11

The Dorcas Library in Gouldsboro, Maine, has much to offer, from books to programming. Trouble is, because of insufficient funding it's open only 24 hours a week. Library Director Faith Lane (above) has an unusual plan to address this. She is planning to take an unpaid leave of absence from her job to hike the entire Appalachian Trail. Lane, who will turn 60 next year, said she remembers hikers crossing Route 2 near where she lived as a girl in Franklin County, adding that the goal of the trip is to call national attention to the library and to help it reach an ambitious fundraising goal incrementally over a period of time. She is hoping to raise \$1.25 million.



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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](#).

December

Monday 2—Friday 6

Mock Caldecott Book Review, Nanuet

Monday, 2

Battle of the Books and RCLS Teen Librarians—
Canceled

Tuesday, 3

Adult Program Roundtable—Canceled

Wednesday, 4

[Revamp Your Early Learning Space](#), Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 5

[Revamp Your Early Learning Space](#), Nanuet – 10:00 a.m.

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RCLS Coalition for Librarians of Color,
Pearl River – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 6

[Revamp Your Early Learning Space](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday 9—Friday 13

Mock Caldecott Book Review, New City

Tuesday, 10

[Library Cons and Festivals Demystified](#),
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 12

MHVSHRM Event, RCLS – 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, 12

LARC Teen Librarians, Pearl River – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 13

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 13

Orange County Census Complete Count Committee,
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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LIBRARY CONS AND FESTIVALS DEMYSTIFIED

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019
10 a.m. @ RCLS Headquarters**

Have you thought about starting a library con or book festival at your library, but become overwhelmed at the thought? Our panelists will break down the process of starting a con, festival, or other large scale program.

Panelists include: Jennifer Daddio, Pearl River Library; Danielle DeLorenzo: Port Jervis Free Library; Lisa Laico, Albert Wisner Public Library; and Cheryl Jones, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library.

Snow date: Wednesday, December 11

Participants will receive 2 CE hours for Children's Services/Elementary, Young Adult Services

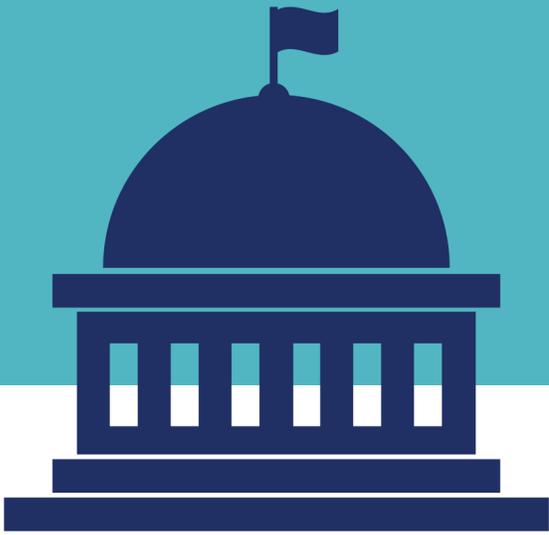


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NYLA Advocacy Day 2020

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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/>

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



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