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## Lend Your Voice!

Tuesday, February 25 was New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day (LAD). A total of 138 advocates – staff, trustees, Friends, students and Library Champions – from RCLS, Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) and Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) joined over 1,000 other advocates from around the state to bring our message about the importance of libraries and library systems to our legislators. RCLS supporters visited all 11 legislators that serve RCLS member libraries.



We need your help to continue our advocacy efforts!

Lend your voice to the ongoing effort by visiting [NYLA's Online Advocacy Center](#) where you will be able to reach out to your elected representatives and voice support for restoration of State Aid to libraries and library systems. It takes less than two minutes to send your message supporting New York's libraries. Please take the time to reach out to your legislators now!

To learn more about Library Advocacy issues, view the advocacy documents which were shared with our legislators on February 25. They are posted to the [RCLS website](#).

Add your voice – every message counts!

A big THANK YOU to our generous financial supporters for the LAD motor coaches:

- Florida Public Library
- Friends of Greenville Memorial Public Library
- Friends of Kent Library, Inc.
- Friends of Mahopac Public Library
- Friends of Mamakating Library
- Friends of Newburgh Free Library
- Friends of Nyack Library
- Friends of Pleasant Valley Free Library
- Friends of the Blodgett Memorial Library of Fishkill
- Friends of the Cairo Library
- Friends of the Chatham Public Library, Inc.
- Friends of the Cornwall Public Library
- Friends of the D. R. Evarts Library in Athens
- Friends of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library Inc.
- Friends of the Grinnell Library District, Inc., Wappingers Falls

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## News Worthy

### Regional

- [After a security guard is killed, libraries take a look at the balance between safety and access](#) | LoHud 2.21.20
- [Chabad buys old library for Goshen's first free-standing synagogue](#) | The Chronicle 2.5.20

### National

- [Carla Hayden discusses being first woman and African-American to serve as Librarian of Congress](#) | CBS News 2.21.20
- [Legislator proposes library oversight panels to prevent drag queen story time events](#) | Jackson Sun 2.21.20
- [Public libraries are expanding the sharing economy by adding Libraries of Things to their catalogs](#) | Shareable 2.18.20
- [Must My Library Accommodate Service and Support Animals?](#) | American Libraries Magazine 2.18.20
- [Judge throws out lawsuit over arrest at Kansas City library](#) | StarTribune.com 2.11.20
- [LIBRARIES ARE CANDY SHOPS FOR ADULTS](#) | Omaha World-Herald 2.12.20
- [Does a 'Gender Critical' meeting belong at the public library? City attorney, yes. Others, no.](#) | BurlingtonFreePress.com 1.28.20

- Friends of the Howland Public Library, Beacon
- Friends of the Hyde Park Free Library
- Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
- Friends of the Kingston Library
- Friends of the LaGrange Association Library
- Friends of the Moffat Library, Washingtonville
- Friends of the Mountain Top Library, Tannersville
- Friends of the Philmont Public Library
- Friends of the Phoenicia Library
- Friends of the Pine Bush Area Public Library
- Friends of the Pine Plains Free Library
- Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Inc.
- Friends of the Rosendale Library
- Friends of the Saugerties Public Library
- Friends of the Starr Library, Rhinebeck
- Friends of the Town of Esopus Library
- Friends of Wallkill Public Library
- Orange Library Association

A big thank you also to RCLS and MHLS staff members who assisted on this successful project.

Plan to join us for next year's NYLA Library Advocacy Day.

For more NYLA Library Advocacy Day photos, visit the [RCLS Twitter account](#) (a Twitter account is not needed to view).

## Libraries Transforming Communities

Western Sullivan Public Library has received travel assistance from American Library Association (ALA) for Dale Blagrove, Multi-Media Technician to attend a one-day pre-conference workshop for Libraries Transforming Communities: Facilitation Skills for Small and Rural Libraries at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on Friday, June 26.

Forty-one libraries were selected through a peer-reviewed competitive application process to receive travel stipends.



The message is clear: libraries matter. Their solid presence at the heart of our towns sends the proud signal that everyone – whoever they are, whatever their educational background, whatever their age or their needs – is welcome.

—Kate Mosse

## Photos of the Week



*New York Library Association Library Advocacy Day, Tuesday, February 25 in Albany, NY.  
Pictured clockwise from the top left, Senators James Skoufis and Jen Metzger,  
Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski,  
and Senator James Skoufis with Newburgh delegation.*

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).

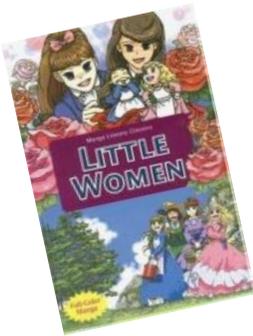
## ALA Games and Gaming Round Table

The Games and Gaming Round Table of the American Library Association (ALA) has unveiled a new annual grant program to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their public. An annual Game On! grant in the amount of \$500 will be available to be awarded as one grant of \$500 or two of \$250, each to assist a library or libraries in developing gaming programs or collections for their communities. ALA members in good standing currently employed at a public, school, academic or special library in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply. Libraries will need to illustrate a plan for a sustainable gaming program created with the funds as well as financial need and institutional support for the proposed program. The application period will take place from **January 1 to March 1** of each year, and the grant winner will be announced at GameRT's "ALA Play" event at the ALA Annual conference. For more information and the grant application, visit the [ALA website](#).



## Little Women Book Tea Party and Activities

The Gardiner Library will host a *Little Women* Book Tea Party and Activities on **Saturday March 14** from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration for this event is open until March 11. Celebrate Women’s History Month with a true trailblazer. Join in the celebration of the beloved Louisa May Alcott tale with a new generation of “March family” fans. The event will include book discussion, activities and tea. Activities are as follows: Which March sister are you? Make a teacup bookmark, and Design a journal. Enjoy classic treats from the book such as cucumber sandwiches, gingerbread nuts, lemonade and French chocolate.



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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](#).

### March

**Friday, 6**

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

**Monday, 9**

[Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 9**

[Farewell to the Summer Reading Manuals](#), RCLS – 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, 11**

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

**Wednesday, 11**

RCLS Plan of Service Review Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 12**

[Teen Librarians Professional Development-Macmillan Publishers](#), 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 12**

[Teen Librarians Professional Development-Marvel Comics](#), 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, 13**

LARC-YS, Blauvelt – 9:30 a.m.

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SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 16**

Teen Summer Reading Workshop, RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, 16**

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 17**

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

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