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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, May 21** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

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

National Library Legislative Day: A recap

[AL: The Scoop, May 11](#)

Library advocates from all 50 states and the District of Columbia converged on Capitol Hill for more than 325 congressional visits in support of America's libraries during ALA's 44th annual [National Library Legislative Day](#), May 7-8. Participants asked members of Congress



to fully fund federal library programs, reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and visit a library to see broadband access in action. Listen to District of Columbia Public Library's Full Service Radio [interview](#) with ALA Executive Director Mary Ghikas.

Automatic Courtesy Renewal Bookmark

Martha Sullivan, RCLS Software Support Technician has created a bookmark template in LibraryAware (LA) about the Automatic Courtesy Renewal service that will begin to be offered on **Friday, June 1**. Each library can log on to their own LA account, bring up the template, then edit as desired to personalize and brand with their own logo.

If you are not sure if anyone in your library has a LA account, or if you would like one for yourself, contact Martha (ext. 247 or msullivan@rcls.org) and she will create an account.

Martha says, "With the recent introduction of LA's new Drag and Drop editing for flyers and bookmarks, it is easier than ever to modify the templates for your own library. And I would certainly be glad to help if there are any questions about how to work with the templates or LibraryAware itself!"

No Hassle Renewals

Beginning June 1, 2018, many library materials checked out here will be automatically renewed on the evening of their due date - up to a maximum of two times.

Note that most, but not all, library materials will qualify for renewal. Some items may NOT renew if they:

- have a waiting list of other readers / viewers / listeners
- reached their renewal limit
- belong to a high-demand collection as designated by the library

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News Worthy

Regional

- [High Five! How Reading Early With Our Child Builds Reading Confidence and Creates Happy Readers](#) | Hudson Area Association Library | Hudson Valley 360 5.4.18

National

- [Group behind Theodore Roosevelt library scraps 2-site plan](#) | BismarckTribune.com 5.14.18
- [Group says Obama center won't be true presidential library](#) | Chicago Sun Times 5.14.18
- [In Omaha, Chelsea Clinton credits librarians for sparking curiosity, promoting literacy](#) | Omaha World Herald 5.11.18
- [Romance writer trademarks 'cocky' — and threatens to sue rivals who use it](#) | Centre Daily Times 5.11.18
- [Bacon, cheese and condoms: What librarians find in returned books](#) | Albany Times Union 5.8.18
- [Jim Neal, President of the American Library Association, announces that Former First Lady Michelle Obama will open 2018 ALA Annual Conference](#) | ALA News 5.7.18

ALA Great Stories Club Grant

The American Library Association (ALA) is accepting applications for the Great Stories Club, a grant program in which library workers lead reading and discussion programs with underserved teens in their communities. The Great Stories Club is made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Up to 150 grants will be awarded.

Working with small groups of teens, grantees will host reading and discussion programs for up to four thematically related books. The titles—selected in consultation with librarian advisors and humanities scholars—are chosen to resonate with reluctant readers struggling with complex issues like academic probation, detention, incarceration, violence and poverty.

All types of libraries are eligible, as long as they work in partnership with, or are located within, organizations that serve under-resourced youth, such as alternative high schools, juvenile justice organizations, homeless shelters, foster care agencies, teen parenting programs, residential treatment facilities and other nonprofit and community agencies.

A free webinar is offered to learn more about this opportunity at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 21. [Reserve a spot for the webinar.](#)

[Read the project guidelines and apply online.](#) Applications are due on **Monday, July 9.**

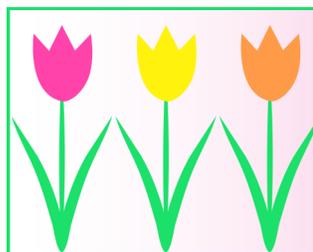
Amending Minimum Standards – CR90.2

The New York State Board of Regents acted at their April 2018 meeting to amend Commissioners Regulations related to *Standards for Registration of Libraries* (CR 90.2) and the *Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials* (CR 90.16).

The amendments are intended to update and clarify terminology relating to standards for registration of public, free association and Indian libraries. The timeline in the proposed amendment calls for the “current” standards to expire December 31, 2020 and the “new” updated standards to take effect as of January 1, 2021.

Following the 60-day public comment period, which will end **Monday, June 25**, it is anticipated that the proposed amendments will be adopted as a permanent rule at the July 2018 Regents meeting. If adopted at the July Regents meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective as a permanent rule on **Wednesday, August 1, 2018.**

For further information, visit the [NYSED.gov website.](#)



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Photo of the Week



2017 Teen Battle of the Books winners from Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville.

Invitation to join the RCLS Teen Battle of the Books

[Dianne Aimone](#), Albert Wisner Public Library

Join the fun and get a team of teens together for the RCLS *Teen Battle of the Books*. Teens from many RCLS member libraries will be competing this year in the regional *Battle of the Books* scheduled for **Saturday, September 8** at a location to be determined.

Last year hundreds of teens, their parents and families representing 16 RCLS member libraries battled it out for great prizes, the glory of winning and, most importantly, to have a good time.

What is Teen Battle of the Books you might ask? It is a competition much like the 1960s College Bowl TV program where teams competed by being the first to answer specific questions correctly. In this case, the teams of teens (entering grade 6 to entering grade 12) are asked questions about eight books that they have read.

Competition is a great way to get your teens excited about books and your library. Teens of both genders are enthusiastic participants in the battles.

And here's the kicker (according to those you have coached teams in the past), it's all the above and not a great amount of work.

Libraries sponsoring a Battle of the Books Team **must register** with [Dianne Aimone](#), Albert Wisner Public Library by **Friday, June 1**. A \$75 participate fee is due by Sunday, July 15. Checks made out to "Ramapo Catskill Library System" should be sent to Randall Enos at RCLS. Invoices may be requested from [Randall Enos](#) at RCLS.

If you are considering participating, sign up for the Battle of the Books e-mail list for updated information about the contests. Contact [Martha Sullivan](#) at RCLS to be added to the list.

For more information about the program visit the [RCLS website](#). You may also contact [Dianne Aimone](#) at the Albert Wisner Public Library or [Randall Enos](#) at RCLS for more information.

Another way to get first-hand knowledge of the program before actually plunging in with a team, is to volunteer for this year's Battle. Volunteers are always needed and very welcome. However, be aware that you will get caught up in the excitement of the competition!

Due Dates

★ **Friday, June 15**

Nominations for [RCLS Annual Meeting Awards](#) to Awards Committee c/o RCLS

Job Openings

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- ✓ [Building Your e-résumé](#)

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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, 21

[RCLS Board Meeting](#), RCLS—6:30 .pm.

Tuesday, 22

[Public Works and the Library Responsibilities](#), RCLS—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 23

[Construction Workshop—Review of Eligible Projects](#), RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 23

[2018 ALA Notable Children’s Book Banquet](#), Ulster BOCES-New Paltz—4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 24

LARC-Adult Services - Adult Summer Reading Roundtable, Suffern—10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 24

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

Monday, 28

Memorial Day Observed—RCLS CLOSED
NO DELIVERIES

Wednesday, 30—Friday, June 1

[Book Expo America](#), Javits Center, NYC

June

Friday, 1

RCLS COSAG, RCLS—10:00 a.m.

Saturday, 2—Sunday, 3

[BookCon](#), Javits Center, NYC

Monday, 4

ANSER, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

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CLOUSC, Washingtonville—9:30 a.m.

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