



Weekly Memo

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RCLS Trustee Nominations

Four Candidates Sought to Fill RCLS Board of Trustee Seats

The election of four RCLS Trustees will be an item of business at the Ramapo Catskill Library System's Annual Meeting on Friday, September 13. RCLS is governed by an eleven-member board, four Trustees each from Orange and Rockland counties, two Trustees from Sullivan County and one Trustee from Ulster County.



Anyone, other than a salaried employee of the System or any RCLS member libraries, is eligible for election or appointment as a voting member of the System Board of Trustees. Potential trustees must reside in the county, which such trustee represents.

A term on the RCLS Board is five (5) years. A Trustee may serve any number of terms as long as not more than two (2) are consecutive. The Orange, Rockland and Sullivan seats are to fill expired terms. The new terms will end December 31, 2024. The Ulster seat is to fill a partial term that will end December 31, 2023.

Further details of being a member of the RCLS Board can be viewed on page 5 of the current issue of the [Trustee FYI](#).

Potential candidates must be nominated by a member library board in the county where they reside. The library must send documentation (i.e. board meeting minutes) of their nomination to RCLS, attention Carla Randazzo Amthor, RCLS Board Secretary or email to ruth@rcls.org.

Trustees of at least one other member library in the same county must second the nomination. They must also send documentation (i.e. board meeting minutes) to RCLS, attention Carla Randazzo Amthor, RCLS Board Secretary or email to ruth@rcls.org.

All documentation must arrive at RCLS at least 30 days (**Wednesday, August 14**) prior to the Annual Meeting.

Submit a biography of yourself, not to exceed 250 words, to be included in the *RCLS Weekly Memo* and the Legislative Breakfast & Annual Meeting Program to Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS by **Wednesday, August 14**. The biography can cover whatever you wish to express, but should stress previous library and/or community service. This biography is the only means that you have to present yourself to fellow trustees.

Register, using the [RCLS online calendar](#) (registration begins Monday, July 15), and attend the Annual Meeting on Friday, September 13 at The Sullivan Event Center in Rock

News Worthy

National

- [Drag 101 canceled; Delaware County library cites 'veiled threats'](#) | Columbus Ohio Dispatch 5.29.19
- [Library's 'Drag 101' for teens riles some, but support evident](#) | Columbus Ohio Dispatch 5.21.19
- [Atlanta mayor to host snubbed drag queen's story time at City Hall](#) | Atlanta Journal Constitution 5.23.19

“Summer of Space”

Summer Reading season is fast approaching, and so is the last day to register your library for STAR Net’s “Summer of Space” and a chance at an Orion telescope, NASA stickers, and other giveaways. Registration is open through **Friday, June 7**. Summer of Space is a culmination of numerous STEM resources that libraries can utilize throughout their Summer Reading program events and activities in their celebration of space exploration. With items including vetted STEM activities, partnership opportunities, news notifications, printable materials and many other valuable resources, STAR Net’s [“Summer of Space” website](#) can provide your library with valuable tools to help your summer reading and learning program achieve great success.



See the interactive “Summer of Space” map with [participating libraries](#). Make sure your library is represented!

Hill, NY. If you are unable to attend, indicate in writing your willingness to serve if elected and send it to Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS.

RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

Reminder that nominations for all four RCLS Annual Meeting Awards must be received no later than **Friday, June 14** by the Awards Committee c/o RCLS. Nominations submitted after that date will not be accepted. Detailed guidelines for the three awards are available on the [RCLS website](#).

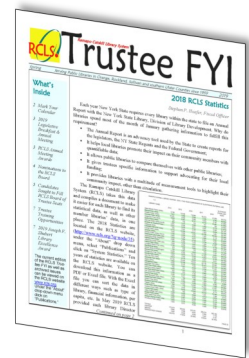


Trustee FYI

The spring edition of the *RCLS Trustee FYI* is on its way to member library trustees, directors, Friends presidents and is posted in PDF format on the [RCLS website](#). An archive of *Trustee FYIs* can also be found on the [Web page](#).

This issue’s lead article is “2018 RCLS Statistics.” Why do libraries spend most of the month of January gathering information to fulfill their requirement of completing the State Annual Report?

Other articles you and your trustees will enjoy reading are: “2019 Legislative Breakfast & Annual Meeting,” “RCLS Annual Meeting Awards,” “Nominations to the RCLS Board,” “Candidates Sought to RCLS Board of Trustee Seats,” “Trustee Training Opportunities” and “2019 Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award.”



NYS Historic Newspapers Database

The [NYS Historic Newspapers project](#) is a fully digitized, keyword searchable website of newspapers from New York State. The project provides free online access to a wide range of newspapers chosen to reflect New York’s unique history. The Northern New York Library Network and the Empire State Library Network have partnered with a growing number of local institutions to create this free, full-text searchable database.



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Photo of the Week



Photo by Jason Kaplan of The Cornwall Local

On Sunday, May 5, the Cornwall Public Library had a very popular and unusual program at the town's Senior Center, Munger Cottage. The program was titled, "Flamenco Music, Song and Dance." More than 135 people attended, some from several surrounding towns, to learn about the flamenco guitar, the culture of flamenco song, and the arm movements and use of castanets in flamenco dance. Greg Melnick (guitar), Mario Rincon (vocals) and Juana Cala (dance), were very professional in their performance, and engaging with the audience for a question and answer segment at the end. This was a grant-funded program by Arts Mid-Hudson, so surveys were distributed. All the surveys rated the program as excellent.

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.

Doctors and Librarians Partner in Literacy

Publishers Weekly, Apr. 12

Sari Feldman writes, “This year marks the 30th anniversary of [Reach Out and Read](#), an organization that helps transform doctors and health care professionals into partners in literacy. Since its launch at Boston Medical Center in 1989, under the leadership of Robert Needlman and Barry Zucker, Reach Out and Read has been giving young children a foundation for success by donating books to pediatric care providers, reading aloud to kids in waiting rooms, and teaching families about the benefits of reading together at home.”

Snakes on a Rare Book

The Collation, May 21

Abbie Weinberg writes, “What is that?” someone asks, pointing to the corner of one of the books open for display. ‘This? Oh, it’s a book snake. Most useful object in the library!’ I reply. This conversation happens once in nearly every book display I do. People are *fascinated* by these little objects that are so ubiquitous in a special collection reading room that many of us hardly notice them. Book snakes are designed to hold open books, freeing up a researcher’s hands to take notes, take a picture, or hold a magnifying glass. They come in three basic weights.”



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](#).

June

Monday, 3 – Friday, June 7

[Juvenile Book Preview Session](#), RCLS

Monday, 3

[CLOUSC](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 3

RCLS Board Ad Hoc Committee, RCLS – 10:30 a.m.

Monday, 3

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

Tuesday, 4

[Great Give Back Day–Participating Libraries Meeting](#)
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 5

[2020 Census Training for Youth Staff](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5

[2020 Census Training](#), RCLS – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 6

[2020 Census Training](#), Pearl River – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12

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

Thursday, 13

[2020 Census Training for Youth Staff](#),
Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 14

LARC 2019 Annual Meeting, New City – 9:00 a.m.

Friday, 14

SUPLA, Monticello – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 14

[Orange County Census Complete Count Committee](#),
RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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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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2020 Census Training for Youth Staff

Wednesday, June 5

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

RCLS Headquarters

[Register here](#)

Thursday, June 13

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ethelbert B. Crawford

Public Library,

Monticello

[Register here](#)

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This 2020 Census training is for library staff serving children and teens. Learn how the 2020 Census can make an impact on our youngest library users, and how you can help patrons fill out the 2020 Census.

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Cooking Classes without a Kitchen presented by Patty Sussmann and Chris Morgan from Newburgh Free Library

Librarians know that food programs are always a great program to bring to patrons. Cooking is a great way to provide nutritional and health information to patrons, as well as celebrate cuisines from different cultures. They're also a lot of fun and a very interactive program where patrons can learn from each other as well. However, not every library is fortunate enough to have a kitchen programming space. Patty and Chris will go over some ideas for how libraries without a kitchen can work around this and still provide great food programs for their patrons.

Monday, June 17

at the Moffat Library of Washingtonville

6 West Main Street
Washingtonville

10am

OLA General Membership
Meeting

10:30am

Program Presentation

**Register through the
RCLS calendar**



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vidcode

Training

**Tuesday,
June 18,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Ramapo Catskill
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619 Route 17M
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This is a training session for libraries that opted in to Vidcode. Learn how to use Vidcode, and different ways it can be incorporated into library programs.

Presenter

Leandra Tejedor, Vidcode
co-founder.

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, June 17. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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System Orientation

**Wednesday,
June 19,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Ramapo Catskill
Library System**

619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
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Join RCLS staff for System Orientation at RCLS. Any member library's employees, trustees or Friends are invited. Attendees will meet with the RCLS Interim Executive Director to gain an overview of what position RCLS plays with its member libraries. Then visitors will walk through the building and meet with the department supervisors who will explain the services their areas provide to get a total picture of what RCLS does.

Registration

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