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RCLS Management Professional Development Scholarship

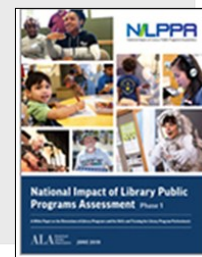
The RCLS Management Professional Development Scholarship seeks to improve the skills and abilities of member library staff who wish to attend a management program or course, but are unable due to budgetary constraints. Four Scholarships are offered each year, two in the Spring and two in the Fall. Guidelines and the application form are available on the [RCLS website](#). The deadline for the Fall Scholarship is 4:00 p.m. on the **last business day of July**.



ALA Releases Findings on US Library Programming

[ALA Public Programs Office, July 11](#)

ALA has released a report outlining the findings of an intensive research study that explored the characteristics, audiences, outcomes, and value of US library programming, as well as the competencies required to succeed in the field. The report, [National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment: Phase 1: A White Paper on the Dimensions of Library Programs and the Skills and Training for Library Program Professionals](#), is the result of a two-year project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The [researchers](#) identified the skills required to create effective and excellent programs.

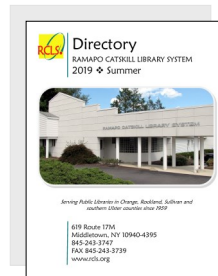


RCLS Directory

The Summer 2019 edition of the [RCLS Directory](#) is now online. This issue contains responses from 17 member libraries. Copies can be printed from the PDF file. The directory provides member libraries' hours, contact information, board meeting times, legislative districts as well as other pertinent information.

We appreciate the Directors' time and effort in helping us make the Directory a valuable communication tool.

Send new updates anytime to [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).



News Worthy

Regional

- [Skoufis secures \\$15K for Newburgh Free Library](#) | Mid-Hudson Times 7.17.19
- [West Point library earns Library of the Year award](#) | The Pointer View 7.11.19

National

- [Johnstown Public Library goes 'fine free'](#) | The Daily Gazette 7.15.19
- [Libraries Must Draw the Line on E-books](#) | Publishers Weekly 7.12.19
- [JetBlue Lands Book Vending Machines Across City](#) | Spectrum News 7.11.19
- [The Future of Ebook Pricing](#) | American Libraries Magazine 7.9.19
- [U.S. Libraries Launch Bike-Sharing Programs](#) | U.S. News 7.9.19
- [Drama surrounding a Denver bookstore's Drag Queen Story Hour](#) | StarTribune.com 7.5.19
- [Minnesota Tool Library offers 5,000 tools for nominal annual fee](#) | StarTribune.com 7.5.19
- [Secret Service's Ink Library contains 15,000 samples](#) | StarTribune.com 7.5.19
- [Turning local libraries into sites of surveillance – ParentsNext goes too far](#) | TheConversation.com 6.17.19

NYS Library Exhibit: “The Eagle Has Landed”

In May of 1961, President John F. Kennedy proposed the ambitious goal of landing a man on the moon by the end of the decade. Though he did not live to see it, that goal was accomplished eight years later, on July 20, 1969, when Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin exited the Eagle, their lunar landing module, and took “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”



The wonder and excitement of that moment has stayed with us for 50 years. During July 2019, the New York State Library is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing with an exhibit of books, federal documents, and newspapers and periodicals of the day.

Visit the [NYS Library website](#) for more information about the Apollo 11 mission.

50 Moon Songs to Help Celebrate Apollo 11

[Mashable, July 15](#)

Shannon Connellan writes: “You’re going to be hearing a lot about the moon in the coming week, so why not crank a playlist to match? The 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing is on July 20, and to capitalize on the buzz (sorry), Spotify crunched through its catalog and found that there are more than 185,000 tracks on the music streaming platform with the word ‘moon’ in the title. To whittle it down, Spotify listed [50 of the most streamed](#) of these tunes. NASA’s own Third Rock Radio put together [a playlist of moon-inspired tunes](#) as well, which is a little more abstract and thematic.”



Fall Into Books

The 21st Annual Fall Into Books will be held at the [Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel and Conference Center](#) in Kingston on **Friday, October 25**. [Margaret Peterson Hiddix](#) will give the Special Guest Author Presentation. Keynote Speakers are Lucy Miller, Jaelyn Heeny and Melinda Grey, “Auditing Your Library Collection for Diversity.” The Early Bird registration fee of \$70 ends **Tuesday, July 30**. To register, visit the [2019 Fall Into Books website](#) or for a paper registration form, contact Joanna Goldfarb at RCLS (jgoldfarb@rcls.org or ext. 240).

To learn more, visit the [RCLS website](#).



Photos of the Week



Front row: l - r, Ryan, Amalika, Angel, Jocelyn, Back row: l-r, Jonathan, Sophia, Molly



Sophia writes in her diary



l-r, Molly, Jonathan, Ryan work on crafts as Angel reads more about Anne Frank

On the anniversary of *Anne Frank's Diary*, young writers gathered for a workshop at the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library commemorating one of the most beloved books of all time. Registrants were given a copy of *National Geographic Kids: Anne Frank*, as an introduction to 'life and times' along with the work of this remarkable person. The program began by the participants sharing their responses to the book and the emotions it evoked. Everyone received a journal of their own to decorate with art materials and stamps – plus monochrome portraits taken with an Instax Mini camera for the covers. As a warm-up exercise, paper-craft suitcases were created and five to ten items were packed, as if told it was imperative to leave home in a hurry. Other writing prompts included ideas such as "Imagine you are stuck somewhere: Where are you? What are you thinking, feeling, seeing, smelling?" When attendees' journal entries were completed, everyone enjoyed a strawberry tart, as Anne did when she celebrated her 13th birthday. The session ended with the question, "How did writing a journal help Anne live in the 'Secret Annex' and how might reading and writing help you in your life?"

Share a library-related photo, include a brief caption, your name, position and the library's name.
Submit the picture to rclsmemo@rcls.org with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.

Apollo 11 and After

Gardiner Library hosts a presentation by Dr. Willie Yee entitled *Apollo 11 and After: What We Have Learned About the Moon* on **Tuesday, July 23** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. With July 20th marking the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11's landing on the moon, this presentation explores the historic event that was both a national and technological achievement, as well as a scientific breakthrough. It sparked a major understanding of the moon, and in turn the rest of the solar system. This presentation will review some of the scientific findings of the Apollo missions, and others since, as well as future possible missions to the moon.

Dr. Willie Yee is a Solar System Ambassador, sponsored by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. He is past president of the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association, and has received numerous awards for astronomical observing and education.

Story Time From Space

The Gardiner Library presents *Story Time From Space* on **Saturday, July 27** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Real astronauts on the International Space Station will read picture books to the audience via the internet. Afterwards, participants will make their own space crafts to take home. Aspiring space travelers and explorers of all ages can are welcome!



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](#).

July

Monday, 22

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 25

[LARC-Adult Services](#), Nyack – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 31

[Fall Management Professional Development Scholarship](#) – Applications Due at RCLS by 4:00 p.m.

August

Thursday, 1

[Mandatory Construction Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 1

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

Wednesday, 7

[RCLS System Orientation](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 9

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 12

RCLS Bylaws/Policy Review Committee, RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 14

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

Monday, 19

CLOUSC Planning Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 19

RCLS Personnel and Finance Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

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RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

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Ramapo Catskill Library System
presents



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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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.



Ramapo Catskill Library System
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System Orientation

**Wednesday,
August 7,
2019**

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

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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

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, August 5. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

