



# Weekly Memo

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## RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, August 19** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

A meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committee will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Both are open meetings and all are invited to attend.

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## And the Nominees Are...

Nominees for the category of *RCLS Member Library Adult Program of the Year Award* for 2019 are:

- Ethnic Music and Dance | Cornwall Public Library
- Country Fair | Finkelstein Memorial Library
- Know Your Library Trustee Training | Florida Public Library
- One Town, One Book: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot | New City Library
- Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness | Newburgh Free Library
- Carnegie Concert Series | Nyack Library



Nominees for the category of *RCLS Member Library Young Adult Program of the Year Award* for 2019 are:

- National Student Walkout Columbine Anniversary | Cornwall Public Library
- Chocolate Olympics | Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello
- Sound & Music in Gaming | Greenwood Lake Public Library
- Historical Miniature Gaming Club | Wallkill Public Library

Nominees for the category of *RCLS Randall Enos Member Library Children's Program of the Year Award* for 2019 are:

- Cooking Together – Cooking Academy | Albert Wisner Public Library
- Star Wars Day: Jedi Training Academy | Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello
- Breakerspace | Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library
- Drag Queen Story Hour | Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library
- Lunar New Year Celebration | New City Library
- Early Literacy Adventures | Valley Cottage Library
- Little Explorers: S.T.E.M. and Sensory Storytime | Wallkill Public Library

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## News Worthy

### National

- [Verizon demands \\$880 from rural library for just 0.44GB of roaming data](#) | Arstechnica 8.9.19
- [Librarians facing new tasks say crisis isn't in the catalog](#) | Associated Press 8.9.19
- [Social Cohesion Means Survival - Sustainability](#) | Library Journal 8.6.19
- [Mayor's office teams up with public libraries to help immigrants become citizens](#) | News 12 The Bronx 8.7.19
- [Computer Science Could Learn A Lot From Library And Information Science](#) | Forbes 8.5.19
- [Mayor enlists Brooklyn Public Library to help with 2020 Census count](#) | Brooklyn Daily Eagle 8.5.19
- [Libraries are fighting to preserve your right to borrow e-books](#) | CNN 8.2.19
- [Next Steps on the Census](#) | American Libraries Magazine 8.1.19
- [Libraries Need Access to E-Books for Patrons](#) | Wall Street Journal 8.1.19

### International

- [Closing libraries means abandoning society's most isolated and vulnerable](#) | The Guardian 8.2.19

Nominees for the category of the RCLS *Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee Award* for 2019 are:

- Frank Dailey | Finkelstein Memorial Library
- Ellyse Okin Berg | Nyack Library
- Norman Gallagher | Port Jervis Free Library
- Barbara du Pont | Tuxedo Park Library
- Marguerite Brown | Western Sullivan Public Library
- Barbara Semonite | Mamakating Library

Join us on **Friday, September 13** at The Sullivan Event Center to learn the winners. Register online using the [RCLS Event Calendar](#).

For more information, contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS (ext. 222 or [ruth@rcls.org](mailto:ruth@rcls.org)).

## Teen Video Challenge 2019 Update

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) saw an excellent turnout this year for the 2019 Teen Video Challenge (TVC) competition with a total of 58 creative video entries from teens in 16 states around the country. Eight of the TVC submissions promoting 2019 Summer Reading and “A Universe of Stories” came from our very own New York State teens!

A CSLP national judging panel will determine the five winners for this year’s Teen Video Challenge and winning videos will be announced sometime in early September.

Winning videos will be posted on the [CSLP website](#) and on the [Summer Reading at New York Libraries site](#).

## 2019 Teens’ Top Ten Nominees

The Teens' Top Ten is a “teen choice” list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups in 15 school and public libraries around the country. Nominations are posted on the Thursday of [National Library Week](#), and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year. Readers ages 12 to 18 will [vote online](#) between **August 15 and October 12** on the Teens’ Top Ten site. The winners will be announced the following week.

Meet the 2019 – 2020 [Teens' Top Ten book groups](#), who will choose the nominees for the next two years. [Suggest a title for the Teens’ Top Ten!](#)

See all the Teens’ Top Ten books, plus titles from Young Adult Library Services Association’s (YALSA) other awards and booklists, in the [Teen Book Finder App](#).

Learn more about how you can apply to participate in [Teens’ Top Ten here](#). YALSA will be accepting applications beginning in August 2020.



## Photo of the Week



Bernard Marone, Board President of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society captured this photo of the new library building at the end of a double rainbow.

*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) with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.*

## Conservation Preservation Discretionary Grant Program

The Conservation Preservation Discretionary Grant Program guidelines and online grant application for 2020-2021 are now available on the [NYS Government website](#). If you do not currently have a user name and password to access the online application, visit the [NYS Library website](#).

The due date for applications is 5 p.m. **Friday, November 8**. Please read the grant guidelines carefully before applying.

New York State has implemented a prequalification requirement for not-for-profit entities applying for grants. Proposals received from not-for-profit applicants that have not Registered and are not Prequalified in the Grants Gateway on the proposal due date cannot be evaluated. Find additional information on the [NYS Government website](#).

The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials provides \$500,000 each year for preserving materials in the collections of libraries, archives, historical societies and similar agencies. The grant awards for 2020-2021 will be limited to a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$40,000. For additional information see the [NYS Government website](#).

Questions about the program should be addressed to: Barbara Lilley, Conservation/Preservation Program Officer New York State Library Room 10B41, Cultural Education Center Albany, NY 12230, 518.486.4864, [Barbara.lilley@nysed.gov](mailto:Barbara.lilley@nysed.gov)



## What is a Digital Pop-up Library?

*Tech Soup for Libraries, July 29*

Amy Hooper writes, “In Evanston, Illinois, four new libraries have appeared. But they look nothing like libraries and everything like, well, posters with instructions to access a Wi-Fi hotspot. Because that’s exactly what they are. ‘How can a Wi-Fi hotspot anchor a library?’ I hear you ask. My thoughts exactly. So I did a little digging and found ... not a lot. It seems that these strange but rather clever libraries are still a relatively unknown phenomenon in both the tech and library worlds. What I did find out is this: Evanston Public Library is one of a dozen or so libraries in the US to offer mobile hotspots that provide access only to the ebook collection.”





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Send your article to [rcslsmemo@rcls.org](mailto:rcslsmemo@rcls.org)

## 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](#).

### August

**Monday, 19**

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

**Monday, 19**

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

**Monday, 19**

[RCLS Board Meeting](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 20**

Teen Librarians Planning Meeting, RCLS – 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 21**

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

**Monday, 26**

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 28**

[Vidcode Training](#), RCLS – 11:00 a.m.

### September

**Monday, 2**

**Labor Day**  
**RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

**Tuesday, 3**

Construction Aid Application due to RCLS

**Wednesday, 4**

[Digital Census Preparation Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 5**

[Presentation by Executive Director Candidate](#), RCLS – TBA

**Friday, 6**

LARC-YS, Sloatsburg – 9:30 a.m.

## RCLS Headquarters E-mail and Extension Directory (845.243.3747)

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# vidcode

## Training

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**Wednesday,  
August 28,  
2019**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Ramapo Catskill  
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This workshop is for library staff to learn about Vidcode. The first part of this workshop will review the basics that were covered in the first Vidcode workshop. The second part will go into more advanced functions of Vidcode.

If your library did not sign up for Vidcode, but you would like to learn what it's all about, you may attend this workshop.

### Presenter

Leandra Tejedor, Vidcode co-founder.

### CE Credit

This is a Technology Workshop; participants will receive 2 Contact Hours.

### Registration

Registration is required by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 27. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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# 2020 Census Training for Youth Staff

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**Monday,  
September 9,  
2019**

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

Valley Cottage Library  
110 Route 303  
Valley Cottage, NY 10989  
845.268.7700

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## 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.

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.

We want to be prepared!

## Presenter

Keith Camire, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

## Registration

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# How to Spot a Fake: Disinformation and Our Media



Share techniques for spreading false information on the internet. Includes an ideation session on how to help our communities identify truth from fiction.

While disinformation is as old as snake oil salesmen, our current media environment brings new and pernicious challenges. Our media diets these days include curated social media feeds in addition to too-many outlets like televised newscasts and radio programs. When we engage in biased media, our ideas about the world are confirmed again and again.

Education about media sources new and old is one way to help ourselves and our communities see outside of our filter bubbles. To that end, this three-hour workshop will provide a historical overview and framework for false information. We'll uncover the ways in which social media has added to these challenges. And we'll share methods for spotting bad information by looking at real-world examples of information that rapidly spreads on the internet.

We know these issues impact our communities, and so we'll close by identifying easy-yet-impactful ways of working with library users to be on the lookout for information that is designed to manipulate us.

**Tuesday,  
September 10,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Valley Cottage  
Free Library**

110 Route 303  
Valley Cottage, NY  
845.268.7700

## Presenter

Davis Erin Anderson's work focuses on understanding the impact of technology on the culture at large, translating these challenges into real solutions for library staff. She is project lead for NYC Digital Safety, an NYC-funded program that keeps library staff informed about evergreen topics in data privacy and digital security.

Davis worked with Mozilla Foundation to review and update their web literacy curriculum, resulting in the launch of Mozilla's Core Curriculum for Web Literacy in March 2018. In addition to planning and emceeding METRO's symposia series, Davis has designed and facilitated workshops on data privacy and security, web mechanics, and personal networking skills for library staff.

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, September 9. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.





60th Anniversary  
1959-2019

# Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting



The RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting will be held at The Sullivan Event Center.



The Legislative Breakfast is an opportunity to meet and greet with state and county legislators about libraries. Member libraries will showcase their best programs in a special display area. Following a hot breakfast buffet, Library Champions will share their testimonies. Legislators and the RCLS Executive Director will give brief remarks. Four awards will be presented – Member Library Adult Program of the Year, Member Library Young Adult Program of the Year, Randall Enos Member Library Children's Program of the Year and Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee.

**Friday,  
September 13,  
2019**

**8 a.m.**

**The Sullivan  
Event Center  
Rock Hill, New York**

Register using the  
[RCLS online calendar](#)

The RCLS Annual Business Meeting will include approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes, presentation of the 2020 RCLS Budget and election of four RCLS Trustees - one each from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties.





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Tuesday,  
September 17,  
2019

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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# 2020 Census Training

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**Tuesday,  
September 24,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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### Workshop

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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!

### Presenter

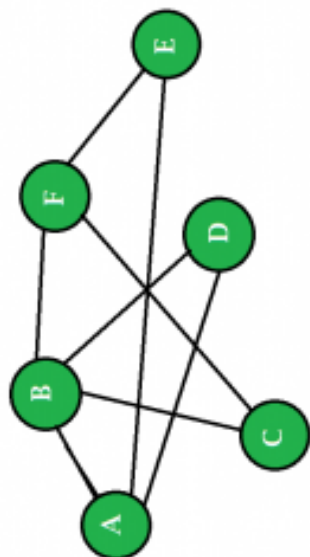
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## Algorithms in Everyday Life: How Hidden Biases Impact Our Most Vulnerable Neighbors

Describes how biased thinking makes its way into computerized systems. Provides hands-on activities to help learners understand algorithms. Helps participants identify next steps for assisting impacted populations.

Computer systems are increasingly tasked with making decisions for and about human beings. They are making decisions about which ads to show us, whether or not we make it to the second round of a job interview, and even how long prison sentences should be.

These systems are reliant on algorithmic processes. Algorithms are often considered a company's "secret sauce," and usually the public doesn't know what's in them. This session will demystify the concept of an algorithm and will shed light on what we *do* know about the systems that make some of the more pressing decisions in our lives.

We will learn how our human biases are incorporated into algorithms, discuss the venues in which algorithm-based systems are pernicious, and discuss new ways of helping our communities better understand this new backdrop of machine-based decision making.

**Tuesday,  
October 8,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Valley Cottage  
Free Library**

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619 Route 17M  
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845-243-3747  
Tuesday, September 24  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
[Register here](#)

## Orange County

RCLS Headquarters  
Thursday, October 17  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
[Register here](#)

## Sullivan County

Ethelbert B. Crawford  
Public Library  
Thursday, October 24,  
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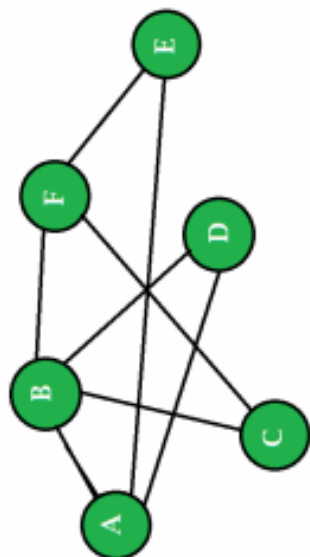
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Tuesday,  
October 22,  
2019

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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