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RCLS Board Meeting

The materials for the **Monday, November 18** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at RCLS.

A meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committee will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Both are open meetings and all are invited to attend



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ALA Offers 2020 Census Mini-Grants

The [American Library Association](#) (ALA) is now accepting [online applications](#) for [Library Census Equity Fund](#) mini-grants.

ALA will provide 25 libraries with \$2,000 mini-grants to bolster their service to hard-to-count communities and help achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census.

Applicants may propose activities such as conducting community outreach activities or expanding the library's technology capacity for people completing the census questionnaire online. All types of libraries and library organizations are eligible to apply (e.g., public libraries, school libraries, academic libraries, tribal libraries, state library agencies, Library Friends or Foundations, library cooperatives, state library associations, etc.).

[Applications](#) are due **Friday, November 22**.



Big News in Digital Collections!

Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) is pleased to announce that its members' [digital collections](#) are now discoverable through [New York Heritage](#). Cross search its region's collections with collections from across the state



and learn more about the rich history of the Hudson River Valley. New York Heritage is a collaborative project of the Empire State Library Network, of which Southeastern is a member.

Hundreds of cultural organizations have contributed collections to New York Heritage resulting in over a quarter of a million historical resources. Those resources are as diverse as the organizations that participate. Visitors can learn about a countless number of topics and explore a wide variety of original formats.

To find resources, you can keyword search across all of the digital resources from the home page. You can also explore via [contributing organization](#) or [digital collection](#). Once in the digital collections, there are options for filtering a set of results by subject, format, or location.

News Worthy

Regional

- [Newburgh Free Library holds Census hiring event](#) | Mid-Hudson Times 10.31.19

National

- [Here's Hoping Library Systems Keep Ditching Late Fees](#) | Forbes 10.30.19
- [Macmillan CEO John Sargent: 'We're Not Trying to Hurt Libraries'](#) | Publishers Weekly 10.30.19
- [Bringing the Library to the People](#) | American Libraries Magazine 10.28.19
- [Seeing its patrons needed more than books, a library struck up a unique partnership](#) | Hawaii News Now 10.25.19
- [Social justice is a library issue; libraries are a social justice issue](#) | Boing Boing 10.22.19
- [Why and How Censorship Thrives in American Prisons](#) | Book Riot 10.21.19
- [\\$41M Queens library has an encyclopedia's worth of issues](#) | New York Post 10.27.19
- [Boston Public Library To Eliminate Late Fines For Young People](#) | CBS Boston 10.27.19

Webinars

✓ Preparing Your Library for the 2020 Census

Thursday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.

[American Library Association](#) (ALA) will host a free webinar that will highlight key information for libraries about the 2020 Census, as well as ideas for funding sources to support census preparations and activities. The webinar will also introduce a new ALA publication, [Preparing My Library for the 2020 Census](#).

Presenters: Representatives from libraries, funders and ALA

Register: [Association of College & Research Libraries website](#)

✓ Reaching the Uninsured: Libraries Work to Reduce Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage

Tuesday, November 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join PLA for this free webinar on how public libraries can educate uninsured patrons and build awareness about health insurance coverage. Participants will learn about PLA's second annual initiative, Libraries Connecting You to Coverage, with tips and tools to help libraries start or increase their efforts to educate and build awareness of coverage. These efforts will help reach the uninsured, many of whom are people of color, and increase health insurance literacy for better health outcomes.

Register: [PLA website](#)

As part of its ongoing work to support the public library's role in creating healthy communities, PLA offers public libraries [a suite of free tools and resources](#) to prepare for the next Open Enrollment period of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), November 1–December 15, 2019.

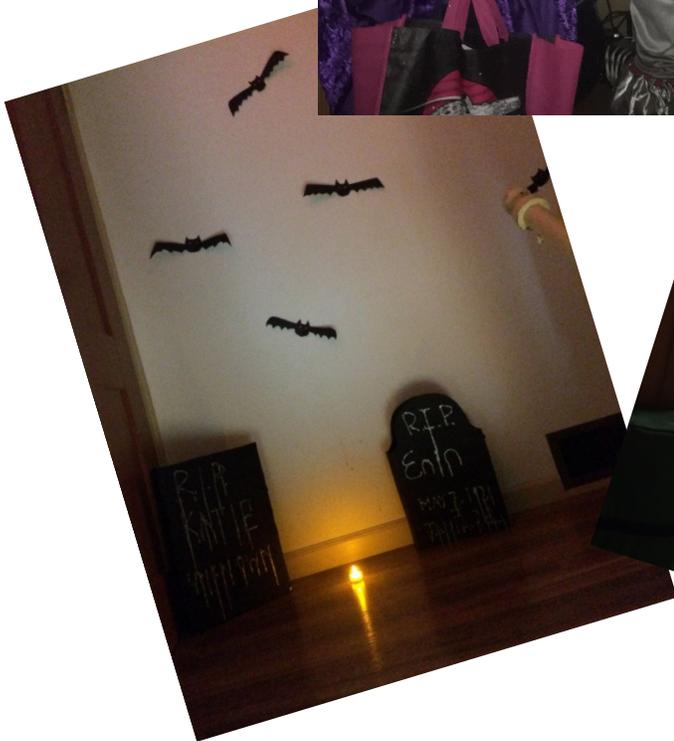
Presenters: Emily Vardell is an assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University (Emporia, KS). Sally Jones is the head of Information Services and interlibrary loan coordinator at Washington County (VA) Public Library. Leighann Wood is a program manager with the Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

Can My Library Ban Guns?

[American Libraries column, Oct. 17](#)

Few librarians enter the profession expecting to confront life-or-death situations in the workplace. But as the parallel epidemics of opioid abuse and gun violence touch nearly every community in this country and strain health systems, law enforcement, and, increasingly, public libraries, library professionals may find themselves taking on [unexpected roles](#). In the first installment of a new column exploring legal issues in public libraries, expert Mary Minow weighs in on the liabilities and protections around administering Narcan and restricting guns in libraries.

Photo of the Week



The Livingston Manor Free Library turned its upstairs office into a haunted house on Halloween. Courageous kids were led by library clerk Erin Carlson (dressed as Pennywise from IT) and received candy at the end! About 75 people had a spooky good time in our little library.—Henry Barish, Acting Director

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.

Hour of Code

The Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week – **December 9 - 15** – is a one-hour introduction to computer science that promotes diversity in tech fields, builds job skills and provides an opportunity for young people to learn about tools that increasingly shape our lives. Hour of

Code activities include tutorials for all types of devices and even unplugged exercises, all of which are self-guided, so *hosting an event does not require coding experience.* We live in a world surrounded by technology, and we know that whatever field someone chooses to go into, his/her ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works, but only a tiny fraction of people are learning how technology works. Inspired by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, this year, the Hour of Code will highlight how we can all use computer science to make a positive impact on our world, from writing apps to solving a local problem, to using innovative ideas in data science to address global challenges. To learn more about Hour of Code and hosting your own event, visit the [Hour of Code website](#).

Libraries of All Shapes and Sizes

AL: The Scoop, Sept. 30

In [Episode 42](#), the *Dewey Decibel* podcast looks at new and renovated libraries featured in *American Libraries'* [library design and architecture issue](#). First host Phil Morehart speaks with Gretchen Caserotti, director of Meridian (ID) Library District, about its 320-square-foot [Tiny Library](#). Next, Terra Dankowski discusses the [construction](#) of Austin (TX) Public Library's \$125 million Central Library with project manager Cynthia Jordan. Finally, Morehart speaks with Rachel Schipper, director of the Gioconda and Joseph King Library at the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach (FL), about the artistic renovations on its exterior murals.

Baker & Taylor YALSA Collection Development Grant

This grant awards \$1,000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually.

For more information, visit the [website](#) and online [application](#). The deadline to submit is **Sunday, December 1**.

IMLS Small Library Grants

For a second year, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting grant applications for Accelerating Promising Practices (APP) for Small Libraries. The deadline to apply is **Monday, December 2**. APP is a special initiative of National Leadership Grants for Libraries, a program that supports library and archives services nationwide by advancing theory and practice to strengthen the ability of small and/or rural libraries, archives, and related organizations to serve their communities. For more information and to access the application, visit the [IMLS website](#).

KidsGardening's Youth Garden Grants

The [Youth Garden Grant](#) is open to any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the US planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth, between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on demonstrated program impact and sustainability.

A total of 25 programs will be awarded. The top five programs will receive award packages valued at \$2,360 that include: \$250 cash prize, a variety of gardening tools and supplies, including: \$1,000 customizable garden tool package from Corona, Pallet of Black Gold soil by SunGro Horticulture, 25' Soaker Hose from Dramm, One Touch Fan Nozzle from Dramm, KidsGardening.org curriculum package, Seed Package from High Mowing Organic Seeds, and more.

Twenty programs will receive award packages valued at \$775 that include: \$250 cash prize from KidsGardening, A variety of gardening tools and supplies, and KidsGardening.org curriculum package.

For more information and to apply, visit the [KidsGardening website](#).

Deadline to apply is **Monday, December 16**.

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A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

2019 Summer Reading Program Participation

More than 2.5 million students and children statewide participated in the 2019 summer reading program, an increase of approximately 134,000 participants over last year's program, the New York State Education Department and State Library announced. In addition, the State Education Department announced results from its partnership with the myON by Renaissance e-book platform, which offered free access to thousands of enhanced digital books to children and their families. From May through September 2019: 118,569 books were opened/browsed, 114,128 books were read, and 1,635,585 minutes of reading were logged within the myON platform.

For more information about the summer reading program, visit the [State Library's website](#) or the [Summer Reading Program website](#).



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](#).

November

Tuesday, 12—Wednesday, 27

[RCLS Juvenile Book Preview Session](#), RCLS

Monday, 11

Veterans Day—RCLS CLOSED - NO DELIVERIES

Tuesday, 12

Continuing Education Committee, RCLS – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 12

102: Intermediate Trustee Education – **CANCELED**

Wednesday, 13—Saturday 16

[NYLA Conference](#), Saratoga Springs, NY

Friday, 15

Consumer Electronics Show, Newburgh – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, 18

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 19

System Services Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 25

CLOUSC, Chester – 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, 28—Friday, 29

**Thanksgiving Holiday,
RCLS CLOSED - NO DELIVERIES**

December

Monday, 2—Friday, 13

Mock Caldecott Book Preview, RCLS

Monday, 2

Battle of the Books and RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 3

[Adult Program Roundtable](#), Newburgh – 10:30 a.m.

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