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Kristen McInerney with the *Great Gatsby* basket

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## RCLS Biblio Basket Raffle Winners

*Anita Baumann, RCLS Advocacy and Fundraising Chair*

The RCLS Board of Trustees is thrilled to announce the results of our Biblio Basket Raffle fundraiser, proceeds of which benefit the RCLS Delivery Van Fund – so we can keep those ILL deliveries coming to YOUR library!

A total of 1,454 tickets were sold among the four counties in the System; and, the net proceeds amounted to \$1,620. We are grateful for your generosity in aiding us to make this a very successful fundraising event!! Congratulations to each of the winners.

The winners of the seven literary themed baskets with their Library affiliation are as follows:

- *Peter Pan* basket – Elyse Stoller, Haverstraw King’s Public Daughters
- Jodi Picoult basket – Kimberly Carletta, Orangeburg Library
- *The Raven* basket – Patty Sussman, Newburgh Free Library
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* basket – Jennifer Cohen, Suffern Free Library
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* basket – Ginny Neidermier, Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden
- *Jane Eyre* basket – Cat Scott, Western Sullivan Public Library
- *The Great Gatsby* basket – Kristen McInerney, Nanuet Public Library

We urge individual member libraries to “steal” this idea and adapt it to your community for your own fundraising efforts. In addition to raising money for your Library, you will be



Elyse Stoller with the *Peter Pan* basket

## News Worthy

### National

- [Libraries Across the Country Are Honoring Stan Lee](#) | Comicbook.com 11.15.18
- [Some Libraries Are Facing Backlash Against LGBT Programs - And Holding Their Ground](#) | BuzzFeed 11.15.18
- [Trove of war posters discovered at library](#) | Concord, NH Monitor 11.10.18
- [Twins and Tech: Engaging Kids with Litcraft, Digital Dancing and Gamification](#) | School Library Journal 11.6.18

## Stewart's Shops Holiday Match

Stewart's Shops matches individual donations made at their stores between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and distributes funds to local nonprofit agencies. Organizations that benefit children are eligible to apply for funds. An application can be downloaded at the [Stewart's Shops website](#). All applications must be submitted by **Thursday, January 31, 2019**.



offering quality textiles to delight your patrons and supporting the mission to help children learn to read, write, and create. A portion of the proceeds from every item sold by Storiarts is donated to LitWorld, a non-profit organization dedicated to on-the-ground innovative solutions to tackling illiteracy worldwide. Visit their websites for

more info about [Storiarts](#) and [LitWorld](#).

We are so pleased to have brought this opportunity to all of you, and to share a fundraising alternative with you as well. Once again, we thank each of you for your participation and support of RCLS. Together, we are making a lasting impact in our communities through commitment to knowledge and service!



Jennifer Cohen with the *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* basket

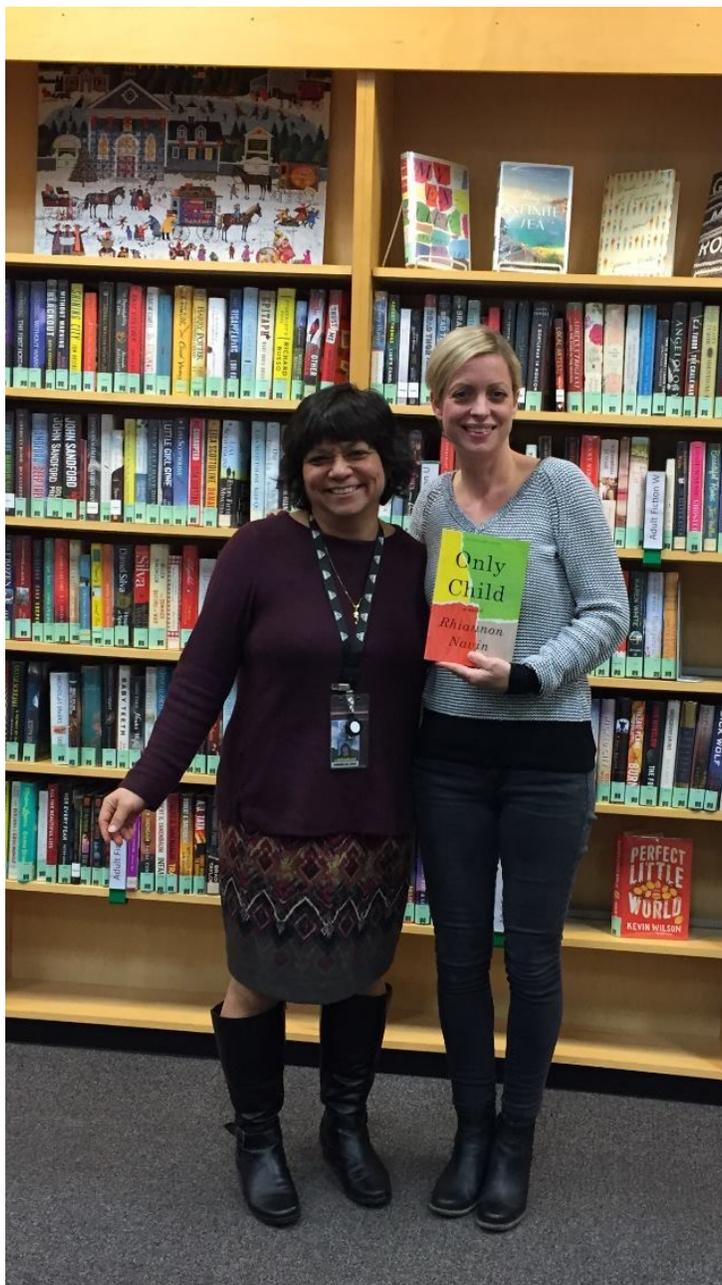
## National Endowment for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and Arts Midwest have opened the application process for the September 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 NEA Big Read program. This grant program annually supports approximately 75 dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection. Organizations selected to participate in NEA Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, digital resources, and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement.

NEA Big Read applicants submit proposals to host a series of community events presented at a variety of locations over the course of one month or longer. Events use the same NEA Big Read book as a point of departure and encourage participants to engage both with the book and fellow community members. Each NEA Big Read program includes: a kick-off event, often attended by high-profile leaders and other local luminaries; major events inspired by the content and themes from the book (e.g., panel discussions and author readings); artistic events related to the book (e.g., art/writing contests, film screenings, and theatrical performances); and book discussions in diverse locations involving a wide range of audiences.

Access the Application Guidelines on the [Arts Midwest website](#). Application deadline is **Thursday, January 24, 2019**.

## Photo of the Week



Patty Sussman, Newburgh Free Library Collections Librarian (pictured left), arranged a terrific author visit at the Newburgh Free Library Town Branch for Tuesday, November 27 with author Rhiannon Navin (pictured right). Rhiannon Navin came to discuss her debut novel *Only Child*, which has generated a lot of buzz. The book was chosen as one of the *Washington Post's* 50 notable works of fiction in 2018.

*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.*

## Brooklyn Library Earns Literary Landmark Status

[Greenpoint \(N.Y.\) Post, Nov. 20](#)

The Leonard Branch of Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library has been designated a literary landmark by United for Libraries for the central role it plays in Betty Smith's classic novel, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. The library held an unveiling ceremony for the commemorative landmark plaque on November 14, attended by members of Smith's family, Brooklyn Public Library staffers, elected officials, and Amy Lyons, the cover illustrator of the 75th anniversary edition of the book (see photo).

Many years ago former Finkelstein Memorial Library Director and RCLS Trustee Sam Simon was the branch librarian of the library. Mattie Burke, aka Gaines, former Director of the Middletown Thrall Library, was the Children's Librarian.



## Take a Visual Tour of the New York Public Library

*My Modern Met, Oct. 8*

Jessica Stewart writes, “If you love the New York Public Library as much as we do, you’ll enjoy this [detailed tour](#) of the building by *Architectural Digest*. The video is a nearly 25-minute view into every nook and cranny of the beloved building. Archival photographs help viewers understand some of the architectural styles that influenced its construction. Narrators include design historian Judith Gura, architectural historian Paul Ranogajec, and Keith Glutting, manager of the NYPL visitor volunteer program.”





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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](#).

### December

**Monday, 3**

RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 10:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, 5**

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

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Directors Association, RCLS – 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, 7**

[Early Literacy Workshops](#) “Simple Storytime Props” – 10:00 a.m.& “Early Literacy Adventures,” – 12:30 p.m., RCLS

**RCLS Monday, 10**

[OLA Meeting and Event](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 11**

RUG, Middletown – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 12**

[Sexual Harassment Prevention Training](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 13**

LARC-Executive Board, Stony Point – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 13**

RCLS Managers, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, 14**

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 17**

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

**Monday, 17**

RCLS Board, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, 24—Tuesday, 25**

**Christmas Holiday  
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

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