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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday, December 17 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Recognized that Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Service Consultant's last day is Friday, February 1, 2019. The Board approved renaming the RCLS Member Library Children's Program of the Year Award in his honor.
- Discussed the 2020 Census and the opportunities that could arise involving libraries helping people complete their Census report form online.
- Commended Stephen P. Hoefler on doing a fine job with the financial reports.
- Announced the 2019 Annual Meeting Awards as a great way to showcase your library. Deadline to submit nominations will be **Friday, June 14, 2019**.
- Save the date of **Wednesday, February 27, 2019** to attend NYLA Library Advocacy Day in Albany.
- Save the date of **Friday, September 13, 2019** for the Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the December Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next meeting on Tuesday, January 22 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports, Executive Director's Report and Assistant Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

50 Public Libraries Selected for "American Creed" Grants

Public Programs Office, Dec. 20

ALA, in partnership with Citizen Film and the National Writing Project, has selected [50 US public libraries](#) to take part in "American Creed: Community Conversations," a grant program that will invite audiences to consider what America's ideals and identity ought to be through screenings of, and conversations about, the PBS documentary [American Creed](#). Selected libraries will host community screenings of the film, complemented by additional programming.

Congratulations to the Nyack Library for receiving an "American Creed: Community Conversations" grant!

News Worthy

Regional

- [‘Rise like a phoenix’: Pleasant Valley library lifted by community after fire](#) | Poughkeepsie Journal 12.19.18

National

- [Library laptops for students taking hold: Lending refurbished computers has goal of ‘digital equity’](#) | The Spokesman-Review 12.13.18
- [Arrest made in killing of North Natomas librarian](#) | The Sacramento Bee 12.13.18
- [Albany library to offer free wi-fi in select parks](#) | Albany Times-Union 12.9.18
- [Albany libraries doing away with fines](#) | Albany Times Union 12.7.18

Disturbance May Have Led to Branch Manager’s Murder

[Sacramento \(Calif.\) Bee, Dec. 12–13](#)

A disturbance at the North Natomas branch of the Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library two months earlier may have led to the December 11 [shooting death](#) of Library Manager Amber Fawn Clark (right) as she sat in her car outside the building, police say. Clark was shot several times in the face and head with a handgun. Police suspect Ronald Seay, 56, who was arrested on suspicion of felony homicide December 12 after a slow-speed car chase. Seay had been issued a no-trespass order for the library property after causing a disturbance there on October 13.



FLS Randall Enos Scholarship Fund

On December 17, 2018, the Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) of the New York Library Association (NYLA) Executive Board voted to establish a scholarship in honor of its President Emeritus, Randall Enos. Randall, RCLS Youth Services Consultant, is retiring in February of 2019, so it seemed only fitting that contributions in his honor could be made to fund the scholarship.



Randall Enos

Randall is a founding member of the Empire Friends Roundtable (1992), the precursor to the Friends of Libraries (FLS) Section (2014) of NYLA. Encouraging participation in both FLS and NYLA is at the heart of this scholarship.

The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship will provide financial assistance for a member of the Friends of Libraries Section, who is also a member of a Friends of the Library group at any type of library in NYS, to attend a NYLA Annual Conference for the first time. This scholarship will be offered in odd-numbered years beginning in 2019.

To make a donation, make your check payable to Ramapo Catskill Library System, indicate Enos Scholarship Fund in the memo. Mail your check and the [FLS Randall Enos Scholarship Fund Donation Form](#), found on the RCLS website, to Stephen Hoefler, Fiscal Officer, Ramapo Catskill Library System, 619 Route 17M, Middletown, NY 10940.

10 Minutes for \$200?

*Jason Thomas, Circulation Services Librarian,
Newburgh Free Library*

The Reference and Adult Services Section (RASS) of the New York Library Association (NYLA) is proud to introduce the Minigrant Program for New York State Libraries developing and sustaining engaging programming for Adults. Public, School, and Academic libraries are all eligible to apply for grants to support or create programming for Adults (18+). Grants range from \$50 to \$200. Multiple awards will be granted.

Libraries are allowed to submit multiple grants, but only one grant will be awarded per library location. Branches are encouraged to apply. If an award is granted, participants will be required to include RASS as a cosponsor on any printed materials. After the program is completed, a brief questionnaire will be distributed to gauge results and to offer recommendations for librarians interested in implementing similar programming.

Interested in applying? Applications take approximately 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed via [SurveyMonkey](#). Applications are due by **Saturday, January 19, 2019**. Recipients will be notified by the end of February 2019.

For more information, visit the [RASS home page](#) or e-mail questions to RASSMiniGrants@gmail.com.

Photos of the Week



The Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library hosted the first Drag Queen Story Hour in the RCLS area on Sunday, December 9. Over 50 children and adults listened to stories, sang songs and made a wand craft along with performer Aunt Sherry. Audience response was overwhelmingly positive. "We advertised this program in our newsletter and on social media channels, and received as much positive feedback as we did negative feedback in advance of the day," said library director Claudia Depkin. "But the event was pure magic. Aunt Sherry was wonderful with the children and adults in the room. She was funny and inclusive and that's exactly the kind of event we wanted to host."

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.

2019 SAR-AH Awards

What are the SAR-AH Awards? The first Director to submit their library's State Annual Report (SAR) and/or Annual Highlights (AH) will win the SAR-AH Awards for 2019. These are prizes compliments of the RCLS staff. In addition, recognition of receiving the Awards will be given in the *2018 Highlights*.

The deadline for submitting SAR to RCLS is **Friday, February 1**.

The deadline for submitting AH of 200 words or less to Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS is **Friday, February 15**. To stimulate your creative juices, view the *2017 Highlights* on the [RCLS website](#).

Questions? Contact Ruth at RCLS (ext. 222 or [e-mail](#)).

**SAR-AH
AWARD**
First to Submit
State Annual Report

**SAR-AH
AWARD**
First to Submit
Annual Highlights

January Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ CLOUSC Mock Caldecott & Newbery Discussions

Location: RCLS Headquarters

Monday, January 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CLOUSC members will discuss new children's books and make their choice for the Caldecott (9:00 a.m.—10:45 a.m.) and Newbery (11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.) Awards.

CE Hours: 2 Children's Services Hours for each session.

Register: [RCLS website](#)

✓ RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Award Discussions

Location: RCLS Headquarters

Monday, January 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Teen Services Librarians from RCLS member libraries will discuss a pre-selected group of books in a program designed to emulate the Printz Award process.

CE Hours: 2 Teen Services Hours

Register: [RCLS website](#)

✓ State Annual Report Workshop

Thursday, January 17 From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This session will include an overview of Major Changes, Helpful Hints and online demonstrations for completing the 2018 State Annual Report. Handouts for the Library Collection (Part 2), Library Transactions (Part 4) and System Cash Grants to Member Library (Part 11) will be distributed. Teleconference will not be available due to the on-line demonstration portion.

Presenters: Stephen Hoefler, RCLS Fiscal Officer; Jerry Kuntz, RCLS Electronic Resources Consultant and Martha Sullivan, RCLS Software Support Technician

Register: RCLS website See the registration form for lunch options.

✓ State Annual Report Hands-on Training

Thursday, January 17 From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hands-on Annual Report Training is designed for new directors and staff, but open to all. Use your handouts from the morning workshop to enter your data into the report with help from RCLS staff.

Sixteen RCLS laptops are available on a first-come, first-served basis (request one when registering) or bring your own laptop.

Presenters: Stephen Hoefler, RCLS Fiscal Officer; Jerry Kuntz, RCLS Electronic Resources Consultant and Martha Sullivan, RCLS Software Support Technician

Register: RCLS website See the registration form for lunch options.

✓ LARC-YS Mock Newbery and Caldecott Discussions

Tuesday, January 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Valley Cottage

LARC-Youth Services librarians and guests will discuss a pre-selected group of books in a program designed to emulate the Caldecott (9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.) and Newbery (1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.) Award processes.

CE Hours: 3 Children's Services Hours for attending the Caldecott session. 2 Children's Services Hours for attending the Newbery session.

Register: [RCLS website](#)

✓ **Advocacy Session: Tell your library story effectively**

Wednesday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Monticello

Register: [RCLS website](#)

Thursday, January 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at New City

Register: [RCLS website](#)

Tuesday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at RCLS Headquarters

Register: [RCLS website](#)

Building a strong relationship with your legislators at the local and state levels takes time and finesse. Together, we are a stronger voice for our libraries.

During these sessions, we will discuss and learn how to empower ourselves as advocates for libraries.

Why is it important to go to New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day in Albany on February 27, 2019? What would be expected of me when I attend the Library Advocacy Day? What is the role of NYLA? What steps can we take every day?

This year we are asking our legislators for:

- ◆ **Increasing Democratic Engagement through Adaptive Library Services – \$200M for Statewide Library Aid**
- ◆ **\$75M for Library Capital Infrastructure Improvements**

January Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ **Delivering Value to Your Community through Your Library's Electronic Resources**

Tuesday, January 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join librarians across Washington state and marketing representatives from NewsBank for a discussion about how to maximize the use of your electronic resources and get the most out of your library's investment.

Presenters: [John Buehler](#) and [Sarah McCurdy](#), NewsBank.

Register: [First Tuesdays website](#)

✓ **Health Literacy Begins at Your Library**

Tuesday, January 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Your library can play a central role in promoting the health and wellness of its community through fostering higher health literacy. This means increasing people's capacity to obtain and understand basic health information that leads to appropriate health decisions and connection with services. Library programs directed toward children, teens, adults, and families deliver credible health information and activities that boost wellness. Get ideas for simple (but powerful) health literacy programs you can offer at your library regardless of your size or budget.

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

✓ **JOBNOW Webinar – Refresher Course**

Tuesday, January 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The JOBNOW online tool is available to all RCLS member libraries. The Central Library funds this online tool that can assist your community members with their career needs. Most libraries close their doors by 9:00 p.m. A career counselor can help your community members after your library is closed via an online chat, which is available from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Join us to learn more about what JOBNOW has to offer and how you can help your library users.

The webinar information will be emailed to you one day prior to the event.

CE Credits: 1 Technology credit

Audience: All Library Staff

Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)



Circulation is Strong after San Diego Eliminates Library Fines

[San Diego \(Calif.\) Union-Tribune, Dec. 13](#)

Circulation at the San Diego (Calif.) Public Library is up 24% since city officials eliminated overdue fines on July 1, but the data is skewed by an automatic renewal policy implemented in January. Library Director Misty Jones said it's too soon to declare success. Also, more than 90% of customers are now using self-checkout kiosks, a sharp increase attributed to those who had avoided interacting with a staff member because they owed a fine. With no fines, there is essentially no need to send out bills, collect money, and keep hundreds of thousands of records, Jones added.

Send your library news to the **RCLS Weekly Memo** at rlsmemo@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](#).

January

Tuesday, 1

**New Year's Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Friday, 4

DOSS, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 9

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

Friday, 11

LARC-YS, New City – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 14

[CLOUSC Mock Caldecott & Newbery Discussions](#), RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

Monday, 14

[RCLS Teen Librarians' Mock Printz Award Discussions](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 15

[JOBNOW Webinar - Refresher Course](#) – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 16

RCLS Managers, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 17

[State Annual Report Workshop](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 17

[State Annual Report Workshop-Hands-on](#), RCLS – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, 21

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Tuesday, 22

[LARC-YS Mock Newbery and Caldecott Discussions](#), Valley Cottage – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 22

[RCLS Board](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

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