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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, June 17 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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Lauren Moore Appointed New York State Librarian

Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education Mark Schaming has announced that the Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education MaryEllen Elia have appointed Lauren Moore as the Assistant Commissioner for Libraries and New York State Librarian. Ms. Moore will lead the operations of the New York State Library and serve as the primary representative of the New York State Library and for libraries across the state. She will assume her new responsibilities on August 1.

Ms. Moore has served in various leadership positions at public libraries and library systems throughout her career. Most recently, she has served as the Executive Director of the Pioneer Library System where she led the development of 42 small and rural libraries in Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming and Livingston Counties by coordinating shared services. She previously served as the Assistant Director of the Pioneer Library System and the Deputy Director of the Southern Tier Library System. Ms. Moore has also served in leadership positions for various library professional organizations as well as for local, regional and statewide community service groups, including most recently, The New York State Complete Count Commission. The Commission was created to inform and help direct the State's efforts in the upcoming 2020 Census.

Ms. Moore earned her Master of Library and Information Sciences degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Rutgers University.

IMLS Releases Annual Data on American Public Libraries

On Friday, June 7, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums, released the latest data from its 2017 Public Libraries Survey. The Public Libraries

Survey examines key indicators of public library use, financial health, staffing, and resources. Explore the [FY 2017 data, documentation and supplementary tables](#) on the IMLS website.

Each year since 1988, the survey has provided a national census of America's public libraries. The data are collected



News Worthy

Regional

- [Rhinebeck students win top science prize, donate winnings to local library](#) | Poughkeepsie Journal 6.7.19
- [Goshen author promotes sixth historical mystery](#) | The Chronicle 6.2.19

National

- [‘Homework gap’ shows millions of students lack home internet](#) | Daily Freeman 6.10.19
- [Why moving a Minneapolis Library to Southdale mall is a good idea](#) | Star Tribune 6.8.19
- [ALA 2019: Carla Hayden, The People's Librarian](#) | Publishers Weekly 6.7.19
- [Drag Queen Story Hour Continues Its Reign at Libraries, Despite Backlash](#) | The New York Times 6.6.19
- [Summer Slide: Dept. Of ED Commissioner Read To Kids at Utica Public Library](#) | WKTU 6.6.19
- [In One Year, People Visited Public Libraries More Than a Billion Times](#) | Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) 6.5.19
- [Lynda's Privacy Problem](#) | The Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association | 6.4.19



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from approximately 9,000 public library systems comprised of over 17,000 individual main libraries, library branches, and bookmobiles in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. The NYS Library submits data on the state's 756 libraries to IMLS from the Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries.

Earlier last week, the agency [released a report](#) on the 2016 data, which is [available online](#).

PLS Awards and Scholarships

The Public Libraries Section (PLS) is currently accepting applications for:

- NYLA 2019 Annual Conference Scholarships (5)
- Innovative Program Award
- [L. Marion Moshier/Asa Wynkoop Award for Distinguished Librarianship](#)
- Public Libraries Building Award

For the details, eligibility requirements, and application procedures, visit the [NYLA website](#). The deadline for 2019 is **Friday, June 28**. Questions can be submitted to: petersd@buffalolib.org.

Call for Nominees

The New York Library Association Intellectual Freedom Award Subcommittee is seeking nominations for this year's award.

Award criteria are:

- Nominees may be an individual, a group of individuals, or an organization.
- The nominee should be engaged in an activity affecting information access in the State of New York.
- Nominee's efforts will have furthered the cause of intellectual freedom in the state.
- Nomination will be appropriately documented in news releases, supporting letters, etc.
- A member of the Intellectual Freedom Committee may not be considered for the award.

For past winners, see [the full list](#).

The winner will receive the award at the NYLA Annual Conference, along with a plaque and \$500. For more information about the award, visit [NYLA's website](#).

Nomination forms are available [here](#) and will be accepted through **Monday, July 15**. Completed forms may be sent to NYLA at 6021 State Farm Rd., Guilderland, NY 12084 or director@nyla.org.

NASA is Looking for Librarian Peer Reviewers

[NASA, May 2](#)

NASA STEM Engagement is actively recruiting qualified peer reviewers who will volunteer to externally review informal STEM education proposals during fall 2019 for its Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions (TEAM II). NASA is seeking a diverse reviewer pool that includes librarians and educators with experience or knowledge of activities described in this [announcement](#). Volunteer at [this website](#).

Photo of the Week



A patron viewing the *Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow* poster exhibit. Organized by the New-York Historical Society, this exhibit tells the dramatic, national story of the struggle for black equality after the end of slavery. This exhibit is on display until Friday, June 28 at Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library in Garnerville.

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.

Newsmaker: Emma Boettcher

[American Libraries Trend, June 11](#)

Emma Boettcher (right), user experience resident librarian at the University of Chicago, was nicknamed the “Giant Killer” by *Jeopardy!* host Alex Trebek after beating long-time champ James Holzhauer on June 3. Two more wins over the next two days earned her \$97,002, but she came in third place on June 6 and got a consolation prize of \$1,000. The episodes Boettcher appeared in were filmed in March, so she had to keep silent until the shows were aired. [American Libraries](#) spoke with her on how she prepared for the show and what it was like in the studio.



Job & Career Resources @ your library

On **Thursday, June 27** (3 p.m. – 4p.m.) the Newburgh Free Library will be conducting a workshop on some of the job and career-related databases that are purchased with Central Library Development Aid. This workshop is designed for the public, but member library staff are invited to attend in order to learn more about how to use these resources, accessible system-wide (Job Now) or at the Newburgh Library (Learning Express, ReferenceUSA). Registration on the [RCLS calendar](#) is required.

Forthcoming Bestsellers

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

The Summer 2019 issue of [Forthcoming Bestsellers](#), a handy guide to up-and-coming new books, is now online. Member libraries' staff can duplicate or direct their patrons to the PDF.



This list is one of four produced during the year as predicted and derived from *Publisher's Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Booklist*, Brodart or Baker & Taylor lists, etc. According to the publishers' schedules, the titles will be released during the upcoming three months.

For best results, place copies of the list near your New Books area or at the Circulation Desk.

The Editors for this edition are Mary Duffy, Monroe Free Library and Eileen Acosta, RCLS.

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](#).

June

Monday, 17

Cooking Classes Without a Kitchen, Washingtonville – 10:30 a.m.

Monday, 17

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

Tuesday, 18

[Vidcode Training](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 19

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

Thursday, 27

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

Thursday, 27

Job & Career Resources @ Your Library, Newburgh – 3:00 p.m.

July

Thursday, 4

**Independence Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Monday, 8

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

Friday, 12

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 22

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 24

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

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