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RCLS Board Meeting

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

This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.



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Last Call!

NYLA Library Advocacy Day is just over a week away—**Tuesday, February 25**. We need a **large** number of people to converge on Albany to voice their support for library funding. Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Budget for FY2020-2021 included \$91.6 million for Library Aid, a \$5 million cut from last year's enacted state budget, and \$14 million for Construction Grant Aid, \$20 million less than in 2019. Attend this important event and let **your** legislators know how important libraries are.



- **Legislative Office Visits**

Meetings with individual Legislators (or their office staff) are coordinated by RCLS. Visit the [RCLS website](#) for the schedule and more information.

- **The Rally for Library Advocates at 11:45 a.m.**

Gather on the stairway in the "Well" of the LOB (Legislative Office Building) for a group photograph before the Library Advocate's Rally at noon. Join fellow Library Advocates and plan to make your voices heard!

- **Ready, Set, Go: Albany, Here We Come!**

View the [Sustainable Thinking News](#) for tips about spending time with legislators on Library Advocacy Day.

Register via the [RCLS calendar](#) to ride a chartered motor coach to Albany. The cost is only \$5 per person, thanks to personal and Friends groups' donations.

More information is available on the [RCLS website](#).

News Worthy

Regional

- [Mid-Hudson Library System supports Fair Access to Digital Content](#) | HamletHub 2.6.20

National

- [Newspapers Edited by Frederick Douglass Added to Library of Congress](#) | Spectrum News 1.30.20
- [Graphic Novel Wins Newbery Medal for the First Time](#) | The New York Times 1.27.20
- [Librarians honor books by Luiselli and Higginbotham](#) | Associated Press 1.27.20
- [2020 Youth Media Award Winners](#) | American Libraries Magazine 1.27.20
- [In the internet era, public libraries are more vital than ever](#) | Mashable 1.23.20



NYLA Library Advocacy Day is **Tuesday, February 25.**

The deadline to register for the motor coach to Albany is **Thursday, February 20.**

Don't procrastinate – register now, whether you plan to take the motor coach or drive yourself!

We need your presence. Register using the [RCLS Calendar](#) today!!

White House Budget Again Proposes Eliminating IMLS

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Feb. 10

On February 10, the Trump administration released details from its [budget request](#) to Congress for FY 2021. The White House has requested \$23 million in funding for the orderly closure of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, effective October 1. As the primary source of federal funding for museums and libraries, IMLS invests in communities of all sizes, from rural to urban, in every US state and territory. IMLS ensures [public library services](#) for all Americans, helps preserve the heritage of our nation, and provides critical funding for literacy and workforce development programs. The White House budget is largely a messaging document that reflects the administration's spending priorities and has little chance of being enacted in full by Congress. However, ALA has [issued a statement](#) by ALA President Wanda Brown in response to the proposal. ALA encourages everyone to [email their members of Congress](#) and urge their support for libraries.



NYS Talking Book and Braille Library

The New York State [Talking Book and Braille Library](#) (TBBL) is a free library service for [eligible residents](#) of upstate New York who are unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability. Materials are mailed to and from library patrons at their homes at no charge. Currently, over 15,000 New Yorkers of all ages are registered for TBBL services.



The TBBL collection includes fiction and nonfiction audio and braille books, with over 70 magazine subscriptions available as well. TBBL loans playback machines to those using audio books; books can also be downloaded directly to a tablet or smartphone.

Recently the TBBL librarians were recognized by the [NYS Public Employees Federation](#) for the great work they do.

Do you know someone that could use this service? Contact Dan Hulse, RCLS Developmental Officer (ext. 245 or dan@rcls.org).

The Decline and Fall of the Card Catalog

Circulating Now, Feb. 6

Stephen J. Greenberg writes, “The retrospective conversion of most card catalogs to electronic formats, and the overall passage of time, have made it increasingly necessary to describe to younger visitors what a card catalog is (or rather, was). There are, however, some of us still in the profession who remember cards, if not always fondly. You needed specialized training to type cards. It was an art in itself, and it has become a lost one. Specific uses of standard punctuation marks, initials, and seemingly bizarre spacing rules were all part of the catalogers’ codebook.”



Photos of the Week



A desk that predates 44 US states is restored and currently on display at the Josephine-Louise Public Library in Walden! The 220 year old desk once belonged to Rufus King, one of the original framers of the Constitution. It had been in storage at the King Manor Museum, located in Jamaica, New York. The museum hired Christopher Anigacz (above, left) of Double Queue Fine Furniture Restoration & Conservation (located in Walden) for restoration of the secretary desk. Both Mr. Anigacz and Museum Executive Director Kelsey Brow offered to showcase the quality piece at the library before it travels back to its rightful place. With Mr. Anigacz is Library Board President Jason Trafton (above, right).

Rufus King called Jamaica, Queens his home from 1805 to 1827 and settled King Manor. He was an early outspoken opponent of slavery and an important part of the Constitution and American history. King's son, John Alsop King, inherited the home and farm from his father and served as New York's Governor where he fought against the unfair fugitive slave laws. King Manor is now a historic house museum dedicated to preserving and interpreting King's legacy and early American life in Jamaica Queens through annual festivals, family programming, concerts and workshops. This year King Manor celebrates 120 years as a museum – teaching critical thinking to over 10,000 visitors a year.

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.

Free Coloring Books from Libraries and Museums

[Open Culture, Feb. 6](#)

Since 2016, the annual [#ColorOurCollections](#) campaign, led by the New York Academy of Medicine, has made available free adult coloring books for downloading. The range of images offers something for everyone, from early modern illustrations like the cat (below) from Edward Topsell's



Historie of Four-footed Beastes (1607), courtesy of Trinity Hall Cambridge; to the poignant cover of *The Suffragist* from July 1919, a month after US women won the right to the vote (from the Huntington Library).

There are also copious illustrations of medical procedures and anatomy, vintage advertisements, and war posters.

Share your library news with the RCLS Weekly Memo. Send your article to



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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](#).

February

Monday, 17

Presidents Day

RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES

Tuesday, 18

ANSER Committee, BlueJeans – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 18

RCLS Bylaws / Policy Review Committee, RCLS – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 18

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 19

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

Wednesday, 19

[Resilience Film Viewing and Discussion](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 20

MHVSHRM Event, RCLS – 8:00 a.m.
(Mid-Hudson Valley Society for Human Resource Management)

Friday, 21

[RCLS Performers' Showcase](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 24

CLOUSC, Walden – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 25

[NYLA Library Advocacy Day](#), Albany, NY

March

Friday, 6

Orange County Complete Count Committee, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

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RCLS Youth Services Presents

2020 Performers' Showcase

Friday, February 21, 2020

9:30 a.m. Coffee / 10:00 a.m. Program



Twelve performers will give 15-minute presentations of programs that are available for your library or organization.

The performers are:

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| 10:00 | Eric Calendar | World of Reptiles |
| 10:15 | Andrew Proto | Astonishing Andrew |
| 10:30 | Science Tellers | Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress |
| 10:45 | Matt Mazur | Music, Bubble & Comedy Show: Imagine Your Story! |
| 11:00 | Li Liu | Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics |
| 11:15 | Darren Sardelli | The Funny Family Poetry Show |
| 11:30 | Dagen Julty/
Felicia Flanagan | The Funshine Merry Makers |
| 11:45 | Barry & Jeri | The Storycrafters |
| 12:00 | Jeremy Rubenstein | Box Out Bullying |
| 12:15 | Florence Labaze | Miss Flo – Zumbini (Facebook: Zumbini with Flo) |
| 12:30 | Faith Supple | Conflict Resolution for Kids & Teens |
| 12:45 | Nathan Gross | Culinary Corner With Chef Nate/Garde Manger
(Facebook: The Culinary Corner with Chef Nate) |

Handouts and performance rates will be available at the showcase.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#) by 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2020

If you are unable to attend the showcase and would like copies of the handouts, please e-mail [Eileen Acosta](#)



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NYLA Advocacy Day 2020

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Tuesday, February 25

CONVENIENT MOTOR COACH LOCATIONS and DEPARTURE TIMES!
(PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE - MOTOR COACHES LEAVE ON TIME)

- West Nyack 6:45 a.m. (Palisades Center)
- Newburgh 7:30 a.m. (Newburgh Mall)
- New Paltz 7:45 a.m. (Thruway Exit 18 Park & Ride)
- Kingston 8:15 a.m. (Thruway Exit 19 Park & Ride)
- Catskill 8:40 a.m. (Thruway Exit 21 Park & Ride)

Leaves Albany at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments, advocacy information and a schedule of appointments provided on the motor coaches.

Register online @ <http://calendar.rcls.org/>

Make checks (\$5 per person – non-refundable) payable to **RCLS**.
Thanks to donations from the many Friends Groups, we are able to subsidize the price.
Send to Ruth Daubenspeck/RCLS • 619 Route 17M • Middletown, NY 10940

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

LET US KNOW IF DRIVING YOURSELF

Use the online registration and check “Driving myself” under
“What is your preferred pickup location?”
You will receive an information packet.



QUESTIONS?

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