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RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Monday, May 21 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Welcomed Charles LeViseur, Trustee of the Monroe Free Library. He discussed the progress the Monroe Board has made and thanked RCLS for its help.
- Discussed the upcoming workshops on prevailing wage and eligible construction projects held on May 22 and May 23.
- Rosemary Cooper, Directors Association Representative reported the Fine Free children's and young adult materials trial will start September 1. She also discussed refocusing our advocacy approach and shifting not only locally, but state wide.
- Discussed the retirement of State Senators William J. Larkin, Jr. and John J. Bonacic. The Board is thankful for their library advocacy over the years.
- The Plan of Service Survey participation increased this year over the previous years. The answers gave valuable feedback from the member libraries that responded.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the May Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, June 18 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports and Executive Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Robert Hubsher (243.3747, ext. 242 or [e-mail](#)).

What's Next for Net Neutrality?

[District Dispatch, May 16](#)

Ellen Satterwhite writes, "With the passage of [net neutrality](#) in the Senate on May 16, action moves to the House, which must also vote. We hope the House will follow the Senate's lead and pass this resolution quickly to undo the FCC's reckless and unpopular action. Already, 160 members of the House have signed on, and we expect more to follow in the coming days. You



can help by continuing to tell your members of Congress (or thanking them) that net neutrality is critical to the modern library and our communities through our [action alert](#)." But even if the resolution fails in the House, [some think](#) that net neutrality protections will soon be "the law of the land again—this time for good."

News Worthy

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- [Warwick Library Foundation awards scholarships](#) | The Warwick Advertiser 5.23.18

Fall into Books Promotional Flyers

Randall Enos,

RCLS Youth Services Consultant

One copy of the [orange flyer](#) and [registration form](#) for the Wednesday, October 24, 2018 *Fall into Books* program with Sandra Uwiringiyimana has been sent via delivery to each member library. If your library's youth services person did not receive a copy, or if you need additional copies, please let me know.

Fall into Books information, including the flyer, is available on the [RCLS website](#).

The conference is returning to the Crestview Conference Center in West Nyack (site of the 2016 *Fall into Books* program). The location is convenient for most, but the venue is small and we are predicting that some late registrants will not make it in, so don't put off registering and lose out. **Early bird registration must be postmarked by Monday, July 30.**

LARC has offered to reimburse early bird registration costs for up to two LARC members from each Rockland County library. Check the [LARC website](#) to determine the status of your LARC membership to see if you qualify.

You may use the [paper form](#) to register for the conference or (new this year) [register online](#).

Contact me (ext. 240 or renos@rcls.org) if you have any questions.

Free eBooks for Kids this Summer

Randall Enos, *RCLS Youth Services Consultant*

In partnership with and in support of Summer Reading at New York Libraries, [myON](#) will be providing free, unlimited 24/7 access to myON's Digital Library and Middle School Classics for children from Birth through Grade 8. Access will be available from May through September 2018 more than 6,000 fiction and non-fiction eBooks for students and families with young children through both their schools and public libraries.

Students that already have a myON login will continue to use that login to access the myON digital library and continue reading throughout the summer.

For more details about the myOn project, see the [informational handout](#).

Flyers are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with login information, which you are encouraged to share widely with the children and families that use your library. Please note that there are two different usernames – one for grades K-5 and the other for grades 6-8.

Additional resources are available on the [New York Reads with myON website](#). These include:

- [Welcome to myOn Video Tutorial \(6.43 min\)](#)
- [Web badge](#) – Post on your website with a link back to the NY Reads with myON Resource Web Page

Let me know if you have any questions or contact the myON team at NYReadswithmyON@renaissance.com.

Summer Reading Booklists for Children

Randall Enos, *RCLS Youth Services Consultant*

The booklists with suggested reading for children this summer are now posted and downloadable on the [RCLS website](#).

Two links are available as follows:

- Libraries Rock Reading List - [Pre-School & Kindergarten / Grades 1 & 2](#)
- Libraries Rock Reading List - [Grades 3 & 4 / Grades 5 & 6](#)

These lists were designed to be easily downloaded into the tri-fold format that we have used in the past. They can be printed two-sided on 8 ½" x 11" paper.

Thanks to Ruth Daubenspeck for compiling and formatting, Dan Hulse for proofreading and our Booklist Committee members for submitting the titles. They are:

- Beth Balogh, Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden
- Lara Cohen, Tappan Library
- Melissa Quarles, Monroe Free Library
- Lisa SinClair, Cornwall Public Library
- Connie Treuting, Port Jervis Free Library

Look for lists for teen and 'tween readers in the near future.

Let me know (ext. 240 or renos@rcls.org) if you have any difficulty downloading or if you have other questions and suggestions.

Photo of the Week



The program Transforming Preschool Storytime was held Wednesday, April 25 at RCLS. The participants shown above are acting out *Goldilocks and the 3 Bears*.

Left to right are Kimberly Carletta, Orangeburg Library; Peggy Johansen, Mamakating Library; Marybeth Darnobid, Blauvelt Free Library; Jennifer Daddio, Pearl River Public Library; Lisa SinClair, Cornwall Public Library and Morgan Strand, Nyack Library.

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.

June Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

✓ **Library Skills Academy** formerly the *Library Assistants Training Program*

Tuesday, June 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: NYLA Headquarters, Guilderland, NY

This high level program is open to individuals already working or newly hired in libraries, or people interested in working in public and academic libraries. To receive a certificate, the individual must complete the entire 18 hour program.

The course is offered on the same day over the course of three weeks (e.g. three consecutive Tuesdays), and each class is six hours long.

Space is limited and is available on a first come first serve basis.

Cost: \$215 for NYLA Members and \$255 for NON-NYLA Members. All materials and lunch each day are included in the registration fee. Two scholarships are available for this program for diverse applicants – contact director@nyla.org for details.

Register: [NYLA website](#)

✓ **Providing Outstanding Customer Service & Drawing the Boundary Line**

Tuesday, June 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS

Are you in a rut when it comes to providing outstanding customer service? Feeling overwhelmed by difficult library users? Do you have staff that make you cringe when you overhear them dealing with a library user? We've all been there...you are not alone! In this workshop we will hit the refresh button on customer service in our libraries. We will discuss common problems and find solutions together. No role playing involved. Participants will also be discussing healthy boundaries regarding staff and library users. It can be a difficult and uncomfortable situation to use your "no," or even your "I can't take that on right now, because my plate is full." Together the group will explore the explicit necessity of boundaries and their crucial importance to their health and happiness.

Presenter: Thomas S. Vitale, Outreach Coordinator at the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System

CE Credits: Special Client/Customer Service - 3 CE

Audience: All Library Staff

Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)

✓ **RDA and You: Basics on Cataloging for the 21st Century Work?**

Thursday, June 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: RCLS

This workshop is designed to introduce library staff to cataloging basics (MARC record, access points, etc.) and to explain what RDA is, how it is affecting the OPAC and explain the changes they are seeing in the online catalog.

Attendees will be able to identify RDA records when they see them in their online catalog, and understand the "why" behind these changes.

Presenter: Denise Garofalo from Mount Saint Mary College

CE Credits: Cataloging & Bibliographic Control - 3 CE

Audience: Librarians and Technical Service Staff

Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)

- ✓ **Anticipate, Prepare, and Manage: Emergencies, Incidents, and Everything In Between**
Tuesday, June 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC), 21 S. Elting Corners Road, Highland, NY
This interactive session will introduce how the Hamilton College Library and IT Services uses an incident response team to allow them to quickly and effectively manage simple through complex incidents and emergencies, including discovery, assessment, action plans, documentation, communication, and follow-up. Participants will be encouraged to do the same.
Trainers: Kristin L. Strohmeyer, Debbora Bartel Quayle & Beth Bohstedt, Hamilton College
Cost: The workshop is \$25 for members, including affiliate members, and \$40 for non-members.
Register: [SENYLRC website](#)

- ✓ **RCLS/OLA Friends Gathering**
Thursday, June 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Moffat Library of Washingtonville
The Friends of Moffat Library will make a presentation about how they organized to help restore their beautiful library, which had been closed since Hurricane Irene hit. There will be networking and displays.
For additional information, see the [event flyer](#). All are welcome to attend.
Register: [RCLS Calendar](#)

June Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted.

- ✓ **30 for 3D: Services, Programs, Tips**
Tuesday, June 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
While libraries are increasingly adopting 3D printing technology, they often struggle with building a sustainable model. Our speaker, a 3D printing enthusiast, shares 30 ideas for programs and services, as well as some useful tricks that can save you time and money. Whether you're looking to bring 3D printing to your library or build on an existing service, you're sure to find inspiration!
Sponsored by [Making and STEAM Round Table \(MSRT\)](#)
Presenter: Nick Tanzi, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library
Register: [NYLA website](#)

 - ✓ **Reimagining Transgender 'Inclusion' for Libraries.**
Tuesday, June 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Are you interested in increasing your understanding of transgender issues, changing your use of gendered language, and thinking about your library's policies of inclusion? This session focuses on providing a basic understanding of the rich variety of gender identities and experiences, best practices for working with transgender patrons and communities, and tips on where to begin thinking about the impact of library policies on queer and transgender people. Participants will be introduced to trans-inclusive language and basic concepts of gender and sexuality, improved services for transgender patrons, and the opportunity to move beyond basic respect and inclusion to affirmation and representation. This session is appropriate for all types of library and public service workers and will give you practical tips, tools and takeaways to improve your interactions and services for transgender patrons and co-workers.
Presenters: Sunny Kim, Micah Kehrein, Bean Yogi, Seattle Public Library & Reed Garber-Pearson, University of Washington.
Register: [First Tuesdays website](#)
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✓ Inspiring Sensory Play: Babies and Toddlers

Thursday, June 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Engage your littlest patrons with a program that incorporates the Early Literacy Skill of play. This program will provide participants with instructions on how to implement a sensory program on any budget, explore hands-on sensory stations, and learn how to turn a dollar store pool noodle into several early literacy activities.

Presenter: Jennifer Preisser, Children's Librarian at the Greece Public Library in Rochester NY.

Register: [NYLA website](#)

✓ Making Space for Active Learning in Your Library

Tuesday, June 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Transformation happens when a library reimagines and reconfigures its physical space so that community engagement shifts from passive to active. The fifteen libraries that participated in the Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces project are dynamic proof of that. They learned and applied principles of active learning, placemaking and design thinking to create "smart spaces" where the community learns and creates together and strengthens social bonds. In this webinar, we'll describe an innovative process that any size of library can follow to uncover community needs and translate those needs into flexible lively learning space. Hear about the real experiences of two project participants who transformed drab, underused spaces into hubs of activity and energy. It can happen at your library.

Presenters: Betha Gutsche, WebJunction Programs Manager; Brianna Hoffman, WebJunction Project Coordinator; Jennifer Trail, Director, Glens Ferry (ID) Public Library and Melanie Morgan, Director, Madison County (NC) Public Libraries

Register: [WebJunction website](#)

✓ Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency at Your Library

Wednesday, June 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This webinar will provide you with guidance on how to prepare your library to respond to the next disaster or crisis and to support community resiliency.

Recent catastrophes have highlighted the important role public libraries play in enhancing their community's resiliency and post-disaster recovery efforts. Many community leaders now view libraries as ad hoc disaster recovery centers and recognize librarians as Information First Responders. This presentation will help you and your library embrace this new role as Information First Responders, who quickly enable people to get back to work, back to their lives, and ensure recovery of the community's economic life. Learn what you need to prepare before disaster strikes, guided by New Jersey State Library's [Disaster Preparedness & Community Resiliency Toolkit](#), which has been emergency-tested by libraries. Your library can be at the forefront in providing that safe haven in times of crisis and helping your community return to normal life.

Brought to you by the [Sustainability Initiative \(SI\)](#)

Presenter: Michele Stricker, Deputy State Librarian for Lifelong Learning, New Jersey State Library

Register: [NYLA website](#)

Note: This is a free webinar; participants will not receive CE credit.



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Due Dates

★ Friday, June 15

Nominations for [RCLS Annual Meeting Awards](#) to Awards Committee c/o RCLS

RCLS Annual Meeting Awards

Reminder that **nominations** for all three RCLS Annual Meeting Awards **must be received no later than Friday, June 15, 2018** by the Awards Committee c/o RCLS. Nominations submitted after that date will not be accepted. The 2017 program winners in the respective categories are not eligible for nomination in 2018.

Detailed guidelines for the three awards are available on the [RCLS website](#). Presentation of the three awards will be made at the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting on Friday, September 14 at The Sullivan Event Center.

If you have any questions, contact Ruth Daubenspeck at RCLS (ruth@rcls.org or at extension 222).

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System Calendar

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May

Monday, 28

Memorial Day Observed—RCLS CLOSED
NO DELIVERIES

Wednesday, 30—Friday, June 1

[Book Expo America](#), Javits Center, NYC

June

Friday, 1

RCLS COSAG, RCLS—10:00 a.m.

Saturday, 2—Sunday, 3

[BookCon](#), Javits Center, NYC

Monday, 4

ANSER, RCLS—9:30 a.m.

Monday, 4

CLOUSC, Washingtonville—9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday, 6

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

Thursday, 7

[RDA and You: Basics on Cataloging for the 21st Century Work?](#), RCLS 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 8

SUPLA, Monticello—9:30 a.m.

Friday, 8

Sullivan County Battle of the Books, Grahamsville—6:00 p.m.

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