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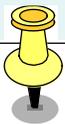
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## RCLS Board Meeting

The materials for the **Monday, April 15** 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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## The State of America's Libraries 2019

*AL: The Scoop, Apr. 7:*

On April 8, ALA released [The State of America's Libraries 2019](#), an annual summary of library trends released during [National Library Week, April 7–13](#), that outlines statistics and issues affecting all types of libraries. The report finds that library workers are on the front lines addressing community challenges, often in roles outside of traditional library service—as first responders, career counselors, social workers, teachers, and technology instructors. The report reaffirms that [Libraries = Strong Communities](#). National Library Week this year prompted much [press coverage](#), including a [love letter to libraries](#) from a Maine patron. The Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 347 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2018. Overall, 483 books were challenged in 2018. OIF selected the [Top 11 Most Frequently Challenged](#) items.



## FLS Randall Enos Scholarship

New York Library Association's (NYLA) [Friends of Libraries Section](#) (FLS) Executive Board is proud to announce a brand new scholarship named for its President Emeritus Randall Enos. The scholarship will provide \$500 each for two FLS members to attend the NYLA Annual Conference in odd-numbered years.

Applications are now being accepted for 2019. The Enos Scholarship will be given to two members of FLS to attend the NYLA Annual Conference this year. Applicants must be active in a local Friends of the Library group. One scholarship will be awarded to a first-time attendee at the conference and the second award will go to someone who may, or may not, have previously attended.

See the complete coverage of this exciting new scholarship opportunity in the March 2019 issue of [Friends News and Notes](#). The centerfold of the newsletter contains the entire [scholarship packet](#).

The deadline to submit an application is **5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15**. Direct questions to [anne.andrianos@gmail.com](mailto:anne.andrianos@gmail.com).

To make a contribution to the FLS Randall Enos Scholarship, visit the [NYLA website](#).

## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Author clings to his Spring Valley roots](#) | LoHud.com 4.10.19

### National

- [Census funding in budget leaves advocates wanting](#) | Capitol Confidential 4.1.19
- [Drag queen reading event at Georgia library removed from calendar](#) | Atlanta Journal-Constitution 4.1.19
- [7 unexpected things that libraries offer besides books](#) | TheConversation.com 4.1.19
- [S. Dakota libraries starts 'Bookmobile Wednesdays' for unsupervised children](#) | Sioux Falls Argus Leader 3.28.19
- [Reading to Your Toddler? Print Books Are Better Than Digital Ones](#) | The New York Times 3.25.19
- [You can now grab a fancy cocktail at the Boston Public Library](#) | Boston Globe 3.19.19
- [Bookmobile services expand to meet growing demand](#) | Bismark North Dakota Tribune 3.16.19

## Boston Public Library's Tea-infused Literary Cocktails

*MassLive Media, Worcester, Mass.*

Boston residents can drink to the classics in Copley Square. The Boston Public Library's [Map Room Tea Lounge](#) opened March 20, offering tartines, desserts, and literary-inspired drinks. Perhaps the most popular beverage was "Tequila Mockingbird," a blood-orange cocktail inspired by the Harper Lee classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*. There's also the "Dorian Gray," "War and Peace," and "Mad Hatter." The cocktails are infused with flowery teas. The Catered Affair, which runs the library's dining services, worked with Cambridge-based Mem Tea and Martignetti, a wine and spirits distributor in New England.

## Making Space for Active Learning in Your Library

Making Space for Active Learning in Your Library is a self-paced learning experience to guide your library through the process of rethinking and reconfiguring physical space to make room for active learning and to work with your community to create new services and programs. These three modules can be completed at your own pace, and were funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

To learn more and get started, visit the [WebJunction website](#).

## Applications Sought for Sullivan County Poet Laureate

The Sullivan Public Library Alliance is seeking a Poet Laureate to promote "the Spirit of Sullivan County." The Poet Laureate will be an ambassador and leading voice for encouraging the appreciation of reading and writing poetry in the County. The poet laureate will engage a variety of constituencies, including both children and adults, in enriching the lives of residents by sharing and promoting poetry through conversations, readings, public appearances and digital/social media.

The term of service is one year – from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020. Responsibilities include presenting works of significance to Sullivan County audiences for a minimum of nine appearances over 12-month term, one in each of the nine legislative districts. Applications must include three sample poems, one of them specific to "The Spirit of Sullivan County."

**Applications are due Tuesday, April 30.** For information and guidelines, visit [MamakatingLibrary.org](#). This project is made possible with funds from Arts for Sullivan Decentralization Community Grants Program, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance; as well as the Catskill Art Society; Friends of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello and Friends of the Mamakating Library in Wurtsboro and Lynn Skolnick.

## Photo of the Week



Greenwood Lake Public Library Director Jill Cronin with Max Cordella, Senator Jen Metzger's District Director. Max was at the library Monday, April 8 to host Mobile Office Hours. He was available to answer questions, address concerns and provide assistance in using government services.

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.



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## Freeform Crochet & Knitting

The MTL Knit & Crochet Club of the Middletown Thrall Library's Youth Services Department will host Marie Segares, a knitting and crochet pro at the library on **Saturday, May 4 from 12 noon to 3 p.m.**

Marie will present a hands-on workshop on *Freeform Crochet & Knitting*, a fiber art that includes creative techniques using a variety of stitches without a pattern.

Registration is required and includes a \$5 fee for materials. Visit or call the Children's Department at 341.5470 for more information or to register.

Marie shares free crochet and knitting patterns, sewing projects, and more on the Underground Crafter blog at [undergroundcrafter.com](http://undergroundcrafter.com). She has been hooked on crochet since she learned from her grandmother when she was 9, and she conquered her fear of knitting in 2010.

In addition to designing, Marie is a professional member of the Crochet Guild of America and is a Digital Content Creator member of the Association for Creative Industries. Beyond teaching crochet and knitting in her hometown of New York City, Marie has also taught at the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival, The North Jersey Fiber Arts Festival, and the Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival



## 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](#).

### April

#### Tuesday, 16

What the Internet Knows About You (And Why You Should Care), RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, 17

System Orientation, CANCELED

#### Thursday, 18

[Using effective communication to master conflict in the workplace](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, 19

**Orange/Ulster BOCES Spring Recess Day  
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

#### Monday, 22

ANSER, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday 22

CLOUSC, Highland Falls – 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday, 22

RCLS Personnel and Finance Committee / Search Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, 23

[102: Intermediate Trustee Education](#), West Nyack – 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, 24

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

#### Thursday, 25

LARC Executive Board, New City – 10:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, 25

[Data Analysis Workshop](#), RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

#### Friday, 26

[NYLA YSS Spring Conference](#), Double Tree Hotel, Tarrytown, NY

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# 102: Intermediate Trustee Education

**Tuesday,  
April 23,  
2019**

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**West Nyack  
Free Library**

65 Strawtown Road  
West Nyack, NY  
845.358.6081

If you have served as a Board member of a library for more than three years, you are encouraged to attend this session. This is not an introductory course. A basic knowledge of the role and responsibilities of a library trustee in the State of New York (session 101) is advised.

This session will cover some of laws and regulations that libraries must comply with, financial reports, motions and fiscal issues you need to be aware of as a Board member. It will also consist of a review of the best practices for running an effective Board meeting, including the role of a Board President.

Light dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

## Presenter

Grace Riario, RCLS Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, April 22. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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# Data Analysis Workshop

**Thursday,  
April 25,  
2019**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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## Workshop

“The Census Bureau is dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America’s people, places, and economy”  
Census.gov

The Census Bureau collects a lot of different data every year, not just every ten years. All of that data is available, but the problem is most of us do not know how to retrieve, interpret and use it to apply for a grant, to develop a new program or to create or cancel a service.

The session will be hands-on; space is limited.

## Presenter

Megan Tennermann, AICP, Planner from the Orange County Planning Department will go over the data the census collects, how she uses the data to support County programs, non-profit organizations, governments, and businesses, and what type of data can be most useful to you.

## CE Credit

This is a Planning and Evaluation Workshop; participants will receive 1.5 Contact Hours.

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 24. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



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# 2020 Census Training

## Workshop

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. Counting an increasingly diverse and growing population is a massive undertaking. Ultimately, the success of the census depends on everyone's participation. Libraries, as always, will be playing a pivotal role in educating community members about the impact the Census data will have in our lives for the next ten years.

The 2020 Census data will be essential for you and your community. Please join us at one of the 2020 Census training sessions below. As library staff, you will face many questions about the 2020 Census; people will be coming to the libraries seeking help on filling out the online form. We want to be prepared!

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### Orange County

RCLS Headquarters  
Wednesday, June 5  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
[Register here](#)

### Rockland County

Pearl River  
Public Library  
Thursday, June 6,  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
[Register here](#)

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## Presenter

Mario Garcia, Partnership Specialist - Lower Hudson Valley Region/U.S. Census Bureau

## Registration

Registration is required. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

