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Great Give Back

The Great Give Back (GGB), scheduled for **Saturday, October 19**, is a day for library patrons to participate in meaningful service-oriented experiences. 2019 is a pilot year that expands this initiative from Long Island to the rest of New York. RCLS member libraries have an opportunity to join this initiative for the first time! Libraries can participate in the GGB at different levels, from scheduling a service-oriented program they are already holding to creating new opportunities for patrons to help others in their community. Register via the [RCLS Calendar](#) for the **Tuesday, June 4** workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at RCLS to learn more about the program and how your library can join the Great Give Back.



Resources to Encourage Reading with *The Library 100 List*

[WebJunction 18 April 2019](#)

OCLC published a great list based on its original research: *The Library 100—Top Novels of All Time*. It's a list of the novels that more libraries have on their shelves than any others. And now you can take that research and use it locally with a librarians' kit, full of free, downloadable materials. The kit includes a discussion guide with activity ideas and a number of tips for how to use the list as a starting point for a conversation about "what makes a novel great."

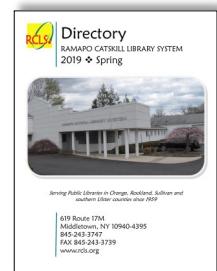


RCLS Directory

The Spring 2019 edition of the [RCLS Directory](#) is now online. This issue contains responses from 17 member libraries, including new addresses for Goshen and Liberty. Copies can be printed from the PDF file. The directory provides member libraries' hours, contact information, board meeting times, legislative districts as well as other pertinent information.

We appreciate the Directors' time and effort in helping us make the Directory a valuable communication tool.

Send new updates anytime to [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).



News Worthy

Regional

- [Library hosts Community Conversations series](#) | Roeliff Jansen Community Library | Hudson Valley 360 4.30.19

National

- [New Pine Valley Library ready for the future](#) | North Carolina StarNewsOnline.com 5.2.19
- [Kent District Library first in country to introduce system for cognitively impaired](#) | WZZM13 4.29.19
- [Keep Library Workers Safe](#) | American Libraries Magazine 4.23.19
- [When Local Newspapers Close, What Can Libraries Do?](#) | Intellectual Freedom Blog - American Library Association 4.22.19

RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, May 20** 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.

Reading Books is Important for the Brain

[Medium: Elemental, May 2](#)

Markham Heid writes: "Ken Pugh, director of research at the Yale-affiliated Haskins Laboratories, says the process of reading a book involves 'a highly variable set of skills that are deep and complex' and that activate all of the brain's major domains. 'Language, selective attention, sustained attention, cognition, and imagination—there's no question reading is going to strengthen all those,' he says. In particular, reading novels and works of narrative nonfiction train a reader's imagination and aspects of cognition that other forms of reading mostly neglect. Along with strengthening your brain, there's evidence that book reading may help you connect with friends and loved ones."



White Nationalists Target Bookstores and Library

[Washington Post, Apr. 29](#)

When a group of self-avowed white nationalists interrupted an author chat April 27 at Washington, D.C., bookstore Politics and Prose with a megaphone and chants of "This land is our land," workers were surprised—but not unprepared. The bookstore began training employees earlier in 2019 to respond to flash protests, co-owner Bradley Graham said. Bookstores, libraries, and book fairs have become frequent targets of white nationalist groups, who have interrupted author talks, children's reading hours (one at the Alvar branch of the New Orleans Public Library, where protesters dressed up as clowns), and threatened to burn down Revolution Books in Berkeley, California.



Help YALSA Name a New Teen Month

[YALSA Blog, Apr. 29](#)

This year, YALSA's Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week will be dissolving to form a month-long celebration of teen programming and teen services in libraries across the country. This new celebration will include displays, passive activities, and programming that will fit public libraries and school libraries. YALSA is asking both teens and librarians for their feedback on the celebration. To submit your celebration name, post your idea on social media using #yalsaname or fill out the [submission form](#) by May 31. The winner will receive prizes and recognition.



Photo of the Week



On Wednesday, April 10, 2019 the 20th Anniversary of Y2Kids Careers from A to Z Program was held at the U.S. Army 2nd Aviation Detachment hangar at Stewart International Airport. The Orange-Ulster BOCES Career & Technical Education Division coordinates the Y2Kids Program on behalf of all the schools and students in the area. The event is a day of hands-on, interactive career exploration activities geared toward middle-school kids, their parents and teachers. Students visited with career specialists from different career clusters, including health and medicine, nutrition, sports and entertainment, government and public services, construction, automotive and social work. These professionals talked with students and spent time answering questions and explaining what their chosen career entails. More than 2,000 kids from area schools attended the event. Thanks to contributions from local sponsors, participation is free.

Pictured are the fantastic crew that "manned" the CLOUSC table at Y2Kids. Thank you to (left to right) Vicki Ducham, Pine Bush; Karen Golding, Goshen; Liz Fisher, Cornwall; Beth Balogh, Walden and Joanna Goldfarb, RCLS.

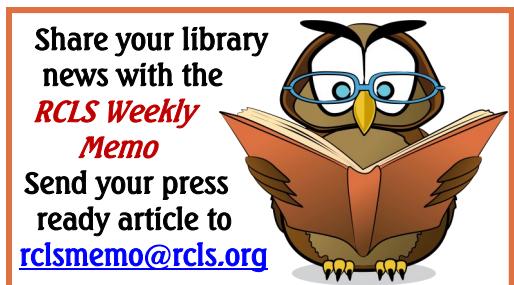
Share a library-related photo, include a brief caption, your name, position and the library's name. A photo release is required from recognizable individuals in the photo. [Click here](#) for the RCLS photo release. Submit the picture to rclsmemo@rcls.org with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.



The Miracle of the Mets 1969: 50th Anniversary

Cornwall Public Library
Monday, May 20
from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.

An amazin' year it was! Join us as Lecturer Rick Feingold shares memories of the 1960s Mets, from their 1962 humble beginnings as the worst team in baseball to their triumphant 1969 season as World Champions. Featured are Managers Casey Stengel and Gil Hodges, Hall of Famer Tom (Terrific) Seaver, World Series MVP Donn Clendenon, and fan favorite Tug McGraw. Includes Mets highlight video. *This is a drop-in program!*



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](#).

May

Monday, 13 – Friday, June 7

[Juvenile Book Preview Session](#), RCLS

Monday, 13

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 14

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

Wednesday, 15

[What the Internet Knows About You \(And Why You Should Care\)](#), Haverstraw – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 15

CTUG, Middletown – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 16

[MHVSHRM* Event—HR Hacks You'll Wish You Knew Sooner](#), RCLS – 8:00 a.m.

Monday, 20

ANSER, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 20

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

Monday, 20

[RCLS Board](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 21

[Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Trustees & Directors Only](#), Haverstraw – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, 23

[Construction Workshop—Review of Eligible Projects](#),
RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 27

Memorial Day Observed
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES

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What the Internet Knows About YOU (And Why YOU Should Care)

Wednesday May 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Haverstraw
King's
Daughters
Public Library

10 West Ramapo Road
Garnerville, NY
845.786.3800



This is a Technology Workshop; participants will receive 4 Contact Hours.

Workshop

Many of the online applications we have come to know and love trade their free services for access to your personal data. And whether we know it or not, the data we create has become an extremely valuable commodity.

This workshop will provide a gentle introduction to how the internet works so that we can identify how and why our information can be collected, both with and without our knowledge.

We will take a tour of the online information flow, discuss the ways in which our information is used, and describe how even our smallest actions – like which posts we stop to read and which links we click – amount to data so valuable that internet companies will do almost anything to keep your attention.

We will explore the ways in which internet companies make their products compelling and provide steps to take to reduce your contributions (should you choose) to companies that grow rich based on your time and attention.

By the end of this workshop, you will have a better sense of the data that is being collected about you, why it is being collected, and what we can do to protect ourselves from this relentless surveillance.

Presenter

As Program Manager for Technology, Culture, and Libraries, Davis's work focuses on understanding the impact of technology on culture at large, translating these challenges into real solutions for library staff. She is project lead for NYC Digital Safety, an NYC-funded program that keeps library staff informed about evergreen topics in data privacy and digital security.

Davis worked with Mozilla Foundation to review and update their web literacy curriculum, resulting in the launch of Mozilla's Core Curriculum for Web Literacy in March 2018. In addition to planning and emceeing METRO's symposia series, Davis has designed and facilitated workshops on data privacy and security, web mechanics, and personal networking skills for library staff.

Registration

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



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Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Trustees and Directors

Tuesday,
May 21,
2019

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

**Haverstraw King's
Daughters Public
Library**

10 West Ramapo Road
Garnerville, NY
845.786.3800



This session is for Library Directors and Trustees only. The session will include the sexual harassment prevention training workshop based on the New York State Department of Labor final model of a training program made public on October 1, 2018. The training will be interactive as required by law. PLUS participants will have the opportunity to ask legal questions regarding the law, the policy and the requirements as an employer.

Presenter

Ellen Bach practices principally in the area of labor and employment law and litigation. Ms. Bach represents public and private employers in federal and State courts, labor arbitrations, and administrative proceedings before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, U.S. Department of Labor, New York State Division of Human Rights, New York State Department of Labor, and other administrative agencies. For more than 25 years, she has advised clients regarding daily employment decisions such as hiring, discipline, and termination of employees; drafted employment contracts, personnel manuals and other employment-related documents; and worked with employers to ensure compliance with federal and state statutes such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and others. She has previously served as special in-house labor and employment counsel to a Fortune 100 company.

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 20. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.



Ramapo Catskill Library System
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Construction Workshop Review of Eligible Projects

**Thursday,
May 23,
2019**

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
845.243.3747

An in-depth discussion on what types of projects are eligible for the New York State Public Library Construction Aid program. Projects previously funded, program timeline and new program developments will be reviewed, as well as your specific questions answered.

The Mandatory Construction Workshop scheduled for Thursday, August 1 will provide detailed instruction on how to prepare a successful application.

Presenter

Stephen Hoefer, RCLS Fiscal Officer

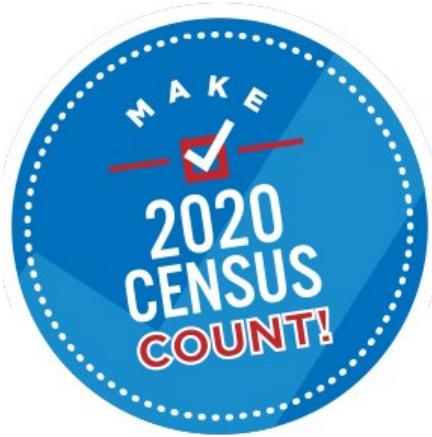
Registration

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

This is a Construction workshop; participants will receive 2.5 contact hours for attending.



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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!

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.





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MANDATORY Construction Workshop

**Thursday,
August 1,
2019**

Mandatory:
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Optional:
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Ramapo
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System**

619 Route 17M
Middletown, NY
845.243.3747



This workshop will provide an in-depth discussion on how to prepare a successful New York State Public Library Construction Aid application.

The *mandatory* morning session will delve into the nitty-gritty details of the online application and other grant requirements. **The person directly involved in preparing the application must attend this workshop – no exceptions.**

During the optional afternoon session, participants will complete several required documents together.

Lunch will be provided.

Presenter

Stephen Hoefer, RCLS Fiscal Officer

Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 31. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

This is a Construction workshop; participants will receive 3 contact hours for attending.