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Notice to All RCLS

On **Thursday, September 27** RCLS will be closed so that staff can participate in a Professional Development Day. No deliveries will be made that day. Voice messages and e-mails may be left for staff members; however, they may not be answered until the following day. ANSER staff will only be responding to emergency calls.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

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2018 RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting Wrap-up

Martha Anderson, RCLS Board President welcomed 167 attendees, representing 38 RCLS member libraries to the 31st Legislative Breakfast and 59th Annual Meeting on Friday, September 14 at The Sullivan Event Center, Rock Hill, NY.

Legislators attending the morning event included Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Assemblyman Karl Brabenc. Also giving their support of public libraries was Anne Barnhart, representative to Assemblyman Brian D. Miller.

Three Library Champions addressed the group on what the library means to them. They were Sheena Thompson, patron of both the Ellenville Public Library & Museum and Mamakating Library, Zoey Ketcham, a middle school student and Fallsburg Library patron and Catherine Scott, avid community volunteer and Western Sullivan Public Library Friends President.

Robert Hubsher, RCLS Executive Director gave remarks on the work and role of libraries. His remarks can be viewed on the [RCLS website](#).



Assemblywoman
Aileen Gunther

Lynn Skolnick, RCLS Trustee and chair of the Annual Meeting and Awards Committee, announced the winner of the Member Library Adult Program of the Year Award and presented a framed certificate and check for \$500 to Lori Salotto and Kristen McNerney of the Nanuet Public Library for the Program "Literacy Solutions Citizenship Class." Valley Cottage Library received a framed Honorable Mention Certificate for its program "Adult(ish): A Meetup for 20- and 30-somethings."

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News Worthy

National

- [Opinion | Want to defend democracy? Start with your public library](#) | The Washington Post 09.18.18

Adult(ish): A Meetup for 20- and 30-somethings

*Amelia Kalin, Director,
Valley Cottage Library*

Valley Cottage Library is very proud of its adult librarian team of Ashley Maraffino, Katie Karkheck and Sean Antonucci for creating and developing an innovative program targeted at the 20-30 something generation of readers and potential library users. Not only were they awarded an Honorable Mention Award by the RCLS Annual Meeting Awards Committee in 2018, but they have also been selected by the NYLA Public Library Section as the winner of the 2018 PLS Section Innovative Program Award!

In 2017, “Adult(ish): A Meetup for 20- and 30-somethings” grew out of a very successful program they had been running since 2013, called the Book & Pub Club, a monthly book discussion that meets in the local bars. They wanted to bring their many enthusiastic Book and Club attendees into the physical library and attract others in this demographic who may be looking for community and engagement with their peers but aren’t interested in joining a book club. Adult(ish) fit the bill! Creative programs include “game Nights,” Bad Art Night, Lego Build It Night and a Throwback Halloween party.

Congratulations Ashley, Katie and Sean!!

The Member Library Youth Program of the Year Award, a framed certificate and check for \$500, was presented to Joan Rosen of the Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library for the program “Express Your World.” A framed Honorable Mention Certificate was awarded to New City Library for its program “Sewing for Kids.”

The Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee Award and a check for \$250 were presented to Judy Epstein who is a trustee at the Piermont Library District.

After the Breakfast several attendees stayed for the Annual Meeting at which Stephen Hofer, RCLS Fiscal Officer and Assistant Treasurer, presented the [2019 RCLS Budget](#).

RCLS Board President Martha Anderson thanked the Annual Meeting sponsors for their generous support in providing under-



Assemblyman Karl Brabenec

writing for the event:

Platinum Level - Crown Castle, Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Orange Bank & Trust Company and RCLS Board of Trustees; Gold Level - Friends of Cornwall Library, Friends of the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society, The Friends of The Western Sullivan Public Library, Friends of the Nyack Library and OverDrive; Silver Level – Envisionware, Friends of the Newburgh Free Library, P.N. Security Systems and W.E. Brennan, Inc., Aflac; and Bronze Level - Friends of the Moffat Library of Washingtonville, Friends of the Pine Bush Area Public Library and Friends of the Wallkill Public Library.

Four seats on the RCLS Board of Trustees - one each from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties - needed filling at this meeting. Bernard Marone of Goshen was re-elected to the Orange County seat. His term will end on December 31, 2023. Karen Bash-Romaner of Suffern was elected to a partial term representing Rockland County that will end on December 31, 2020. Helen Rados of Monticello was re-elected to a full-term representing Sullivan County. Her seat will end on December 31, 2023. The Ulster County seat went unfilled.

Thank you to everyone that took time out of their day to attend the Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting. A BIG THANK YOU to those that brought their displays and handouts to make the event the success it was.

If you were unable to attend the Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting and would like to view the program, it can be found on the [RCLS website](#).

Photos of the Week



Three Library Champions spoke at the RCLS Legislative Breakfast. Left is Sheena Thompson, Mamakating Library, bottom left is Catherine Scott, Western Sullivan Public Library and bottom right is Zoey Ketcham, Fallsburg 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.



PLS Awards

The NYLA Public Library Section (PLS) Board has announced the 2018 PLS Awards recipients, including *two RCLS member libraries*, as follows:

- **Innovative Program**
Ashley Maraffino, Head of Adult Services, Valley Cottage Library
 - **Best Practices**
Annie Chase - Director, Potsdam Public Library
 - **Building Awards: Renovation and Restoration**
John Jermain Memorial Library
Moffat Library of Washingtonville
- Congratulations to ALL!



RCLS Biblio Basket Raffle

Seven literary-themed baskets are being offered in the RCLS Biblio Basket Raffle and YOU could be a lucky winner. Each one is overflowing with goodies and includes items designed and manufactured by Storiarts (an Oregon-based company whose sale of literary-themed products aids children worldwide in learning to read, write, and create)! Contents of *each* basket is valued at over \$75.

View photos of the baskets and ticket ordering information on the [RCLS website](#).

Why enter? The person whose winning ticket is drawn takes home a basket filled with wonderful items and the proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets benefit the RCLS Delivery Van Fund. Plus, a portion of the proceeds from every item sold by Storiarts is donated to LitWorld, a non-profit organization dedicated to on-the-ground innovative solutions to tackling illiteracy worldwide.

The drawing of the winners will take place **November 19, 2018**. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email.

Address questions via e-mail to: Anita Baumann, Chair of Advocacy & Fundraising Committee, at abaumann@rcls.org

Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets, and GOOD LUCK to ALL the entrants!



The Great Gatsby Basket

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](#).

September

Monday, 24—Friday, October 19

[Preview Book Center](#), RCLS 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, 24

CLOUSC, Newburgh – 9:15 a.m.

Monday, 24

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 24

[RCLS 2019 Budget Hearing](#), Suffern – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 25

[Fundamentals of Network and Library Continuity](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 26

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

Thursday, 27

**RCLS Professional Development Day
RCLS CLOSED—NO DELIVERIES**

Thursday, 27

LARC-Adult Services, Valley Cottage – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 28

[RCLS COSAG](#), Maddy's Diner – 10:00 a.m.

October

Monday, 1

RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 10:15 a.m.
BOTB Planning – 9:00 a.m.
Mock Printz Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 2

[Bookface & Beyond: Creating Engaging Content for Social Media](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 3

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

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