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RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, March 18** 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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Congratulations to Claudia Depkin!

Congratulations to [Claudia Depkin](#), Director of the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library for being named among *Library Journal's* 2019 Movers & Shakers.

LJ's 2019 Movers & Shakers are 54 individuals that have made a remarkable contribution to the library field as well as impacting the people they serve. *LJ* will celebrate this year's Movers & Shakers, along with over 900 previous years' honorees, at the American Library Association (ALA) annual conference in Washington, D.C. the end of June. Learn more on [Library Journal's website](#).



Claudia will be speaking on *Sustainable Thinking in Libraries* at the 2019 LARC Conference on Friday, April 12. For more information on the Conference, visit the [LARC website](#).

Library Skills Academy

The Library Skills Academy, formerly the *Library Assistants Training Program*, is coming to the Warner Library, Tarrytown, NY in May.

This high level program is open to individuals already working or newly hired in libraries, or people interested in working for 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.

The cost for the program is \$215 for NYLA members and \$255 for non-NYLA members. All materials and lunch each day are included in the registration fee. Space is limited and is available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and to register, visit the [NYLA website](#).

News Worthy

National

- [Future of library building a flashpoint](#) | Wilmington NC StarNewsOnline 3.12.19
- [Here's what's happening in other cities with Drag Queen Storytimes](#) | The Greenville News 3.8.19
- [Louisville library cancels Drag Queen Storytime](#) | Louisville KY Courier Journal 3.8.19
- [20 years after 'Speak,' Laurie Halse Anderson is ready to 'Shout'](#) | Boston Globe 3.8.19
- [Book features voices of Brown v. Board plaintiffs and their descendants](#) | Topeka Capitol-Journal 3.3.19
- [Students refuse to read author accused of sexual harassment](#) | Phoenix AZ Central 2.21.19
- [Tiny neighborhood libraries worth checking out](#) | San Francisco Chronicle 2.15.19
- [Homegrown jazz heritage preserved at library, online](#) | San Francisco Chronicle 1.26.19

Rockland Library Wants Your Old Prom Dress

Rockland/Westchester Journal News, Feb 5, 2019

[Kimberly Redmond](#) writes, “Prom dresses can cost hundreds of dollars, making them an out-of-reach expense for some families, but a Rockland county library is trying to make sure every girl gets the chance to shine on that special night.”



The Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library is collecting new or slightly used prom dresses to offer at a small charge to area teens in need of an outfit. Donations can be dropped off by the end of April at the adult services desk.

First Book OMG Books Awards

First Book, the nonprofit social enterprise focused on equal access to quality education for children in need, has announced the launch of [OMG Books Awards](#): *Offering More Great Books to Spark Innovation*, a program that will unlock more than \$4.7 million in funding to distribute 1.5 million brand new books to children living in low-income communities. First Book estimates the total value of the books distributed will be more than \$12 million. For more information, visit the [First Book website](#). New York proposals are due on **Wednesday, May 15**.



Call for Nominations

The Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award is sponsored by the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association (NYLA). Given annually since 1993 (through the precursor of FLS, the Empire Friends Roundtable), the award honors a volunteer member or group from the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of the Library organizations.

To learn more about Daniel W. Casey and to find the nomination form, visit the [NYLA website](#). The deadline to submit nominations for this prestigious award is **Monday, July 1**. This year’s award recipient will be announced at the FLS annual membership meeting in Saratoga Springs on Friday, November 15, at the NYLA Annual Conference.



Nominations must include all relevant information outlined on the application form. Make sure to describe the contributions of the nominee (group or individual) to library service in detail; including positions held, years of service, accomplishments, successful fundraisers, etc.

If you have any questions, contact Marie Bindeman at mariebind1955@gmail.com or call 716.433.0548.

Photos of the Week



The Newburgh Free Library hosted a job fair in collaboration with the New York State Department of Labor on Wednesday, February 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thirty businesses took the time to come, set up displays throughout the library and meet with the patrons. About 300 job seekers from 11 different counties came through the library's doors looking for a job.

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.

LC's New Digital Strategy

Greg Landgraf writes, "[Letters to Lincoln](#) is just one of the many projects that are part of the Library of Congress's new [five-year digital strategy](#) announced October 1, 2018. It falls under [Enriching the Library Experience](#), the library's FY2019–2023 strategic plan, which outlines such broad goals as expanding access to its collections and modernizing operations. 'The strategic plan has the vision of what we'd like the library to look like five years from now,' says Kate Zwaard, LC's director of digital strategy. 'The digital strategy breaks it down into specific initiatives.' LC created [Library of Congress Labs](#) in September 2017 to test projects that use LC's digital collections in innovative ways."

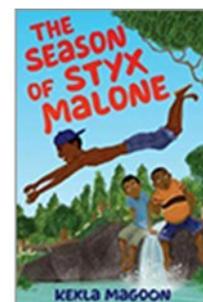
[American Libraries feature, Mar./Apr.](#)



2019 Notable Children's Books

ALSC has selected its 2019 list of Notable Children's Books. The list of titles, published in the previous year, includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and picture books of special interest, quality, creativity, and value to children 14 years of age and younger. For an annotated 2019 list and past Notable Children's Books lists, visit the [ALSC website](#). More information about [all children's notable media lists](#) is available online.

[ALSC, Feb. 25](#)



Friends Trip to Liberty Science Center

The Friends of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library has formed a partnership with CD Trips, a Sullivan County tour company whose mission is to organize trips that give back to the community. In the nearly 10 years they have been in business, CD Trips has organized more than 200 trips helping to raise in excess of \$110,000 for over 100 local organizations.

The Friends are sponsoring a trip to the Liberty Science Center in Liberty State Park, NJ on **Sunday, April 28**. This is a great opportunity for the home-schoolers at your library as well as parents or grandparents who wish to spend a fun and educational day with the younger ones!

Go to the [CD trips website](#) for pricing and more information.



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](#).

March

Monday, 18

[Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#)

RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 18

[RCLS Board Meeting](#), RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 19

[101: Basic Library Trustee Education](#), RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 20

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

Thursday, 21

LARC-Executive Board, Spring Valley – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 25

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

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CLOUSC, Chester – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 27

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

Thursday, 28

LARC-AS, Suffern – 10:00 a.m.



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