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## RCLS Trustee Nominations

A reminder that four RCLS Board of Trustee seats are open for election this year, one seat each in Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties. Nomination and second documentation for these Trustee seats should be sent to the attention of the Secretary of the Board (Carla Randazzo Amthor) at RCLS or e-mailed to [Ruth Daubenspeck](#) by the close of business on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019**. For details, visit the [RCLS website](#).



Send biographies of nominees to [Ruth Daubenspeck](#), RCLS by **Wednesday, August 14** to be included in the *RCLS Weekly Memo* and the Annual Meeting program. Please stress in the biography previous library and/or community service. We ask that the biography not exceed 250 words.

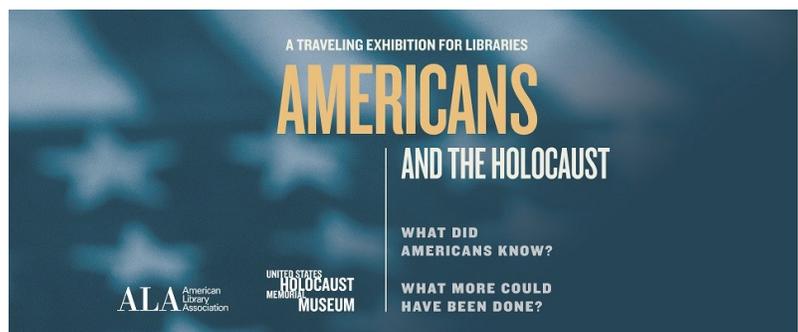
The elections for the four seats will be held at the Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting on **Friday, September 13** at The Sullivan Event Center, Rock Hill, NY. To register for the event, visit the [RCLS online calendar](#). The event is free.

## Host 'Americans and the Holocaust' Traveling Exhibition

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office invite libraries to apply to host [Americans and the Holocaust](#), a traveling exhibition that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

The special library exhibition — based on the [exhibition](#) at the USHMM in Washington, D.C. — will travel to 50 U.S. public and academic libraries from 2020 to 2022.

Read the [project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **Friday, August 9**.



## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Want Kids to Learn the Joy of Reading? Barbershops and Laundromats Can Help](#) | The New York Times 7.2.19
- [Poughkeepsie Library awarded Big Read grant](#) | MidHudsonNews.com 6.28.19
- [Summer's hottest books from regional authors](#) | Poughkeepsie Journal 6.27.19

### National

- [Fifty years ago, America read its way to the moon](#) | New Orleans Advocate 7.5.19
- [How New York libraries will help kids combat 'the summer slide'](#) | New York Post 6.29.19
- [In North Carolina, Laundromats are becoming libraries](#) | MSN.com 6.26.19
- [Dutch Artists Paint Giant Bookcase On An Apartment Building Featuring Residents' Favorite Books](#) | BoredPanda.com 6.2019



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## Developing Leaders Program

New York Library Association (NYLA) has announced the Developing Leaders Program (DLP). This nine-month program (August – April), totaling 37.5 contact hours, will help participants explore and strengthen their leadership skills. The program will be delivered both in person and via online courses. The DLP focuses on ‘soft-skills’ that are applicable across all types of libraries. Individuals with three or more years of experience working in libraries are invited to participate. An MLS is not a pre-requisite for this program. The program is limited to 28 participants.



In addition to the application form, a recommendation (ideally from the applicant’s employer) must be submitted. To access the application, recommendation form and all pertinent information visit the [NYLA website](#). Application and recommendation deadline is **Friday, July 19**.

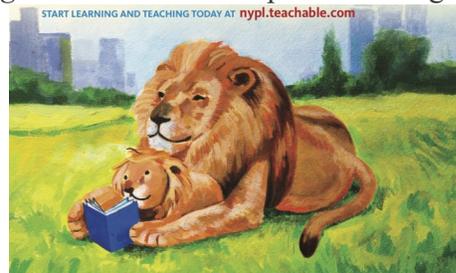
## Free Online Early Literacy Training from the New York Public Library

The New York Public Library is thrilled to announce the launch of its comprehensive early literacy training, *Raising the Bar: Integrating Early Childhood Development into Librarian Professional Development*, as a **free** online “train the trainer” curriculum. Over the last several years, the library has been working on an intensive early literacy training for its over 150+ children’s staff that combines youth librarianship expertise with cutting-edge research on child development and best practices in early childhood education.

The training was co-created with the City University of New York’s Early Childhood Professional Development Institute and funded by Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as well as advised by a national group of experts, including Saroj Ghoting and Susan Neuman.

The new platform was designed with a “train the trainer” model, a philosophy that encourages learning by teaching and will allow facilitators to become experts in the material as they teach participants. *Raising the Bar* was developed as a bridge to connect early childhood development to public librarianship, as libraries are often the first introduction to early learning for families. Expanding upon the fantastic work of Every Child Ready to Read® 2nd Edition (ECRR2), the training focuses on family engagement and the belief that all librarians are community anchors, educators and early literacy ambassadors.

Start learning and teaching today at [nypl.teachable.com](http://nypl.teachable.com).



## Photo of the Week



Celebrity sighting at the *Youth Book Festival* hosted by Monticello's Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library recently. Eldred school librarian Lori Bizjak had a tough job for the day escorting Geronimo Stilton around the library grounds. Who is that behind the furry face?

*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.*

## Greenwood Lake Public Library Presents “1969: 50 Years Later”

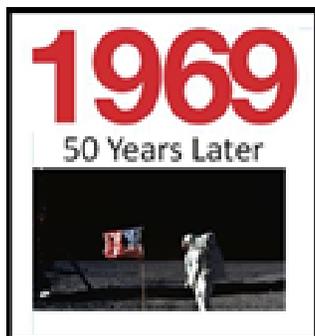
*The Warwick Advertiser, July 4*

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the many news events of 1969, the Greenwood Lake Public Library will present “1969: 50 Years Later” on **Thursday, July 18**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with lecturer and author Evan Weiner.

Some of the milestone events of that year include the landing of the first man on the moon, Woodstock, the Miracle Mets World Series victory, the Beatles’ last public performance and the introduction of Sesame Street and Monty Python’s Flying Circus.

Weiner was a columnist with the *New York Sun* and writes for *The Daily Beast* about the politics of the sports and entertainment business. He has a daily podcast called, *The Politics of Sports Business*. Weiner has won several journalism awards and appeared on numerous television and radio shows. In 2015, Weiner was featured in the movie documentary *Sons of Ben*, the story of how a group of fans got a Major League Soccer team in the Philadelphia, PA, market. Weiner has also authored seven books.

Registration is required for this 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](#).

### July

**Monday, 15**

RCLS Board Retreat, Goshen – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 17**

RCLS Annual Meeting and Awards Committee, RCLS – 12:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 17**

RCLS Search Committee, RCLS – 4:30 p.m.

**Monday, 22**

ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 25**

[LARC-Adult Services](#), Nyack – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 31**

[Fall Management Professional Development Scholarship](#) – Applications Due at RCLS by 4:00 p.m.

### August

**Thursday, 1**

[Mandatory Construction Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 7**

[RCLS System Orientation](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, 9**

SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, 14**

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

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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.

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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.



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# System Orientation

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**Wednesday,  
August 7,  
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Join RCLS staff for System Orientation at RCLS. Any member library's employees, trustees or Friends are invited. Attendees will meet with the RCLS Interim Executive Director to gain an overview of what position RCLS plays with its member libraries. Then visitors will walk through the building and meet with the department supervisors who will explain the services their areas provide to get a total picture of what RCLS does.

## Registration

Registration is required by 8 a.m. Monday, August 5. Use the [RCLS online calendar](#) to guarantee your seat today.

