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RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting Recap

Anita Baumann, RCLS Board President, welcomed 176 attendees, representing 40 RCLS member libraries to the RCLS 31st Legislative Breakfast and 60th Annual Meeting on Friday, September 13 at The Sullivan Conference Center in Rock Hill, NY.

Legislators attending the beautiful morning event were Senators David Carlucci, Jen Metzger and James G. Skoufis, Assemblywomen Aileen M. Gunther and Ellen C. Jaffee, Assemblymen Johnathan G. Jacobson, Colin J. Schmitt and Kenneth Zebrowski, and Ann Barnhart representing Assemblyman Brian D. Miller.

Four Library Champions addressed the group on what the library means to them. They were Lilith Armstrong and her grandmother Judith Umlas (Palisades Free Library), Margaret Sanchez (Newburgh Free Library) and Elliott Auerbach (Ellenville Public Library & Museum).

Anita Baumann introduced the newly appointed RCLS Executive Director, Grace Riario. Grace noted that she is the first Hispanic woman to hold this position in New York State. She acknowledged those who have worked with her in the past. Grace stated that because of them, she was standing in this position today. Everyone in the room had a part in her journey.

As a library community, she recognized, we have embraced change. Change by appointing Lauren Moore as the first woman to be State Librarian in more than 200 years. As well as locally, change in that Rebekkah Smith



Library Champions: Elliot Auerbach, Lilith Armstrong with Judith Umlas and Margaret Sanchez

Aldrich is the first woman to be appointed Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System.

Grace can hardly wait to see what the RCLS library consortium will build together; what challenges we will face and what opportunities we will embrace working toward one goal, to serve our communities.

Lynn Skolnick, RCLS Trustee and Chair of the Annual Meeting and Awards Committee, presented the **Member Library Adult Program of the Year Award**, a plaque and check for \$500 to Angela Z. Strong, Director of the Nyack Library for the program “Carnegie Concert Series.” Christopher Morgan, Newburgh Free Library, accepted the Honorable Mention Award for the program “Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness.”

The **Member Library Young Adult Program of the Year Award**, a plaque and check for \$500, went to Carolyn Thorenz, Wallkill Public Library for its program “Historical Miniature Gaming



Above: Member Library Adult Program Award | Assemblywoman Ellen C. Jaffee with Angela Z. Strong, Director of the Nyack Library



Left: Member Library Young Adult Program Award | Ann Barnhart representing Assemblyman Brian D. Miller; Carolyn Thorenz, Staff, Wallkill Public Library and Senator Jen Metzger

Below: Randall Enos Member Library Children’s Program Award | Randall Enos and Cheryl Jones, Children Services, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello

Club.” Jill Cronin, Director of the Greenwood Lake Public Library accepted the Honorable Mention Award for the program “Sound & Music in Gaming.”

The **Randall Enos Member Library Children’s Program of the Year Award**, a plaque and check for \$500, went to Cheryl Jones, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, Monticello for the program “Star Wars Day: Jedi Training Academy.” Melinda Watkins, Valley Cottage Library accepted the Honorable Mention Award for the program “Early Literacy Adventures.”

The **Anthony J. Knipp Library Trustee Award**, a plaque and check for \$125 each, were presented to Marguerite Brown, a Trustee of the Western Sullivan Public Library and Norman R. Gallagher, a Trustee of the Port Jervis Free Library.



After the Breakfast many attendees stayed for the Annual Meeting, which included the approval of the 2018 Minutes.

Stephen Hoefer, RCLS Fiscal Officer and Assistant Treasurer, presented the 2020 RCLS Budget that needs member libraries' ratification by Friday, December 6, 2019. Budget hearings will be held at various locations. For a list of meetings, visit the [RCLS website](#).

Four seats on the RCLS Board of Trustees needed filling at this meeting.

John Schneider of Middletown was elected to the Orange County seat. His term will end on December 31, 2024. **Rita Tavel Fogelman** of West Nyack was elected to a full term representing Rockland County that will end on December 31, 2024. **Sherry Silvers** of Liberty was elected to the full-term Sullivan County seat that will end on December 31, 2024. **Carla Randazzo Amthor** was re-elected to the Ulster County seat that will end on December 31, 2023.

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their work day to attend the Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting. A BIG THANK YOU to those who 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.



2020 Carnegie Whitney Award

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from “A Resource Guide about Disabilities, Disability Theory, and Assistive Technologies” to “A Bibliography for Queer Teens” to “Graphic Novels & the Humanity of Mental Illness” to “Web Accessibility Resources for Libraries.”

Applications must be received by **Friday, November 1**. Recipients will be notified by the end of February 2020.

For more information and guidelines, visit the [ALA website](#) or contact Mary Jo Bolduc, Grant Administrator, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611; e-mail: mbolduc@ala.org.

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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, 23

CLOUSC, Goshen – 9:15 a.m.

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ANSER Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

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RCLS / OLA Friends Gathering, Goshen – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 24

[2020 Census Training](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 25

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

Wednesday, 25

RUG, Warwick – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 26

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

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Cybersecurity Group, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

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[RCLS 2020 Budget Hearing](#), Suffern – 7:00 p.m.

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Friday, 4

RCLS COSAG, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 7

Battle of the Books / RCLS Teen Librarians, RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

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[RCLS 2020 Budget Hearing](#), Monticello – 7:00 p.m.

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2020 Census Training

**Tuesday,
September 24,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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619 Route 17M
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Workshop

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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

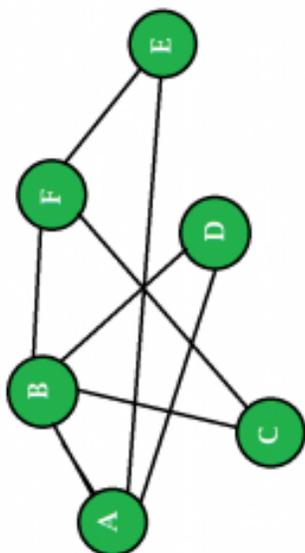
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These systems are reliant on algorithmic processes. Algorithms are often considered a company's "secret sauce," and usually the public doesn't know what's in them. This session will demystify the concept of an algorithm and will shed light on what we *do* know about the systems that make some of the more pressing decisions in our lives.

We will learn how our human biases are incorporated into algorithms, discuss the venues in which algorithm-based systems are pernicious, and discuss new ways of helping our communities better understand this new backdrop of machine-based decision making.

**Tuesday,
October 8,
2019**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Valley Cottage
Free Library**

110 Route 303
Valley Cottage, NY
845.268.7700

Presenter

Davis Erin Anderson's work focuses on understanding the impact of technology on the 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 emceeding METRO's symposia series, Davis has designed and facilitated workshops on data privacy and security, web mechanics, and personal networking skills for library staff.

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Orange County

RCLS Headquarters
Thursday, October 17
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[Register here](#)

Sullivan County

Ethelbert B. Crawford
Public Library
Thursday, October 24,
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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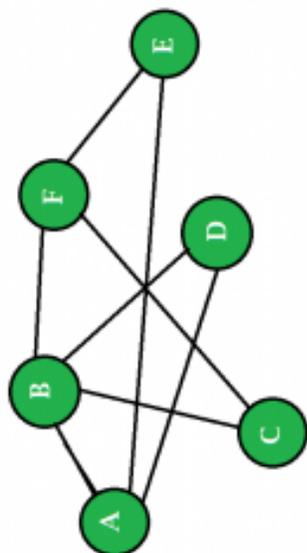
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