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## RCLS Board Talking Points



At its Tuesday, February 18 meeting, the RCLS Board of Trustees had the following Talking Points:

- Ask that member library staff watch for the 2020 Census stickers and bookmarks in English and Spanish that will be distributed from RCLS.
- Invite trustees, directors and staff of member libraries to attend one of the RCLS Plan of Service Focus Group meetings scheduled during April, May and June.
- Approved for submission the 2019 RCLS State Annual Report.
- Save the date: **Friday, September 25, 2020** for the RCLS Legislative Breakfast and Annual Meeting at the Bear Mountain Inn and Conference Center.

The Talking Points will be elaborated on in the Minutes of the February Board meeting, which will be posted to the [RCLS website](#) about a week before the next regular meeting on Monday, March 16 at RCLS. The current materials are available on the website (Minutes/Financial Reports and Executive Director's Report). If you have any questions about the Talking Points, contact Grace Riario at RCLS (243.3747, ext. 233 or [e-mail](#)).

## Apply for a 2020 Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant

[Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, Feb. 11](#)

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, dedicated to supporting arts and literacy programs in public schools and libraries across the country, is encouraging qualifying educators to apply for an Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant. The deadline for [submissions](#) is **Tuesday, March 31**. Approximately 70 grants, up to \$500 each, will be awarded to teachers and librarians in public schools and libraries whose proposals reflect an imaginative approach to experiential learning. The Foundation welcomes mini-grant proposals focusing on any subject.



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## Photo of the Week



An early evening view of the Nyack Library snapped by Aldona Pilmanis, Head of Youth Services.

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## News Worthy

### Regional

- [Chester residents object to demolishing old school](#) | The Chronicle 2.19.20
- [Spring Valley police chief: Finkelstein Library guard told stabbing suspect to turn down music](#) | Iohud 2.19.20

### National

- [How Public Libraries Can Help Close America's Digital Privacy Divide](#) | Inside Resources 2.11.20
- [Local librarians warned to watch for activists looking to score on YouTube](#) | Syracuse.com 2.7.20
- [ALA chief: Libraries must evolve to meet needs of more diverse suburbs](#) | Daily Herald 2.5.20
- [A school played 'The Lion King' at a fundraising event. Now it has to pay a third of what it raised](#) | CNN 2.4.20
- [Libraries Versus Doughnuts](#) | Book Riot 2.2.20
- [Two Central California firefighters died battling a library fire. Two teens are accused of arson and manslaughter](#) | The Mercury News 2.20.20

## March Workshops — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

### ✓ Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop

**Monday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**RCLS Headquarters**

Crafts and programming ideas will be presented for the 2020 children's services Summer Reading Program.

**CE Hours:** 5 Children's Services

**Snow Date:** Tuesday, March 10

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ Teen Librarians Professional Development—Macmillan Publishers

**Thursday, March 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Visit Macmillan Publishers to talk about ebooks, YA imprints, graphic novels, and more.

Participants will earn 3 contact hours.

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ Teen Librarians Professional Development—Marvel Comics

**Thursday, March 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Marvel Comics Office, Manhattan**

Visit the Marvel Comics office in Manhattan! Tour the facilities, speak to editors, and learn how Marvel makes comics the Marvel way. All participants will need to sign a non-disclosure agreement before entering the building.

**CE hours:** 2 Young Adult & Youth Services

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ Teen Summer Reading Workshop

**Monday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**RCLS Headquarters**

Participants will see suggestions for program ideas, promotion, and structuring teen programs, prizes, crafts and more to prepare for their 2020 Teen Summer Reading Program.

**Snow Date:** Tuesday, March 17

**CE Hours:** 4 Young Adult & Youth Services

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ 101 Basic Library Trustee Education

**Tuesday, March 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Mamakating Library, Wurtsboro, NY**

This session is designed to give new trustees a basic understanding of their duties and responsibilities.

It will cover basic financial practices, essential laws and other critical information you may need to ensure your confidence in serving as a Board member of a Library and the voice of your community. The items covered in this session are limited; it is advised that you familiarize yourself with the New York State Trustee Handbook, which will be distributed to each attendee at the program.

**Light dinner will be served at 5:30 pm.**

**Presenter:** Grace Riario, RCLS Executive Director

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

### ✓ Book Repair Workshop

**Wednesday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**RCLS Headquarters**

Hands-on book repair workshop

**Presenter:** Julie Moussot, Circulation Supervisor at Wallkill Public Library

**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

✓ **Kinder Prep****Monday, March 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.****RCLS Headquarters**

This workshop explores the basics of what children need to be successful when they reach Kindergarten and covers some of the ways libraries can support children and families in raising “learning-ready” kids. Developmental stages and learning activities from birth to five will be covered as well as an overview of “kindergarten readiness testing.” Participants will leave with an information packet of further resources.

**Presenter:** Sara Scoggan**CE Hours:** 3 Children’s Services**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)✓ **Resilience Film Viewing and Discussion****Monday, March 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.****RCLS Headquarters**See the documentary *RESILIENCE* followed by a discussion.**About the film: The child may not remember, but the body remembers.**

Researchers have recently discovered a dangerous biological syndrome caused by abuse and neglect during childhood. As the new documentary *Resilience* reveals, toxic stress can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children, putting them at a greater risk for disease, homelessness, prison time, and early death. While the broader impacts of poverty worsen the risk, no segment of society is immune. *Resilience*, however, also chronicles the dawn of a movement that is determined to fight back. Trailblazers in pediatrics, education, and social welfare are using cutting-edge science and field-tested therapies to protect children from the insidious effects of toxic stress—and the dark legacy of a childhood that no child would choose.

This program is in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County.

**Discussion Leader:** Julika von Stackelberg, Orange County Cornell Cooperative Extension**CE Hours:** 2 Young Adult & Youth Services**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)✓ **Intermediate Trustee Education****Tuesday, March 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.****Mamakating Library, Wurtsboro, NY**

If you have served as a Board member of a library for more than three years, you are encouraged to attend this session. This is not an introductory course. A basic knowledge of the role and responsibilities of a library trustee in the State of New York (Session 101) is advised.

This session will cover some of laws and regulations that libraries must comply with, financial reports, motions and fiscal issues you need to be aware of as a Board member. It will also consist of a review of the best practices for running an effective Board meeting, including the role of a Board President.

**Light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.****Presenter:** Grace Riario, RCLS Executive Director**Register:** [RCLS Calendar](#)

## March Webinars — All are Free, unless otherwise noted

✓ **Supporting Teen Health Literacy: Resources and Programs****Tuesday, March 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Nearly nine out of ten teens and young adults say they have gone online to find health information (Hopelab, 2018). Is the health information they are finding online trustworthy? In this webinar, Aileen Luppert will present a program that teaches health literacy and supports the health and wellness of teens who are experiencing homelessness in Spokane County. Emily Hamstra will present free online resources for teens to use to find reliable information about their health and wellness.

**Presenters:** [Aileen Luppert](#), [Spokane County Library District](#), and [Emily Hamstra](#), [National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region](#).**Register:** [First Tuesdays website](#)

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**✓ Cultivating Protective Factors for Safe Libraries and Resilient Communities****Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Every day, public libraries open their doors to people facing ongoing life challenges, such as poverty, mental health symptoms, substance abuse, or domestic violence. The library may be the only protective place they can turn to, the only place that can counter the debilitating negative factors that govern their lives. Join this webinar to explore the ways the library functions as a “[protective factor](#)” and to understand how the library, staff, and patrons exist within a community-wide context of safety. With consideration for how poverty, race, or other often stigmatized challenges impact the patron experience, learn practical and applicable ways to assess your library’s relationship with patrons, local law enforcement, social workers, and other organizations. Hear how the Sacramento Public Library learned through crisis to address staff and community trauma and to build resilience through more compassionate and inclusive policies and practices.

**Presenters:** Eric Lashley, Library Director, and Patrick Lloyd, LMSW, Community Resources Coordinator, Georgetown Public Library (TX); and Rivkah Sass, Library Director and CEO, Sacramento Public Library (CA)

**Register:** [WebJunction website](#)

**✓ USA Learns Citizenship****Wednesday, March 11 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Are you looking for free online resources to teach U.S. Citizenship? Take a tour of the USA Learns Citizenship course ([www.usalearns.org](http://www.usalearns.org)), which uses engaging multimedia to teach the English skills and information needed to pass ALL parts of the citizenship test: N-400 interview practice, civics, reading, writing, and speaking. You will also learn to create your own free online course based on USA Learns' content.

**Presenters:** Andrea Willis, Sacramento Office of Education and Katy Azevedo, Butte County Library

**Register:** [Infopeople website](#)

**✓ The Development of Early Literacy Learners****Thursday, March 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Participants will gain:

- A stronger understanding of early literacy learners and what prepares them for success
- Many children’s book examples highlighting the features that support growth in early literacy skills and knowledge
- New tools to further enhance programming, outreach, and collection development related to *Ready to Read at New York Libraries’* goals

**Presenter:** Donna M. Scanlon, PhD, Professor in the Department of Literacy Teaching and Learning University at Albany, State University of New York

**Register:** [NYSL website](#)

**✓ Call to Action: Public Libraries and the Opioid Crisis****Tuesday, March 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Public libraries are respected local institutions that connect community members to credible information and services. As community anchor institutions, libraries are leveraging their assets in response to the opioid crisis that has gripped the country. After 16 months of research, OCLC, and the Public Library Association will release a call to action on how libraries can address the opioid crisis in their communities. The call to action was created in response to library staff requests and has been informed by case study research and cross-sector discussions with library staff, as well as those with national and local community partner organizations. Two themes from the research and discussions stand out: there are many options for addressing this crisis and it is vital to do something. Panelists will share resources, including ideas for organizations to partner with, additional perspectives to consider, and strategies for getting started.

**Presenters:** Kevin King, Head, Community Engagement, Kalamazoo Public Library; Patty McCarthy, Executive Director, Faces and Voices of Recovery; Larra Clark, Deputy Director, Public Library Association; and; Kendra Morgan, Senior Program Manager, WebJunction

**Register:** [WebJunction website](#)

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## Together We Read

Readers throughout the United States can join OverDrive's – Together We Read digital book club. The eBook *Lean on Me* by Pat Simmons will be available through **Wednesday, March 4** with no waitlists or holds. To access marketing materials or to learn more about this event, visit the [Together We Read website](#).



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## 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](#).

### February

**Monday, 24**

CLOUSC, Walden – 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 25**

[NYLA Library Advocacy Day](#), Albany, NY

### March

**Friday, 6**

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

**Monday, 9**

[Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop](#), RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, 9**

[Farewell to the Summer Reading Manuals](#), RCLS – 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, 11**

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

**Wednesday, 11**

RCLS Plan of Service Review Committee, RCLS – 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 12**

[Teen Librarians Professional Development-Macmillan Publishers](#), 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 12**

[Teen Librarians Professional Development-Marvel Comics](#), 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, 13**

LARC-YS, Blauvelt – 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, 13**

SUPLA, Monticello, – 9:30 a.m.

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