Oath of Office

State law requires every public library trustee to take an Oath of Office. Many library trustee terms begin in January. This is an important reminder that New York State Public Officer's Law requires all public library trustees (*but not association library trustees*) to take an oath of office within 30 days of beginning their term of office. Public library trustees are public officers and the oath of office is required to officially undertake and perform the duties of a public library trustee. If a public library trustee does not properly complete and file an oath of office, the trustee's position may be deemed vacant. For more information about how and why the oath of office is administered, and where to properly file an oath of office, please see the Oaths of Office FAQ on the New York State Library website.

Continuing Education Opportunity

Grace Riario, RCLS Public Services Consultant and Outreach Coordinator

The Ramapo Catskill Library System and Marist College are pleased to announce a special partnership which will offer employees, trustees and adult family members of RCLS member libraries a significant 25% tuition discount on Marist’s graduate and adult undergraduate degree programs. This announcement comes just in time to start the 2014 Academic year!

Advance your career and your future with a Marist education. Marist College offers both on-site and online courses and programs for adult learners. Visit the Marist website for more information, upcoming events and a detailed list of programs.

To help you get started, Marist will host an Adult Undergraduate Open House on Saturday, January 25 at 10 a.m. and a Graduate Open House on Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. on their main campus. RSVP at http://think.marist.edu/gaersvp/.

See the flyer on the RCLS website. For further information or inquiries concerning the application process, contact the Office of Graduate Admission, graduate@marist.edu or 888.877.7900.

RCLS Board Meeting

The materials for the Tuesday, January 21 RCLS Board Meeting are now on the RCLS Website. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

Please feel free to attend.
Stewart’s Shops Holiday Match

Stewart’s Shops matches individual donations made at their stores between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and distributes funds to local nonprofit agencies. Organizations that benefit children are eligible to apply for funds. An application can be downloaded at the Stewart’s Shops web site. All applications must be submitted by January 31, 2014.

LC Names Young People’s Ambassador

Kate DiCamillo (below), Newbery Medal–winner and honoree, was named National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature on January 2 by Librarian of Congress (LC) James H. Billington. DiCamillo will serve in the position during 2014 and 2015, succeeding Walter Dean Myers. She has chosen “Stories Connect Us” for her platform. The inauguration ceremony took place January 10 in LC’s Thomas Jefferson Building.

The Public Domain is Not Automatic

Kevin Smith, Duke University’s first Scholarly Communications Officer writes, “This year, we received a timely reminder that the public domain is not as automatic as we might think; it requires attention if it is to flourish and be preserved. On December 23, a judge in the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois issued a ruling that confirmed the fact that Sherlock Holmes is in the public domain. We can easily fall into a false but happy belief that the public domain is automatic, a self-executing realm of free stuff. But it is not.”

2014 Conference Dates

- **Public Library Association (PLA) Conference**: March 11-15 in Indianapolis, IN.
- **Computers in Libraries Conference**: April 7-9 in Washington, DC. Theme: Hack the Library!
- **Urban Librarian's Conference**: April 11 in Brooklyn, NY.
- **Hudson Children's Book Festival**: May 3 in Hudson, NY.
- **2014 Library Trustees Association of New York (LTA) Trustee Institute**: May 2-3 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY. Theme: Challenging the Past to Create the Future.
- **American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference**: June 26-July 1 in Las Vegas, NV.
- **Fall Into Books**: October 17 in Fishkill, NY
- **New York Library Association (NYLA) Annual Conference**: November 5-8 in Saratoga Springs.

7th Annual Library Assistants’ Day

The 7th Annual Library Assistants' Day will be here soon – **Wednesday, April 2**. Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss this mega-popular event.

This year’s event at the Doubletree Hotel, Carrier Circle, Syracuse features an unofficial theme of collaboration and professional development, based on recommendations from our advisory panel. We know you’ll find a number of topics that work for you.

For more detailed information, to register, or to print out a flyer to pass along, visit the NY 3Rs Association website.

The 2014 Library Assistants’ Day is co-sponsored by CLRC, SCLRC, RRLC, NNLN and WNYLRC.

Youth Media Awards

Children’s and young adult authors, illustrators, and publishing groups are waiting in anticipation for the 2014 ALA Youth Media Award announcements. ALA will announce 18 awards at 8 a.m. on **Monday, January 27** from the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. Live streaming will begin the morning of the announcements.
Health Happens in Libraries: Health Information Resources for Library Staff

Join the WebJunction Health Happens in Libraries: Health Information Resources for Library Staff webinar to learn more about the health information resources available through the National Library of Medicine and the NN/LM. These resources will help to strengthen your own library’s health information services and improve the health literacy of your community. The webinar will take place Wednesday, January 22 beginning at 2 p.m. Visit the WebJunction website for details and to register.

Library Surveys for Success

Surveys are often the tool of choice when you want to determine how to meet the needs of your community or measure your library’s impact. But do you know how to use the tool effectively? Choosing the right survey style for the situation and knowing which question type will elicit the best responses are critical elements for gathering meaningful information. Learn how to conduct an effective survey that can be used to make, measure, and meet your library’s goals. Presented by Colleen Eggett, Training Coordinator, Utah State Library on Tuesday, February 4 beginning at 2 p.m. For more information and registration, visit the WebJunction website.

The Iron is HOT: Libraries as Innovative & Creative Community Catalysts

Renew your sense of hope for the longtime viability of public libraries. Presenter Mary Lou Carolan sees amazing and out-of-the-ordinary opportunities for your library to serve as a vibrant and active community center. The library can be the creative catalyst to ignite community enthusiasm. Learn about the ‘Inside/Outside Approach’ and other engaging and fun marketing practices. Find out how to implement ‘placemaking’ for lighter, quicker, cheaper ways to attract more users. And catch the sense of urgency that libraries need to act now: Hope, Opportunity, Time – strike while the iron is HOT!

This WebJunction webinar is hosted in collaboration with Geek the Library, a community awareness campaign. Join our own Mary Lou Carolan, Director, Wallkill Public Library on Tuesday, February 11 beginning at 2 p.m. For more information and to register, visit the WebJunction website.

Development and Fundraising

Public Library Association (PLA) is launching a three-part Development and Fundraising Webinar Series beginning Wednesday, January 22. This special series features three weekly webinars designed to provide public librarians with practical information and actionable steps to get started on fundraising, managing friends and foundations, and strategic and development planning. The series instructors are Sue Hall and Peter Pearson.

The second in the series, Friends & Foundations: What They Do and How to Make the Most of Them can be viewed 2 p.m. Wednesday January 29 at the Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library (Garnerville). Registration is required through the RCLS online calendar.

New Summer Reading at New York Libraries Website

In 2014 children will Fizz! Boom! Read! across New York State, making great discoveries while participating in their local summer reading program.

The New York State Library has announced a new version of the Summer Reading at New York Libraries website. The website features a new layout with additional features like LibraryThing and Pinterest Board integration that make accessing content fun and easy for all ages.

Take a moment to view the new and exciting content that is currently being added, and will continue to be added, throughout the summer to the official Summer Reading at New York Libraries website.
Due Dates

★ Tuesday, January 28 @ 8 a.m.
Library Friends and Foundations Webinar registration due (1/29)

★ Wednesday, January 29 @ 8 a.m.
Annual Report Workshop registration due (1/31)

★ Friday, January 31 at 4 p.m.
RCLS Management Professional Development Scholarship Applications Due

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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.

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Monday, 20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – RCLS CLOSED

Tuesday, 21
ANSER Meeting, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 21
RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 23
Orange County Librarians-Spring Career Help @ your library, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 24
LARC Youth Services, Valley Cottage – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 24 – Tuesday, 28
ALA Midwinter – Philadelphia, PA

Wednesday, January 29
LARC-AS 2014 Planning Meeting, New City – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 29
Library Friends & Foundations Webinar, Haverstraw (Garnerville) – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, 30
RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 31
Annual Report Workshop, RCLS and Teleconferencing to New City – 9:30 a.m.

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