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RCLS Board Meeting

The materials for the Monday, March 17 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.

Tribute to Stewart Crowell

Mary Lou Carolan, Director, Wallkill Public Library

On the snowy evening of February 3, 2014, the hamlet of Wallkill lost one of its most respected and beloved members, Stewart Addison Crowell. For the Wallkill Public Library, we lost one of our greatest champions – a dedicated trustee who worked tirelessly to support our organization for over forty years. He carried on this legacy of library service from his grandfather, J. Addison Crowell, who was one of the original trustees back in the 1930s.

Above all, Stewart was a great friend, a kindred spirit, a huge presence of a man, and a true gentleman. He was a simple, generous and infinitely kind person who loved his community, cherished his lovely wife Carolyn, his children Lynne and Brian, his son and daughter-in-law, and was infinitely proud of each of his five talented grandchildren.

Stewart was a kind and compassionate man. When he looked at you, his neighbor, he saw the person you were. He did not judge. To him you were not a Democrat or a Republican, a Christian or a non-Christian, schooled or unschooled, rich or poor, powerful or weak – you were the content of your character. He saw you with an open heart and an open mind. He always marveled at how he could learn a new way of looking at something or someone.

Stewart was a dreamer – but he was also a doer – that rare combination that creates community, and expands peoples’ minds beyond what they thought was possible – because to him – nothing was impossible and every moment is the right moment to get started.

Stewart was a familiar face at many library trustee trainings and at the Legislative Breakfasts. He took his role as trustee seriously and did whatever was asked of him to keep the library moving forward.

What an honor to have known Stewart, to have worked diligently by his side to make the Wallkill Public Library the greatest library it could possibly be. The world needs more people like him. We could all stand to be more like him. To set aside petty grievances and strive to see what is right, and possible and good in all things and in all people and to live up to his favorite saying: “Carpe diem!” (“Seize the day!”) Make the most of every moment.

Stewart Crowell
Lend Your Voice!

Wednesday, February 26 was New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day (LAD). A total of 112 advocates, staff, trustees, Friends, students and Library Champions, from RCLS and Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) joined nearly 900 other people from around the State to bring our message about the importance of libraries and library systems to our legislators. RCLS advocates visited all 10 of the legislators that serve our member libraries.

We need your help to continue our advocacy efforts!

Lend your voice to the effort by visiting the NYLA's Online Advocacy Center where you will be able to reach out and contact your elected representatives and voice your support for increased State Aid to libraries and library systems. We were told that the Governor, Senate and Assembly will be refining and completing the 2014-2015 New York State Budget within the next few weeks. You still have time to make a difference. Please take the time to reach out to your legislators now!

To prepare for your call and to learn more about Library Advocacy issues, view the advocacy documents which were shared with our legislators on February 26. They are posted to the RCLS website.

Add your voice today – every message counts!

A big THANK YOU to our generous financial supporters for the LAD motor coaches:

Friends of the Beekman Library, Hopewell Junction
Friends of the Blodgett Memorial Library, Fishkill
Friends of the Brewster Public Library Inc.
Friends of the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, Cold Spring
Friends of the Chatham Public Library
Friends of the Cornwall Public Library
Friends of the Greenville Memorial Library
Friends of the Haines Falls Library
Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library, Coxsackie
Friends of the Howland Public Library, Beacon
Friends of the Hyde Park Free Library
Friends of the Kent Library Inc.

Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
Friends of the Kingston Library
Friends of the Mahopac Public Library
Friends of the Moffat Library, Washingtonville
Friends of the Newburgh Free Library
Friends of the Phoenica Library Association
Friends of the Pine Plains Free Library
Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District
Friends of the Red Hook Public Library, Inc.
Friends of the Saugerties Public Library
Friends of the Staatsburg Library
Friends of the Starr Library in Rhinebeck
Friends of the Sunshine Hall Free Library, Eldred
Friends of the Town of Esopus Library

A big thank you also to RCLS and MHLS staff members who assisted on this successful project.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for next year’s NYLA Library Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.
“Boom Fizz Popping” Early Literacy Workshop

Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services Consultant

You still have a time to register for the special “Boom Fizz Popping” Early Literacy Workshop at RCLS on **Thursday, March 27** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed to help you incorporate early literacy activities into your Summer Reading Programs and into all library activities for preschoolers using concepts brought forth in the ECRR² initiative.

This is a once-in-a-career opportunity to attend a day-long workshop with nationally renowned expert Saroj Ghoting! Mrs. Ghoting is an Early Childhood Literacy Consultant and national trainer on early literacy. She presents early literacy training and information sessions at national, regional, and state conferences, and training for library staff and their partners. She has been a consultant for the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association on the Every Child Ready to Read @ your library® early literacy initiative. She is a co-author of Early Literacy Storytimes @ your library: Partnering with Caregivers for Success which applies the information from the Every Child Ready to Read @ your library workshops to the storyline setting. For more information about the program, including required homework, view the flyer on the RCLS website. To register, use the RCLS Calendar.

Contact me if you have questions (e-mail or ext. 240)

How to Get Media Coverage for Your Event

Join veteran newspaper, magazine and TV reporter Barbara Lewis to learn about the best ways to garner publicity for your event. She’ll discuss the Top 15 Tips on dealing with the media.

Learn why the presenter decided to cover certain events, but not others when she was a reporter. And hear about the results of a survey conducted among library peers about the media and publicity.

**How to Get Media Coverage for Your Event**, a free, one-hour webinar, will be presented **Thursday, March 13** starting at 3 p.m. Visit the InfoPeople website for more information and to register.

Children’s Choice Book Awards

Voting for the 7th Annual Children’s Choice Book Awards opens **Tuesday, March 25**.

Children’s Choice Book Awards is the only national book awards program where the winners are selected by children and teens. Last year, over 1,000,000 votes were cast by young readers. From **Tuesday, March 25 to Monday, May 12**, kids and teens will be able to vote online for their favorite author, illustrator, and book of the year. The finalists, also chosen by young readers, will be announced in February 2015.

Start planning now to host a polling day or to create a ballot box in your library so you can tally and enter kids’ votes into the group ballot online.

To learn more, visit the Children’s Book Week website.

Libraries Expand Support for World Book Night

Michelle Lee of Library Journal writes, “Library participation in World Book Night US is increasing, with libraries hosting launch events around the country for the fourth iteration of the annual April 23 event, which encourages public reading by distributing about a half-million free books and honors Shakespeare’s birthday.”

Library of Congress News

The Library of Congress received a $250,000 gift from Jones International University, Centennial, CO, for its World Digital Library. The money will fund the expansion of its scientific holdings.
## Deadlines

- **Monday, March 10 @ 8 a.m.**  
  Registration Due for 3/17  
  Fizz Boom Read Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop

- **Monday, March 17 @ 8 a.m.**  
  Registration Due for 3/18  
  Adult Programmers’ Showcase

- **Thursday, March 20 @ Noon**  
  Registration Due for 3/27  
  Boom, Fizz, Popping into Summer Reading for Young Children

- **Thursday, March 20 @ 8 a.m.**  
  Registration Due for 3/28  
  Planning a Library Space Project? Talk to Your Library’s Users

- **Friday, March 28 @ 8 a.m.**  
  Registration Due for 3/31  
  Tech Up Your Library

- **Friday, April 25**  
  RCLS Directory Updates Due to Ruth Daubenspeck @ RCLS

## 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, 10**  
Brandishing Your Library by Uncovering its Past, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, 11**  
Public Library Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN

**Tuesday, 11**  
RUG, Nyack – 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, 16**  
Freedom of Information Day

**Monday, 17**  
Fizz Boom Read Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop, RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, 17**  
RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 18**  
Adult Programmers’ Showcase, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, 19**  
LARC-Youth Services Author Program, Valley Cottage – 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, 21**  
LARC-Youth Services, Pearl River – 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, 21**  
SUPLA, Callicoon – 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, 24**  
CLOUSC, Newburgh – 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 25**  
Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 27**  
Boom, Fizz, Popping into Summer Reading for Young

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### Job Openings

- ✓ RCLS Area
- ✓ Region
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### RCLS Headquarters E-mail and Extension Directory (845.243.3747)

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