Let the Sparks Fly!

The Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) invites you to the 2015 Conference: Let the Sparks Fly to be held Thursday, April 30, at the Crowne Plaza Suffern.

LARC is pleased to present keynote speaker Jill Hurst-Wahl, associate professor of practice in Syracuse University’s School of Information Studies and the director of both its library and information science and LIS with school media specialization programs. Jill will speak to us about Creating Sparks that Light Our Profession. That spark that lights our profession is innovation and, without it, our profession will become irrelevant. With innovation, we will continue to meet the needs of our communities. Our innovation needs to occur continuously, yet we know that constant change can be uncomfortable. During her keynote, Jill will discuss how we can create a culture of innovation without burning out our staff or our communities, and she will give us tips for being innovative.

For the morning and afternoon breakout sessions, attendees may choose one topic of interest for each time slot. Morning session topics are: OSC Audits: Procedures and Common Findings, Makerspaces, and Digital Story Time. Afternoon session topics are: Tech for Teens: After School Program Apps, Oral History in the Library, and Turn Fear to Passion: Creating Staff Buy-In for New Technology. All workshops qualify for continuing education credit.

This year’s conference will also include Continental breakfast, raffle baskets, an expanded lunch menu, and giveaway items. Join your colleagues in a day of professional development that promises to be enjoyable as well as informative.

For details, view the full brochure and registration form.
April is Autism Awareness Month

Ashley Waring, of the ALSC (Association of Library Service to Children) Blog writes, “April is Autism Awareness Month. Why not make this April an opportunity to reach out to the families in your community who are affected by autism? Anything you do can make a positive impact: from offering a program like Sensory Storytime to something more passive like creating a display, booklist, or web post.” Read more at ALSC Blog.

In Passing

Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) staff are sad to report that John Shaloiko, Executive Director, 1993-2014, passed away Sunday, March 29 after a three year battle with cancer.

John’s obituary and information on services can be found at the Simpson-Gaus website.

Leading to the Future

The American Library Association (ALA) Leadership Institute is a unique four-day immersive leadership development program for future library leaders. The 2015 “Leading to the Future” Institute will be led again by past ALA President Maureen Sullivan and ACRL Content Strategist Kathryn Deiss.

The Institute will include a structured learning track and the opportunity for individual development.

The Institute will take place August 9-13 at the Eaglewood Resort, Itasca, IL. Applications, online on the ALA website, will be accepted through Wednesday, April 8. Applicants may nominate themselves or be nominated by their employer.

For more information, visit the Transforming Libraries website.

United for Libraries’ Baker & Taylor Awards

Jillian Kalonick, United for Libraries Marketing/Public Relations Specialist

United for Libraries is accepting applications for the Baker & Taylor Awards, given to friends of the library groups and library foundations. Applications are due Friday, May 1.

Given annually since 2000, the Baker & Taylor Awards have recognized more than 40 groups for outstanding efforts to support their library. Two winning groups will each receive $1,000.

The awards will be given based on a specific project led by a friends of the library group or library foundation that took place or culminated during the 2014 calendar year. Applications are judged on planning, implementation, evaluation, innovation and community involvement.

Applicants must have a United for Libraries friends or foundation group membership valid through June 2015. Winners will be notified by May 15, 2015. Please contact United for Libraries to verify eligibility prior to preparing an entry. The application form is available on the United for Libraries website. Summaries of past award-winning projects can also be found on the website.

United for Libraries: The Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, is a division of the American Library Association that supports those who govern, promote, advocate, and fundraise for libraries. United for Libraries brings together library trustees, advocates, friends, and foundations into a partnership that creates a powerful force for libraries in the 21st century. For more information or to join United for Libraries, visit the United for Libraries website or contact Jillian Kalonick at 312.280.2161 or jkalonick@ala.org.
YALSA Releases Teen Programming Guidelines

Anna Lam, YALSA Communications Specialist,

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has released a new resource to help library staff called the Teen Programming Guidelines.

The Teen Programming Guidelines are intended to guide library staff who design, host and evaluate library programs with and for teens. They were developed in alignment with YALSA’s report, The Future of Library Services For and With Teens: a Call to Action.

The guidelines were created to assist library staff with providing relevant, outcomes-based programs to better the lives of all teens in their community. Accompanying the guidelines is a glossary and a list of selected resources to provide library staff with a path to further exploration of teen programming best practices. YALSA President Chris Shoemaker remarked “we hope this new resource will provide library staff with a baseline of what constitutes quality programming for and with teens.”

Read and download the guidelines here, and access an on-demand webinar about putting the guidelines into action here. All on-demand webinars are free to YALSA members and $19 for others.

In the summer of 2015 YALSA will also launch an online teen programming database where library staff can go to find and share examples of exemplary programs. The database project is being funded through a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and support from Best Buy.

To learn more about YALSA’s other national guidelines, as well as its other resources such as competencies, position papers, and benchmarks that aim to aid librarians, library workers and libraries in better understanding the components of an excellent teen services program, visit http://www.al.org/yalsa/guidelines.

For more than 50 years, YALSA has worked to build the capacity of libraries and library staff to engage, serve and empower teens. For more information about YALSA or to access national guidelines and other resources go to www.al.org/yalsa, or contact the YALSA office by phone, 800.545.2433, ext. 4390; or e-mail: yalsa@ala.org.

Sustainable Libraries

Registration is now open for Outside the Lines 2015 (September 13-19, 2015). Time to get people thinking – and talking – about libraries in a whole new way! Outside the Lines is a week long celebration demonstrating the creativity and innovation happening in libraries. Whether your library is large or small you can participate by hosting at least one event or campaign that:

1. Gets people thinking - and talking - about libraries in a different way
2. Showcases the library out in the community as well as in the library
3. Highlights how your library is relevant to people's lives
4. Represents your local community
5. Is active versus passive - gets people engaged
6. Is extraordinary and unexpected
7. Most importantly, is fun!

To register, learn more and to connect with others thinking about this visit the Outside the Lines website.
**Deadlines**

★ **Tuesday, April 7 @ 8 a.m.**
Registration for [System Orientation](#) (4/8)

★ **Wednesday, April 15 @ 10 a.m.**
Intro to LibGuides 2.0, Warwick (4/16)

★ **Monday, April 20 @ 10 a.m.**
Intro to LibGuides 2.0, Haverstraw (4/21)

★ **Tuesday, April 21 @ 8 a.m.**
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Adult Programming (4/23)

**Job Openings**

✓ [Job Postings](#)
✓ [Building Your e-résumé](#)

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**You are Invited**

Join us on **Wednesday, April 8** at 10 a.m. for System Orientation at RCLS. Any member libraries’ employees, trustees or Friends are invited to attend. You will meet with the RCLS director and the various department heads to get a total picture of the services offered to member libraries. Register today using the [RCLS calendar](#) before it’s too late.

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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.

**April**

**Wednesday, 8**

System Orientation, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 9**

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

**Friday, 10**

Emerging Leaders-Managing Today’s Public Libraries, RCLS – 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, 13**

RCLS Teen Librarians Meeting, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, 16**

Intro to LibGuides 2.0, Warwick – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 16**

Educational Online Resources, RCLS – 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, 17**

RCLS Correctional Facility Librarian’s Training, RCLS – 8:30 a.m.

**Friday, 17**

SUPLA, Grahamsville – 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, 20**

RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 21**

Intro to LibGuides 2.0, Haverstraw – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 23**

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Adult Programming, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 23**

RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 2:00 p.m.

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**RCLS Headquarters E-mail and Extension Directory (845.243.3747)**

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