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ASAC Programming Roundtable

Registration is now open for Adult Services Advisory Council ([ASAC](#)) [Programming Roundtable](#) scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 (snow date December 16) at RCLS, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library staff who provide programs for adults and teens are welcome to come to this workshop to discuss adult, teen, and cross-over programs—the “good-bad-awful,” issues and concerns, etc. Please bring flyers and newsletters to share!

Lunch? Bring your own or order a sandwich for \$7.

If you need more information about the Roundtable, please contact [Karen Romaner](#). Deadline for registration is **Noon, Monday, December 7.**

State Annual Reports

Brenda Adams, RCLS Fiscal Officer

The deadline for submitting 2009 Library Annual Reports to RCLS is **Friday, February 12, 2010**. Paper copies of the instructions, report and outline of major changes are on line at the [New York State Library Website](#).

Disregard the wrong date (2008) on the Outline of Major Changes. All changes are in the “Library Data Report.” Please read them carefully and as you answer questions watch out for the renumbering. There are no changes to the financial sections. I will let you know when the electronic version is available for data entry.

Handbook for Library Trustees

Ruth K. Daubenspeck, RCLS Administrative Assistant

The *Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State* published by the NYSALB (New York State Association of Library Boards), assists the new and experienced public library trustee to better understand their job. “It offers advice on the philosophy of governing a library and on the practical, nuts-and-bolts aspects of responsible trusteeship.”

Copies of the 2005 edition of the *Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State* are available from RCLS for \$2.75. [E-mail your requests to me](#). Orders for less than \$10 require pre-payment through delivery.

A PDF version is available on the [NYSALB Website](#) for printing.

New ALA Division

Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) have joined forces to become an expanded division of the American Library Association called the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, or ALTAFF for short. This new division will help Trustees and Friends work together at the local, state, and national levels to effectively promote and advocate for libraries. Additionally both boards agree that libraries benefit when Trustees and Friends have strong working relationships at the local level and this will be modeled through ALTAFF. "While their roles are different, the fact that both groups are comprised of citizens who care about and support their libraries makes them natural allies," said ALTA president Peggy Danhof. In an effort to bring in as many Trustees and Friends as possible, ALA has made special membership pricing available for individuals and associates. The ultimate goal will be to harness the power of hundreds of thousands of library advocates so that libraries will thrive even in times of economic distress. Learn more at the [ALA Website](#).



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from member libraries'
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2009 "Teens' Top Ten"

Each year, thousands of teens vote in the Young Adult Library Services Association's "Teens' Top Ten," the only booklist created entirely by and for teens. In 2009, teens cast more than 11,000 votes, choosing the top ten teen books from a list of twenty-five finalists. The 2009 "Teens' Top Ten" are:

1. *Paper Towns* by John Green (Penguin/Dutton)
2. *Breaking Dawn* by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic)
4. *City of Ashes* by Cassandra Clare (Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry)
5. *Identical* by Ellen Hopkins (Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry)
6. *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman (HarperCollins)
7. *Wake* by Lisa McMann (Simon & Schuster/Simon Pulse)
8. *Untamed* by P.C. and Kristin Cast (St. Martin's Griffin)
9. *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart (Disney-Hyperion)
10. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore (Harcourt/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Books Kids Will Sit Still For

Don't miss your chance to attend the last NYLA Institute of 2009! This full-day workshop promises to be filled with information you can take back to your libraries!

Books Kids Will Sit Still For: A Look at Some Recent Children's Books for Grades PreK - 6 and How to Use Them Across the Curriculum will be held Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at [St. John's University Saval Auditorium](#), NYC (lower Manhattan).

Judy Freeman will share her 2009 favorites in children's books, an eclectic and indispensable assortment of compelling read-alouds for children. She will demonstrate a variety of motivational, practical techniques to link literature with storytelling, book talking, reading aloud, creative drama, music, writing and illustrating, comprehension and higher level thinking skills, and other across-the-curriculum activities that bring children to books.

This fast-paced full-day show-and-tell workshop is a quick literature blast for school and children's librarians or anyone who works with children.

The workshop is in conjunction with St. John's University Division of Library & Information Science.

H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant

The American Library Association (ALA) is accepting applications for the H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant, which has a deadline of **December 1, 2009**. The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant is a \$3,500 award and a 24-karat gold-framed citation. This is awarded to a library organization that has an application that demonstrates greatest merit for a program of staff development that is designed to further the goals and objectives of the library organization. If you have any questions about the American Library Association's H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant, contact the ALA Awards Program Office by calling 800.545.2433 or sending an email to awards@ala.org.

For more information, visit the [ALA Website](#).

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting applications for the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The deadline to apply is **December 15, 2009**. The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program supports projects to develop faculty and library leaders; recruit and educate the next generation of librarians; conduct research on the library profession; and support early-career research on any area of library and information science by tenure-track, untenured faculty in graduate schools of library and information science. The grant program also supports projects that have the capability to attract high school and college students to see if they may consider careers in libraries, to build institutional capacity in graduate schools of library and information science, and to assist in the professional development of librarians and library staff. If you have any questions about the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, contact the Institute of Museum and Library Service at either 202.653.4662 or kcherry@imls.gov.

For more information, visit the [Institute of Museum and Library Services Website](#).

60th National Book Awards

In the fiction category, the award went to Irish author Colum McCann for *Let the Great World Spin*, his novel focusing on the lives of various New Yorkers on the day in 1974 when French trapeze artist Phillipe Petit walked a tight rope between the World Trade Center towers.

The nonfiction winner was T.J. Stiles for *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*, who reminded the audience as he accepted the award that “the book lies at the heart of all of our culture.”

The award for poetry went to Brown University professor Keith Waldrop for his book of recent verse, *Transcendental Studies: A Trilogy*.

In the category of children's books the award went to Phillip Hoose for *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*, a biography of “the first Rosa Parks,” a Montgomery, AL, teenager who refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus nine months before Rosa Parks became famous for the same act.

Visit the [National Book Website](#) for more information.



Happy Thanksgiving

The RCLS Weekly Memo will not be issued for the week of November 30, 2009.

Due Dates

- ★ **Monday, December 7**
[ASAC Programming Roundtable](#)
 (Meeting Date—Wednesday, December 9) online registration
- ★ **Friday, December 18**
 RCLS Directory updates due to
[Ruth Daubenspeck](#)
- ★ **Friday, February 12**
 2009 State Annual Reports to 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](#).

November

Monday, 23
 CLOUSC, Florida 9:00 a.m.

Monday, 23
 ANSER Committee, RCLS 9:30 a.m.

Thursday 26 – Friday, 27
 Thanksgiving Holiday – RCLS CLOSED

December

Tuesday, 1
 LARC – Youth Services, Haverstraw – 12 Noon

Wednesday, 2
 Directors Association Executive, RCLS 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 3
 RCLS Managers Meeting, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 9
 Adult/YA Programming Roundtable, RCLS – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 10
 COSAG, RCLS – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, 14
 CLOUSC, Florida – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 15
 RCLS Board Advocacy & Fundraising Committee,
 RCLS – 6:30 p.m.

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