

## MEMBER LIBRARIES

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### Albert Wisner Public Library

1 McFarland Drive • Warwick 10990 • 986-1047

### Blauvelt Free Library

541 Western Highway • 10913 • 359-2811

### Chester Public Library

1784 Kings Highway • 10918 • 469-4252

### Cornwall Public Library

395 Hudson Street • 12518 • 534-8282

### Cragsmoor Free Library

355 Cragsmoor Road • 12420 • 647-4611

### Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street • Grahamsville 12740 • 985-7233

### Ellenville Public Library & Museum

40 Center Street • 12428 • 647-5530

### Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

479 Broadway • Monticello 12701 • 794-4660

### Fallsburg Library

12 Railroad Plaza • South Fallsburg 12779 • 436-6067

### Finkelstein Memorial Library

24 Chestnut Street • Spring Valley 10977 • 352-5700

### Florida Public Library

4 Cohen Circle • 10921 • 651-7659

### Gardiner Library

133 Farmers Turnpike • 12525 • 255-1255

### Goshen Public Library and Historical Society

203 Main Street • 10924 • 294-6606

### Greenwood Lake Public Library

79 Waterstone Road • 10925 • 477-8377

### Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library

10 West Ramapo Road • Garnerville 10923 • 786-3800

### Highland Falls Library

298 Main Street • 10928 • 446-3113

### Josephine-Louise Public Library

5 Scofield Street • Walden 12586 • 778-7621

### Liberty Public Library

189 North Main Street • 12754 • 292-6070

### Livingston Manor Free Library

92 Main Street • 12758 • 439-5440

### Mamakating Library

128 Sullivan Street • Wurtsboro 12790 • 888-8004

### Moffat Library of Washingtonville

3348 Route 208 • Building 2, Suite 2 • 10916 • 496-5483

### Monroe Free Library

44 Millpond Parkway • 10950 • 783-4411

### Montgomery Free Library

133 Clinton Street • 12549 • 457-5616

### Nanuet Public Library

149 Church Street • 10954 • 623-4281

### New City Free Library

220 North Main Street • 10956 • 634-4997

### Newburgh Free Library

124 Grand Street • 12550 • 563-3600

### Nyack Library

59 South Broadway • 10960 • 358-3370

### Orangeburg Library

20 South Greenbush Road • 10962 • 359-2244

### Palisades Free Library

19 Closter Road • 10964 • 359-0136

### Pearl River Public Library

80 Franklin Avenue • 10965 • 735-4084

### Piermont Library District

25 Flywheel Park West • 10968 • 359-4595

### Pine Bush Area Public Library District

223-227 Maple Avenue • Pine Bush 12566 • 744-3375

### Port Jervis Free Library

138 Pike Street • 12771 • 856-7313

### Roscoe Free Library

85 Highland Avenue • 12776 • 607-498-5574

### Rose Memorial Library Association

79 East Main Street • Stony Point 10980 • 786-2100

### Sloatsburg Public Library

1 Liberty Rock Road • 10974 • 753-2001

### Suffern Free Library

210 Lafayette Avenue • 10901 • 357-1237

### Sunshine Hall Free Library

14 Proctor Road • Eldred 12732 • 557-6258

### Tappan Library

93 Main Street • 10983 • 359-3877

### Thrall Public Library District of

Middletown and Wallkill

11-19 Depot Street • 10940 • 341-5454

### Tomkins Cove Public Library

419 Liberty Drive North • 10986 • 786-3060

### Tuxedo Park Library

227 Route 17 • 10987 • 351-2207

### Valley Cottage Free Library

110 Route 303 • 10989 • 268-7700

### Walkkill Public Library

7 Bona Ventura Avenue • 12589 • 895-3707

### West Nyack Free Library

65 Strawtown Road • 10994 • 358-6081

### Western Sullivan Public Library

19 Center Street • Jeffersonville 12748 • 482-4350

### Woodbury Public Library

16 County Route 105 • Highland Mills 10930 • 928-6162

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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For more information on the Ramapo Catskill Library System, check our website at [www.rcls.org](http://www.rcls.org). For specific information check the following Web locations:

- Board Minutes Archive – <http://www.rcls.org/?q=node/117>
- Calendar (Events) – <http://rcls.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx>
- Direct Access Plan – <http://www.rcls.org/rclsmisc/DirectAccessPlan.pdf>
- Directory (2017 edition) – <http://www.rcls.org/sites/default/files/Directory-A20170518.pdf>
- Executive Director's Report Archive – <http://www.rcls.org/?q=node/118>
- Plan of Service – <http://www.rcls.org/sites/default/files/2017-2021-Direct%20Access%20Plan%20approved.pdf>
- Next Board Meeting Materials – <http://www.rcls.org/?q=node/115>
- *RCLS Weekly Memo* Archive – <http://www.rcls.org/?q=node/45>
- *Trustee FYI* Archive – <http://www.rcls.org/?q=node/121>



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**Serving Public Libraries in  
Orange, Rockland,  
Sullivan and southern  
Ulster Counties  
Since 1959**



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## RAMAPO CATSKILL LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Ramapo  
Catskill Library  
System (RCLS)

is a non-profit, cooperative public library system chartered in 1959 by the New York State Board of Regents. RCLS, working cooperatively with its member libraries, provides coordinated services, guidance, training, support and leadership to member library trustees and staff to sustain their effort to be responsive, proactive, vital community institutions that meet the changing needs of their users in Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and southern Ulster counties. RCLS helps to raise awareness about library services and works to eliminate barriers to library access and use.

The Ramapo Catskill Library System serves 47 chartered public libraries in urban, suburban and rural settings encompassing a total of 2,467 square miles with a population of 750,795 (2010 US Census). Each library has its own Board of Trustees and Director. The RCLS headquarters is located in Middletown and is not open to the public.

The System is governed by an eleven-member Board of Trustees who are unsalaried and whom the member libraries' trustees elect for five (5) year terms at the System's Annual Meeting. The Board also includes a non-voting member who represents the Directors Association.

The primary source of income for the System is state aid earned according to the formula



*A recent  
Legislative  
Breakfast  
and  
Annual  
Meeting*

established in New York State Education Law. RCLS also competes for grants to fund special projects for new and existing library services. The total budget in 2017 is \$4,634,247. The System has 25 (FTE) employees, including five professional librarians and a fiscal officer.

RCLS is a member of the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (SENYLRC), which is a state funded, multi-type library cooperative that offers multi-county interloan; Library Trustees Association of New York State (LTA); New York Library Association (NYLA); and the American Library Association (ALA).



*RCLS Computer Room*

The System provides Automated Network SERvices (ANSER), a program that manages circulation, borrower registration, an online catalog, reserves and interloan. ANSER also provides access to a fiber optic wide-area network linking member libraries, statistical reporting of collection use and other relevant data and cataloging services. Member libraries pay for most of the operating costs of ANSER.

In partnership with the RCLS Central Library (Newburgh Free Library) members are provided access to electronic database access and digital downloads of ebooks, audiobooks, videos and music. At the end of 2016 the total holdings of all member libraries, which can be searched through an easy-to-use Web interface, was in excess of 10.8 million items. By the end of 2016, circulation was over 5 million items.



*RCLS Delivery van being unloaded*

RCLS operates a delivery service five days a week which transports library materials between and among member libraries. This service facilitates interlibrary loan between RCLS libraries as well as the libraries within the Mid-Hudson Library System. The delivery service also makes it possible for library users to return materials to any library within the System and have it delivered to the appropriate library. In 2016 RCLS delivered over 3.3 million items.

Supporting member libraries is the primary responsibility of the System and one important means of achieving this goal is through a broad range of consulting services offered by the RCLS management team. The System also provides access to a preview collection of new and forth coming books for children and teens.

By maintaining a professional collection (6,868 volumes) covering all aspects of librarianship, the System helps to keep member library trustees and staff up to date on library issues and trends. In addition, the System regularly publishes and distributes a quarterly trustee newsletter (*Trustee FYI*) and the *RCLS Weekly Memo*. The System's website ([www.rcls.org](http://www.rcls.org)) provides access to all RCLS publications, a wide range of information about RCLS and resources for member library trustees and staff, as well as providing links to the web sites and on-line catalogs of all member libraries.

## MISSION

We deliver high-quality, cost-effective consolidated and cooperative services to support member libraries in meeting the needs of their communities.

## GOALS

- 1. Coordinated Services**  
Offer a clearly defined set of cost effective consolidated and coordinated services designed to enhance local library achievement and maximize the value of local funds expended.
- 2. Technology**  
Enhance and maintain existing automation services and assist member libraries in implementing emerging technologies to improve library service and cooperation.
- 3. Resource Sharing**  
Coordinate Central Library and System activities to provide a broad range of services and online resources to support equity of access for all residents.
- 4. Training**  
Provide opportunities to member libraries' staff, directors and trustees for the training and skills development needed to support excellent library service and encourage participation in training opportunities to the fullest extent.
- 5. Advocacy**  
Actively work to increase awareness about the value and importance of library services and help strengthen member libraries in their advocacy efforts.
- 6. Communication**  
Maintain and promote effective means of communications with and among member libraries to ensure accountability and cooperation.
- 7. Organizational Environment**  
Maintain an organizational environment that allows RCLS to be responsive and accountable to member libraries.