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Advocacy Works!

The 2018-2019 New York State Budget includes restoration of the \$4 million of funds that Governor Cuomo proposed cutting from State Aid to libraries and library systems. In addition, the legislators increased State Aid by \$1 million, the first system aid increase since 2016. Total State Library Aid will be \$96.6 million.

Thank YOU!

The legislators also restored the funds the Governor proposed cutting from the State Public Library Construction Aid program and added an additional \$10 million bringing the Grant program funding to \$34 million (\$10 million higher than last year).

ADVOCACY works!

Thank you to all who responded to our requests for your active participation in our advocacy efforts. Now take a moment to [say thanks](#) to your representatives in Albany who heard our message and did something about it!

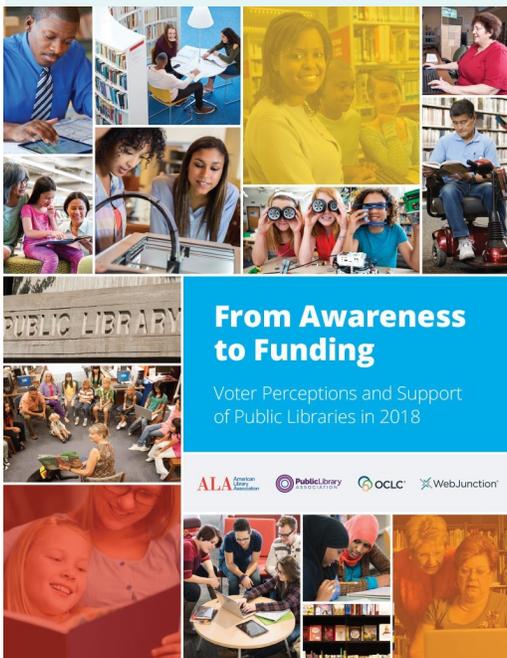
From Awareness to Funding 2018

OCLC has partnered with the American Library Association (ALA) and its Public Library Association (PLA) division to investigate current perceptions and support among US voters and how they may have shifted since 2008 when OCLC published *From Awareness to Funding: A Study of Library Support in America*, a national study of the awareness, attitudes, and underlying motivations among US voters for supporting library funding.

Key Findings:

- A majority of US voters believe public libraries are essential to communities and a source of civic pride.
- Voters still highly value traditional library services such as free access to books and quiet areas, but also increasingly value the library as a community hub.
- A disconnect continues between the services libraries offer and public awareness and support for those services.
- Although a majority of voters are likely to support library funding at the local ballot box, fewer are committed to definite support than a decade ago.
- A majority of voters still do not realize that the primary source of library funding is local.

To read the full report, visit the [OCLC website](#).



News Worthy

Regional

- [Kingston Library moves to replace aging fence; one board member says property should be 'open space'](#) | Kingston Library | Daily Freeman 3.20.18
- [Silence Will Not Protect You!: The Writing of Audre Lorde Reading & Discussion Series](#) | Hudson Area Association Library | Hudson Valley 360 3.16.18

National

- [North Dakota tries to establish Theodore Roosevelt library](#) | Newsok.com 3.27.18
- [A Social Worker Walks into a Library](#) | American Libraries Magazine 3.21.18
- [East Meadow Library failed to review bills, state audit finds](#) | Newsday 3.21.18

RCLS Board Meeting



The materials for the **Monday, April 16** RCLS Board Meeting are now on the [RCLS Website](#). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the System Headquarters in Middletown.

This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend.

You're Invited!

The annual Library Trustees Association (LTA) Trustee Institute – *Library as Community: Know Your Aspirations, Plan for the Future* – will be held **Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28** at the Marriott Hotel in Uniondale, Long Island. Trustees and directors in the know will want to attend this day of learning, participating and recharging that is sponsored in part by RCLS.



Kick-off speaker
Nate Hill

Kick-off speaker Nate Hill, “How Trustees Can Facilitate Innovation,” was named a “Mover and Shaker” by *Library Journal* in 2012. Nate currently serves on the New York State Board of Regents Advisory Committee on Libraries and the advisory board for the American Library Association’s Office for Information Technology Policy.

Workshop presenters include Mary Lou Carolan, Director of Cornwall Public Library; Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Sustainability, Mid-Hudson Library System and Libby Post, President, Communication Services.

For more information and to register, visit the [LTA website](#).

Call for Nominations: 2018 NYLA Smart Award

The NYLA SMART (Section on Management of Information Resources and Technology) Board seeks nominations for its annual SMART Fellowship Award to be presented at the 2018 NYLA Conference, November 7- 10 in Rochester.

The award recognizes a technical or computer services librarian who is looking to gain professional benefits from the continuing education and professional contacts with librarians and vendors provided by attendance at the NYLA Annual Conference. The SMART Fellowship Award is given based on the applicant’s professional activities in her/his place of employment, and future potential in this area. The award is designed for all NYLA members. The recipient selected by the Section’s award committee will receive a plaque and the award, which includes \$250 reimbursement towards NYLA Conference expenses. The winner will also be provided with a membership in the SMART section.

To apply, supply:

- Nominee’s name, title, employer, e-mail, work address and telephone number.
- Brief employment history.
- Statement on how the candidate will benefit from attendance at the Conference.

Send this information by **Tuesday, July 31** to Lisa Hewel (lisahewel@rcls.org).



Photo of the Week



Participants from the March 19th RCLS Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop at the Chester Public Library cap off the day by performing as the RCLS Libraries Rock! Band. Let the music begin! (Who is that cool dude with the horn?)

Share a library-related photo, include a brief caption, your name, position and the library's name. A photo release is required from recognizable individuals in the photo. [Click here](#) for the RCLS photo release. Submit the picture to rclsmemo@rcls.org with 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.

Sarah Northshield Wins NYLA YSS Pied Piper Award

At the New York Library Association (NYLA) Youth Services Section (YSS) Spring Conference in Syracuse this week, Sarah Northshield, a children's librarian at the Pearl River Public Library will be honored with YSS Pied Piper Award for her Codergarten program. The program grew from a successful and popular coding program that Sarah conducts at the library's Learning Lab, a multimedia space within the library. The 40-minute programs are for children from third grade and up, and are open to adults as well. The sessions are held weekly for three weeks.

Basic coding concepts are taught without the use of electronic devices with the intent that the models could be implemented by other libraries, daycare centers and preschools with minimal to no cost using materials that they might already have on-hand. From this program, the award-winning Codergarten was born.

Codergarten is designed for children ages four and five, not yet in Kindergarten, with an adult caregiver. This program is limited to 10 children (plus caregivers).

Over the three-week session, the children were able to complete and understand the concepts taught through the activities, use concepts from previous sessions' activities and build on them during successive activities. Adult caregivers reported their child continued to play with the materials at home.

Both children and their grownups were excited about the novelty of the program, said that they had learned a lot, and overall had a fun time.

Because of the program's success, the library will offer additional Codergarten sessions.

Established in 1982, the YSS Pied Piper Award recognizes excellence in the creation of an individual program that promotes service to the young people of New York State Libraries and is able to be replicated at other libraries. Submissions are judged on originality, program implementation, program content, and marketing of said program.

For more information about the award and Sarah's Codergarten program go to visit the [NYLA website](#).

Congratulations Sarah!!

Due Dates

★ **Friday, April 13**
RCLS 2017 Plan of Service
Evaluation Survey via
SurveyMonkey

★ **Monday, April 16**
[Epson Receipt Printer Paper Rolls
Orders](#) to RCLS Business Office

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To add information, contact [Ruth Daubenspeck](#).

April

- Monday, 9**
System Services Committee, RCLS – 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 9**
[Adult Programmers Roundtable](#),
Washingtonville – 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 10**
RUG, Chester – 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 10**
[eContent Buyers Session](#), RCLS – 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11**
[RCLS System Orientation](#), RCLS – 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, 13**
SUPLA, Monticello – 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, 13**
NYLA YSS Spring Conference, Syracuse, NY
- Monday, 16**
RCLS Board Meeting, RCLS – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, 20**
OLA Membership Meeting, Washingtonville – 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, 20**
[Digital Depositories: Navigating resources to locate
archival & special collection images](#),
Washingtonville – 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, 23**
CLOUSC, Wallkill – 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 25**
[Transforming PreSchool Story Time](#), RCLS – 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 26**
RCLS Managers Meeting, RLCS – 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, 27—Saturday 28**
[LTA Trustee Institute](#), Uniondale, NY

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