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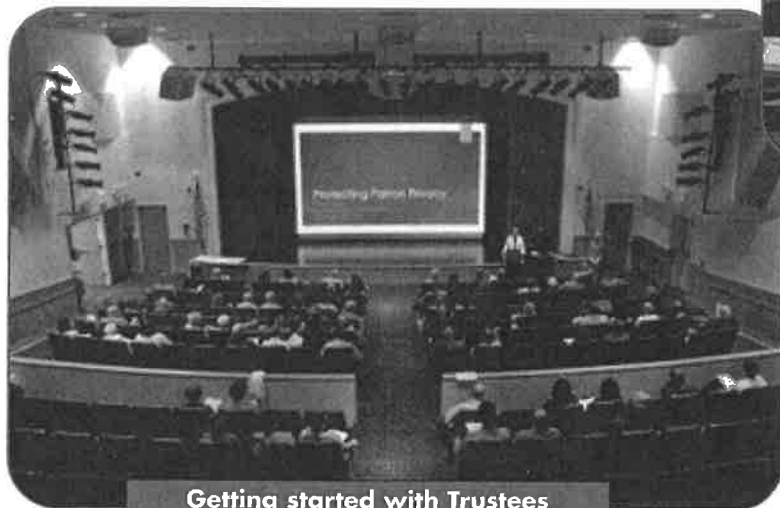
## Trustees in the Know: LTA Regional Workshop on Long Island

100 Library Trustees gathered on August 12 at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library for LTA's regional workshop, Trustees in the Know.

Rob Caluori, Director of Information Technology at Westchester Library System, broke down technical issues of patron privacy in what might be called *Cybersecurity 101 for Libraries*. He spelled out risks to library patrons, explained the concept of a public and private cloud, defined email security and email tools, and addressed changes in net neutrality – all in laymen terms. A video of his presentation is available at <https://youtu.be/2-Fj7WOHN68>

Joe Eisner addressed trustee liability for library finances and for creating library policies in his presentation, *Due Diligence: Liability, Policy, & Pitfalls*. Joe is well known to trustees for his monthly website column, *Ask Joe*; his presentation sparked many questions as trustees matched their own board practices against legal and ethical considerations.

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Getting started with Trustees  
in the Know workshops



LTA Directors:  
Martha Anderson,  
Edris Scherer,  
Jean Currie



Joe Eisner addresses financial responsibilities  
and policy creation for trustees

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## TRUSTEES IN THE KNOW

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Jim Lothrop brought a team from his architectural firm, Lothrop Associates, to envision how future forces within technology will change the way libraries are used. Libraries looking to engage additional patrons need to plan collaborative spaces and portable configurations, and to consider how design elements—use of color, lighting options, furniture design, and, yes, whimsy—can define the character of a community library.

LTA sends a genuine thank you to Library Director Gretchen Browne and the library staff for hosting the workshop and facilitating the program details and workshop amenities.

As one trustee commented, it's great to leave "more in the know" after this successful workshop **LTA**

**Rob Caluori makes issues of patron privacy accessible to trustees**



**Lothrop Architects design team:  
Jim Lothrop,  
Judy Girod, Bob Gabalski**



**Library spaces evolve to meet changing needs**





More than 30 culinary and beverage professionals participated in the event.

## ARC EVENT RAISES \$400K

The Arc of Westchester Foundation raised more than \$400,000 at its 14th annual "A Matter of Taste" fundraiser. Nearly 400 attended the Oct. 17 event at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle.

The foundation raises funds to support Arc of Westchester's programs and services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, while increasing public awareness of Arc's activities.

**George and Laura Landegger** accepted the Family Partner Award honoring their family's service to the organization. **Richard P. Swierat**, Arc's executive director, received the first Legacy Award for his 35 years of leadership.



Regeneron volunteers in Tarrytown packaging meals for Rise Against Hunger.

## REGENERON HOLDS FIRST GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE

Tarrytown-based pharmaceutical company Regeneron staged its first "Day for Doing Good," a companywide day of service, on Oct. 27. The company's employees participated in community service projects impacting nonprofit and community organizations. The projects were as varied as working with Head Start preschoolers in Westchester on science and literacy activities to sorting donated items for refugees in Albany.

"At Regeneron we have a tradition of 'doing well by doing good' — it's what we commit to every day through our work developing and producing medicines for serious diseases and through our efforts to strengthen our communities," said **Leonard S. Schleifer**, president and CEO of the company.

More than 50 percent of Regeneron employees participated in the event. More than 3,500 volunteered more than 10,000 hours on 227 different projects that benefited 105 organizations.

In Tarrytown, about 110 Regeneron volunteers packaged meals to be distributed by Rise Against Hunger. They were visited by U.S. Rep. **Nita Lowey** who, along with Schleifer, congratulated them for their public service spirit and enthusiasm.



A portion of the Rubens painting "Reconciliation of the Queen and her Son" showing the head of Marie de Medici. The painting is on display at Iona's Chapman Gallery.

## RUBENS ON DISPLAY AT IONA

An exhibition of Peter Paul Rubens' work, "Peter Paul Rubens and the Flemish 17th Century," is being presented at Iona College's Brother Kenneth Chapman Gallery in New Rochelle through **Nov. 30**.

The exhibition includes works by Rubens, his workshop and others. In all, 26 paintings and drawings from the collection of **Seena and Arnold Davis** are on display.

Rubens is considered the most influential artist of the Flemish Baroque tradition. His pieces reference aspects of classical and Christian history and include religious figures, mythological subjects and hunt scenes.

A gallery talk will be held on **Nov. 9**, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 5 p.m.; Thursdays, noon to 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on holidays.



Planning committee members, from left, Heather Panessa, Angela Retelny, Nancy Chochrek, To-Dao Casey, Patti Lipman, Laura Miller, Lynne Clark, Sheri Wolfe and Ellen Schwartz. (Not pictured: Kathy Coleman, Rene Wolfer and Michelle Silverman Bedell.) Photo by Linda Blair.

## BREAKFAST FOR THE LIBRARY

Scarsdale area Realtors recently gathered at the Sunningdale Country Club in Scarsdale for the inaugural RealHelp fundraising breakfast to support worthy local causes. The goal of the breakfast was to make a difference in the communities where agents live and work.

The Scarsdale Public Library, now undergoing renovation and expansion, was the beneficiary.

There are about 500 agents in the Scarsdale Area Realtors group. The RealHelp Planning Committee is chaired by **Lynne Clark** and **Laura Miller** from Houlihan Lawrence.

"We hope the fundraising breakfast will be an annual affair, choosing a new worthy recipient each year," Clark said.

# ALAnews

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## ALA Announces \$500,000 in First-time Grants to Develop Coding Programs in Libraries

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The American Library Association (ALA) today announced more than \$500,000 in grants for 28 libraries in 21 states plus the District of Columbia (full list below) to design and implement coding programs for young people. The grants are part of ALA's ongoing *Libraries Ready to Code* (<http://www.ala.org/tools/readytocode>) initiative sponsored by Google to promote computer science (CS) and computational thinking among youth. It is the first time ALA has dedicated funding for CS programs in libraries.

"The *Libraries Ready to Code* grants are a landmark investment in America's young people and in our future," said ALA President Jim Neal. "As centers of innovation in every corner of the country, libraries are the place for youth – especially those underrepresented in tech jobs – to get the CS skills they need to succeed in the information age. These new resources will help cultivate problem-solving skills, in addition to coding, that are at the heart of libraries' mission to foster critical thinking."

Libraries are filling a crucial gap in K-12 education, with fewer than half of U.S. K-12 schools offering computer science classes. Specific groups underrepresented in CS careers - girls, rural residents, those from low-income communities, young people of color or with disabilities - are disproportionately disenfranchised by digital opportunity gaps, according to a Pew Research Center study. Libraries, proximate to diverse communities, are ideal places to provide equitable access to technology and training all young people need to develop the CS skills that will be indispensable in the workforce.

*Libraries Ready to Code* grant recipients span every region of the United States and range in size from rural libraries serving as few as 50 youth to urban library systems with branches serving populations of up to a million young people. Selected from a pool of more than 400 public and school libraries, grantees will develop programs that instill coding and computational thinking skills through dozens of innovative projects, including:

- designing educational escape rooms,
- making mechanical computers powered by marbles to solve logic puzzles,
- coding music with the use of assistive technology in special education classes, and
- building a residential-sized FarmBot machine to install a community garden.

As the cohort of grantees pilots their individual projects, they will receive guidance from each other, Google and ALA's youth divisions: the American Association of School Librarians, the Association of Library Service to Children and the Young Adult Library Services Association. Their collective results will contribute to a national CS educational toolkit that will include implementation guidance to supplement the resources and activities that libraries find most useful for youth CS programming. Developed by U.S. libraries, for libraries, the toolkit will be released in conjunction with National Library Week in April 2018.

The Google program manager, Nicky Rigg, focused on Computer Science education, said, "The resources aren't meant to transform librarians into expert programmers but to support them with the knowledge and skills to do what they do best: empower youth to create, problem solve and develop the confidence and skills to succeed in their future careers."

### 2017 Libraries Ready to Code Cohort:

**AK, Homer:** Homer Public Library

**AR, Charleston:** Charleston Public Library

**AZ, Maricopa:** Ak Chin Community Tribal Library

**AZ, Phoenix:** Maryvale High School Library

**CA, Santa Ana:** Santa Ana Public Library

**CA, Santa Barbara:** Santa Barbara Public Library

**CT, Groton:** Groton Public Library

**CT, Hartford:** Hartford Public Library

**DC, Washington:** DC Public Library

**ID, Meridian:** Meridian Library District

**IL, Normal:** Normal Public Library

**KS, Independence:** Independence Public Library

- KY, Mitchell:** Kenton County Public Library
- KY, Paducah:** McCracken County Public Library
- MA, Cambridge:** Cambridge Public Library
- MD, Chestertown:** Kent County Middle School Library
- MI, Clarkston:** Clarkston Independence District Library
- MN, Waseca:** Waseca Public Library
- MT, Belgrade:** Belgrade Community Library
- NJ, Belmar:** Belmar Elementary School
- NY, Florida:** Florida Public Library
- NY, Rochester:** Rochester City School District School Library
- NY, White Plains:** White Plains Public Library
- OK, Muskogee:** Muskogee Public Library
- PA, Pittsburgh:** Pittsburgh Public Library
- PA, Shillington:** Governor Mifflin School District
- SC, Georgetown:** Georgetown County Library System
- TX, Houston:** Harris County Public Library
- VA, Newport News:** Heritage High School
- WA, Seattle:** Seattle Public Library



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