

Executive Director's Report October 2018

(covering time period of September 18 – October 22, 2018)

WLS Battle of the Books 2018

The fifth Annual Battle of the Books took place on Saturday, October 20th, at the Hendrick Hudson High School. A total of 33 teams from 20 member libraries competed in this year's competition. There were 17 teams competing in the Children's Division (Grades 4-6 category) and 16 teams in the Teen Division (Grades 6-10) category. Pictured below are this year's winners—the Eastchester Library Warriors (Eastchester Public Library) for the Children's Division and the Rye Buzzer Beaters (Rye Free Reading Room) for the Teen Division.



This trivia tournament questions teams on how well they understood 5 books. The 2018 book selections included the following:

Grades 4-6

Rain Reign by Ann Martin
All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson
Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann

Grades 6-10

Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse
Delirium by Lauren Oliver
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Special congratulations goes to this year's Planning Committee, comprised of staff from the member libraries and WLS. Led by President Kathlyn Carroll of White Plains Public Library and Vice President Suzy Zavarella of Ossining Public Library, the committee was responsible for scheduling the event activities, ensuring all materials were purchased and available, garnering sponsors and volunteers—and some members even acted as coaches for their teams. The event was exciting, ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all. The teamwork, good sportsmanship and spirit of the competitors and coaches are impressive and a shining example of fun and friendly competition.

WLS Trustee Institutes

Lauren Moore, Executive Director of the Pioneer Library System (PLS), led an interactive discussion on the *Roles and Responsibilities of Library Trustees: Trustees & Directors* at the Mount Kisco Public Library on October 4th. Ms. Moore covered topics including: the 3 duties of library trustees, the roles of the trustee and the director, strategies for a good board meeting, and helpful resources. Slides from the presentation are now posted to the [WLS website](#).

WLS 59th Annual Meeting

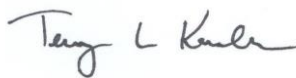
There has been a change in speakers for this year's Annual Meeting! We are happy to welcome **New York Secretary of State and YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester Women's Hall of Fame most recent inductee Honorable Rossana Rosado**. Best known for her successful tenure as the Publisher & CEO of El Diario La Prensa, Secretary Rosado has advocated for advancement on issues affecting a wide array of New Yorkers including women's empowerment, the re-entry and reintegration of prisoners into society and fairer, more humane immigration policy. A native New Yorker, Secretary Rosado will share with us her thoughts on the role that libraries do and can play to foster greater access equity in their communities.

The timing for the event will remain the same: **Thursday, November 15, from 8:30-10 am** at the WLS Headquarters in Elmsford. Other activities to kick off our 60th anniversary celebration are being planned, and invitations will be out shortly.

Future Events

November 7-10 New York Library Association (NYLA) Annual Conference – Rochester, NY
November 15 WLS 59th Annual Meeting – WLS Headquarters, Elmsford, NY

Respectfully submitted,



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