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Westchester Library System features State Library Leaders and Elects New Trustees at Annual Meeting

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A video, produced in 2017, gave an overview of WLS services featuring the WLS Delivery, Westchester Seniors Out Speaking (WSOS), HSE (High School Equivalency) Connect!, and WEBS programs. Strategic directions for WLS were also reviewed over the past year, including an in-depth assessment of the Central Library program. One new initiative included Hoopla, an online database of e books, videos and other content available 24/7 with over 40,000 titles down-



County Executive-elect George Latimer; Terry L. Kirchner, WLS Executive Director; Edris Scherer of North Salem, WLS Trustee

loaded. As content formats continue to evolve, the focus will remain on user-centric services based on people, place and platform to bring about successful sustainability. As noted in the video by Terry Kirchner, WLS Executive Director, "WLS is the agent that makes things possible for the local libraries. We are there for

them."

Regent Johnson (9th District) and State Librarian Margolis engaged in a panel discussion that addressed creating public libraries' future. Ms. Johnson highlighted how schools and libraries need to encourage civic values and skills for successful citizenship. Mr. Margolis focused on

three major themes of equity; what makes libraries unique; and the use of more flexible planning strategies that will allow for change and growth. As the methods of delivering service in classrooms and in libraries have changed, schools and libraries need to explore ways to transform their service to reflect the 21st century. An informative question and answer period followed.

During a brief Business Meeting presided over by WLS President Cathy Draper, the following trustees were elected to a 5-year term expiring as of December 31, 2022: Jonathan Marshall, WLS District 2 [Briarcliff Manor, Ossining, Tarrytown]; Karen Kelley, WLS District 12 [Peekskill]; and Ms. Draper (second term), WLS District 9 [Bronxville, Eastchester, Pelham, Tuckahoe].

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Member News & Job Openings

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Greenburgh Nature Center Reopens to Public

After a two-month closure, the Greenburgh Nature Center, local leader in environmental education, reopened its doors. The Greenburgh Nature Center was closed in October and November while undergoing a roof renovation of its Manor House. Despite the closure of its central hub for programs and events, the Nature Center continued to offer outreach programs to the community.



Empowering libraries. Empowering communities.

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"Saunders Trades and Technical High School Cosmetology Program Give the Spa Treatment to the BRIDGE School Program from Cerebral Palsy of Westchester"

The Saunders Trades and Technical High School Cosmetology Program went above and beyond to utilize their skills. These students brought a day full of joy to the students from Cerebral Palsy of Westchester. On Wednesday December 6th, 2017 Cerebral Palsy of Westchester brought young adults from the BRIDGE School Program to enjoy a day of haircuts, manicures and makeup.



WCA Podcast Coming in January 2018!

Westchester Children's Association is producing a new podcast called [Ground Truthing](#). Hosted by [GPS4Kids](#) Project Manager, [Erica Ayala](#), this new podcast aims to uplift voices from our community in Westchester County and bring them to your ears.

[Ground Truthing](#) unites community voices from across Westchester County to discuss topics that impact children and families. Guests represent content experts, advocates & youth voices. The show will highlight bright spots and critically question existing policies & practices through [data-informed](#) conversations. [For a preview listen to the teaser episode here!](#)

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Successful Aging: Keane & Beane, P.C. Participates in Senior Law Day

by Sarah A. Steckler

The Westchester County community is fortunate to have a robust array of professionals, organizations and caring individuals with a variety of backgrounds and abilities who are dedicated to the cause of successful aging. The Senior Law Day Programs assist families to successfully plan for their future, answer legal questions and provide free programming to the county. The 2017 program year is finishing on a high note. This year, we completed over 500 free one-on-one consultations for our residents, with skilled estate and elder law attorneys, a record number. In 2017, and in every year since our start in 1999, we have been dedicated to promoting the legal, financial and overall health of seniors and their families in Westchester County.

The Senior Law Day Collaborative which consists of attorneys, accountants, financial planners, insurance professionals and geriatric social workers plans to expand its reach in 2018. We are focused on being a trusted community resource on a wide range of elder law, healthcare and financial issues for seniors and their families.

We closely partner with Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPA) and encourage Westchester residents to call the DSPA help line at 914-813-6436 with any concerns related to aging. DSPA often refers the call to the appropriate member of our Collaborative. We screen each professional before he or she joins, so that residents do not have to worry about potential scams or otherwise being sold something they do not need. In 2018, we plan to offer:

- View at home YouTube videos of our most popular programs through the Westchester Library System;

- Greater use of the guide "Elder Law Q&A: An Introduction to Aging Issues and Planning for the Future" to supplement our live programming. The Elder Law Q&A is available at <https://www.kblaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Elder-Law-QA-Ed18-OnlineEnglish-FINAL.pdf> as a valuable community resource.

- Two half-day Senior Law Day Programs to serve our diverse residents. Mt. Kisco will host the first Senior Law Day of 2018 on Apr. 10, and we will return to the County Center in White Plains on Oct. 16;

- Increased programming for Westchester's Spanish-speaking population; and

- More single-session programs in local communities throughout the County during the year.

I am pleased to continue as the Senior



Senior Law Day

Law Day Program Director in 2018, with my Keane & Beane P.C. colleague Steven A. Schurkman serving as a Program Co-Chair. Cristina Riggio and Christopher J. Aventuro are also active. We work with a wonderful committee of more than 100 colleagues, many of whom volunteer tirelessly and take on leadership roles. Senior Law Day is presented by the Westchester County DSPA, the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services, and the Ninth Judicial District of the New York State Office of Court Administration.

We look forward to another year of em-

powering Westchester's older adults to remain in their homes and age with dignity, independence and civic involvement.

For more information and free resources, visit www.seniorlawday.info or follow us on Twitter @seniorlawday or like us on facebook. We thank our generous sponsors for their support - please visit our website for the full list.

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GOOD THINGS HAPPENING
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Bernard A. Margolis, left, and Judith Johnson.

BY THE BOOK

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Johnson highlighted how schools and libraries need to encourage civic values and skills for successful citizenship. Margolis focused on what makes libraries unique and the use of more flexible planning strategies that will allow for change and growth in view of the rapid growth of digital technology.

During a business meeting presided over by WLS President **Cathy Draper**, trustees were elected to 5-year terms through Dec. 31, 2022. They were **Jonathan Marshall**, WLS District 2 (Briarcliff Manor, Ossining, Tarrytown); **Karen Kelley**, WLS District 12 (Peekskill); and Draper to a second term, WLS District 9 (Bronxville, Eastchester, Pelham, Tuckahoe).

The Journal News

FRONT PAGE

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Court dismisses most claims against library director

Michael P. McKinney

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POUND RIDGE – A recent court decision says the firing of longtime Pound Ridge Library Director Marilyn Tinter was “so disproportionate to the offense” that it could be “shocking to one’s sense of fairness.”

In a Nov. 29 decision, the court dismissed eight of 11 violations that the 2016 library board alleged Tinter committed. The allegations led the board to hold a hearing that spanned spring and summer of 2016 and

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Former library director Marilyn Tinter

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formed the basis of the board’s decision to terminate her that September.

But allegations such as Tinter having employees check materials out and back in to inflate circulation statistics were dismissed by the state Supreme Court’s Appellate Division, which found them “not supported by substantial evidence.”

The court’s four-judge panel upheld two violations, which included failing to ensure record keeping of employee hours, personnel files and employees’ paid leave. The panel said the library board’s determination of misconduct and incompetence in those matters was supported by substantial evidence. The panel also upheld portions of a third violation.

The court did not order Tinter reinstated, and instead sent the matter back to the library board, now made up of different members than those who brought the claims against her.

The current board, the court’s decision said, can give “new consideration to the appropriate penalty.”

On Dec. 3, the board made Tinter a librarian. In her previous director role, she had been making \$97,237 a year. In her new role, her salary is closer to \$52,000, according to her attorney, Anthony Tersigni.

Tersigni said Tuesday that a legal challenge to the demotion was being considered.

“We’re going back to court now; exactly when, I don’t know,” he said.

Miriam Schindel, the library Board of Trustees president, would not elaborate on the series of events, citing ongoing legal action.

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She instead referred to a statement put out by the library that says the court “agreed that there was substantial evidence in the record to support the library board’s determination that Ms. Tinter had engaged in dishonesty and mismanagement of library personnel matters.”

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Yonkers libraries begin lending American Girl dolls

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(Photo: Courtesy of American Girl)

The Yonkers Public Library has begun lending American Girl dolls at three of its branches.

Each branch will house two dolls that reflect different ethnic groups and historical times in American history. The dolls can be borrowed for two-week periods by anyone with a library card from a Westchester County library, though the dolls must be picked up and returned to the branch that lent them.

The Crestwood branch began lending the dolls in September and the Will and Riverfront branches began lending their dolls in mid-November.

"We can't keep them on the shelves," said Crestwood branch manager Zahra Baird. "It's that popular."

The six dolls and accessories were purchased with money raised by Olivia Reduto, a Yonkers Girl Scout who created the American Girl Sharing Project as part of her effort to earn the Girl Scout's Silver Award.

Reduto's project was designed to address income inequality and diversity, while bringing history to life through the use of the popular brand, according to her mother Tina Reduto.



Yonkers Girl Scout Olivia Reduto, left, with Thea Taube, Children's Librarian at Ottendorfer Branch of the New York Public Library, whose lending of American Girl dolls inspired Reduto's project. (Photo: submitted)

American Girl dolls typically range from \$60 to \$115, not including accessories.

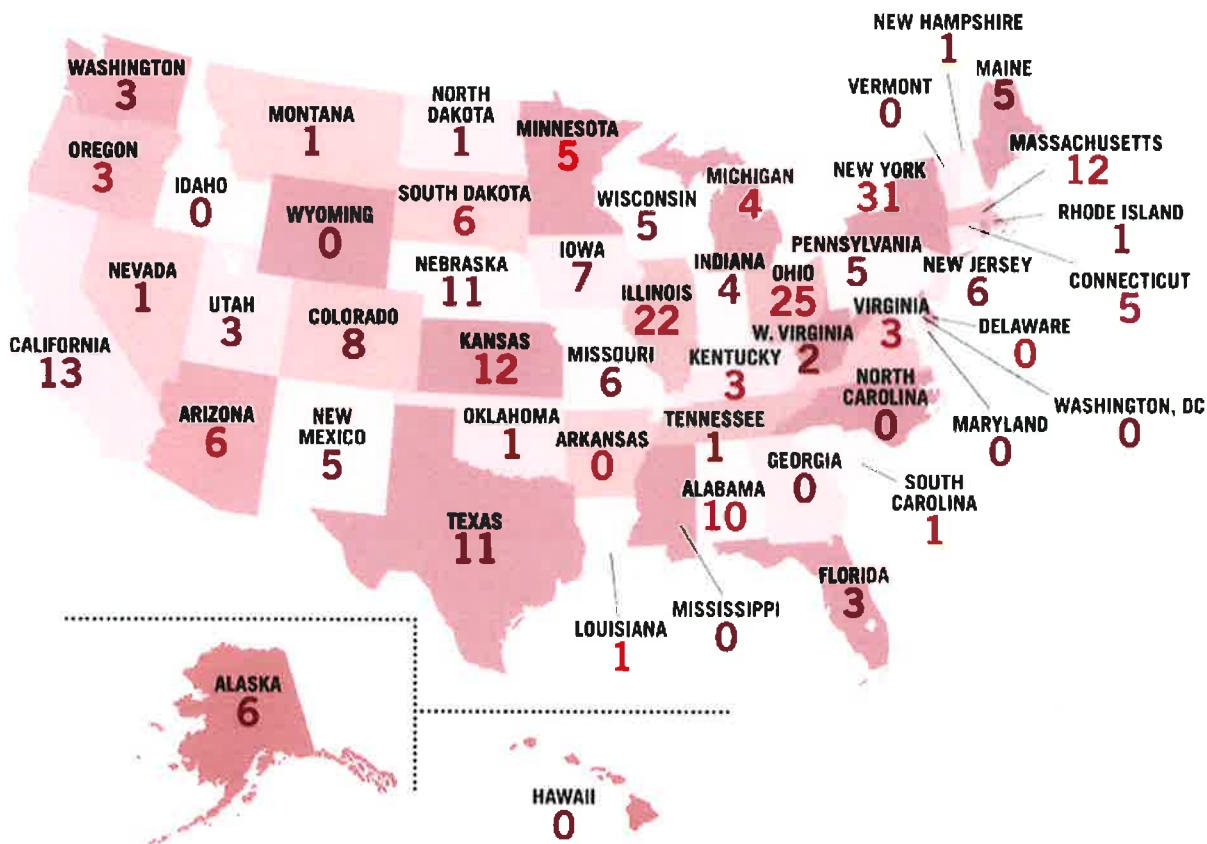
Olivia Reduto's project was inspired by an American Girl doll lending program at a New York Public Library branch in New York City that was a hit with children whose parents could not afford to buy the dolls.

"It's a great way of not having to spend a lot of money," Baird said of the lending program.

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STATES WITH MOST AND FEWEST STARS

The 2017 Star Libraries are found in 40 states scattered across the country geographically. The top four states, ranked by their numbers of Star Libraries, are New York (31), Ohio (25), Illinois (22), and California (13). There is a tie for fifth place between Kansas and Massachusetts (12 each). The Top Ten Star Library states are rounded out by Nebraska and Texas (11 each), Alabama (10), and Colorado (8). Like these Top Ten states, the remaining 30 Star Library states traverse the nation and are in every major geographical region.



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There are no 2017 Star winners in the District of Columbia or ten states. Of those ten states, four are the Southern states of Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, and North Carolina. Two other Star-less states are in the Rocky Mountain West—Idaho and Wyoming—and also Delaware and Hawaii.

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In addition to the above-mentioned states, there were no Star Libraries from Maryland or Vermont, because circulation of electronic materials or e-circulation was unreported for all libraries in those states. Consequently, no libraries in these states were scored on the 2017 LJ Index.

Star libraries are listed alphabetically below by state abbreviation, then ranked by stars and score. Please note that expenditure category peer comparisons are the critical ones; for the Star Libraries by expenditure category please go to [The Star Libraries](#) page.

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