

**Division of Library Development  
Construction Project Amendment Request  
State Aid for Library Construction**

<b>Library Name:</b>	<b>RCS Community Library</b>
<b>Project Number:</b>	<b>0386176896</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>RCS Library expanded Space Utilization</b>

The following changes are being proposed to the Construction Project:

***Original Scope of Work***

The original project scope was to create a kitchen for staff and programming use, renovate unfinished space for staff offices, which would free up space to create a reading room with large glass windows out to the Library, and free up space for the construction of a children's play area, and the purchase of a generator. After the construction bids based on an architect's drawings came in at more than 200% of the contractor's estimates, the project was amended to drop the addition of large glass windows that would have enhanced the quiet reading space.

***Amended Scope of Work***

The Library seeks to drop the generator, and add the fabrication and installation costs for the children's play space that was made possible by shifting staff space off the main floor of the Library.

***Reason for Changes***

After the construction and finishing of the kitchen and staff workspace, and furnishing of the quiet reading room, there were insufficient funds for the purchase and installation of a generator. The children's playspace used the space freed up by the completion of the new staff workspace.

***Changes to the project timeline***

All work described in amended scope of work is complete and paid for and the project could be closed immediately.

**Copies of contractor quotes/bids or invoices for the proposed changes must be submitted.**

Attached are the contract, which we submitted with a 50% deposit, and the invoice for the balance.

**Authorization**

This Construction Aid Amendment Request is authorized by (library representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Official Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_

***The following section will be completed by the Division of Library Development:***

Request Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Request Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature/Date

Hi Joanne,

I've been talking with my colleagues at other school district public libraries (Guilderland, Albany, and Bethlehem) about PILOT payments. They all receive them. I reached out to the Town of Bethlehem Comptroller to get their take on how the distributions should work. Mike Cohen's office told me: "the Town provides the school tax PILOT payment to the school districts along with copies of the bills and the calculation spreadsheets. Based on this, the school districts know what they should receive and what they should be distributing to the library."

Does his explanation make sense to you?

Thanks,  
Judith

Director

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Currently Reading: *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson

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Joanne Moran <jmoran@rcscsd.org>  
To: Judith Wines <director@rcscommunitylibrary.org>

Sun, Feb 24, 2019 at 5:50 PM

Hi Judith,

I am sorry that I have not gotten back to you sooner but once again I am looking into PILOTS/Libraries and schools. I have our counsel on it again and I will share the information with you when it is received. It is so funny that your constituents and mine say such different things. I know that one area school district entered into an MOA so that there is a documented agreement between the parties, because there is no statute that requires the school to forward PILOT monies (again I am looking into this). The MOA further states that the Library is required to pay tax refunds when the school does, right now we do not charge you back for the assessments refunds. The majority of the districts I talked to do not forward PILOT monies to Libraries. I hope to hear from our legal team later this week.

Talk soon,  
Joanne

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**Joanne Moran**  
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**Judith Wines** <director@rcscommunitylibrary.org>

Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 9:58 AM

To: Joanne Moran <jmoran@rcscsd.org>

Hi Joanne,

Thanks for looking into this. One angle on why some districts do forward and others don't may be the type of library - e.g. Coxsackie Athens, Colonie and Troy, e.g., are not "school district public libraries" (some, like Coxsackie, are association or 501(c)3 libraries, while others, like Colonie, are municipal so wouldn't directly receive PILOT funds as they are a branch of local government) while Guilderland, Bethlehem and Albany are, like us, "School District Public Libraries" and do receive the PILOTS in proportion to their levy.

I hear what you're saying about the tax refund issue and would understand if that changed. I'm curious to hear what your counsel has to say. Leave it to NYS to make things complicated...

Best,  
Judith

Judith Wines  
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**Joanne Moran** <jmoran@rcscsd.org>  
To: Judith Wines <director@rcscommunitylibrary.org>

Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 10:47 AM

Bethlehem and the library have a MOA...acknowledging there is no statute for the payment of funds. I am curious as well for the legal opinion, talk soon.

Joanne

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From Cindy Rowzee:

We currently have 2 PILOTS in the Town. One with Lafarge and one with Coeymans Recycling. The Town portion of the Lafarge PILOT is \$355,512.00 and the Coeymans Recycling one is \$7,860.00. I am not sure how the school taxes are with these PILOTS.

Cindy

**RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2018**

**7. TAX ABATEMENTS**

The following agencies have entered into various property tax abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The District property tax revenue was reduced by \$415,747. The District received payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) totaling \$323,490.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Projected Tax Revenue</u>	<u>PILOT Payment</u>	<u>Taxes Abated</u>
Town of Bethlehem IDA	Selkirk Ventures, LLC	\$ 192,210	\$ 187,688	\$ 4,522
Town of Bethlehem IDA	Finke Enterprises, LLC	118,129	81,486	36,643
Town of Coeymans	Coeymans Recycling	77,897	39,701	38,196
Town of Coeymans	Civil Housing Development Fund Company	<u>27,511</u>	<u>14,614</u>	<u>12,897</u>
		<u>\$ 415,747</u>	<u>\$ 323,489</u>	<u>\$ 92,258</u>

**8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through October 16, 2018, which is the date these financial statements were issued. All subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure as of June 30, 2018, have been incorporated into these financial statements.



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## Better World Books Discards and Donations Program

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Christina Griffin <cgriffin@betterworldbooks.com>  
To: "director@rcscommunitylibrary.org" <director@rcscommunitylibrary.org>

Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 3:21 PM

Hi Judith,

It was a pleasure speaking with you. As I mentioned many of our clients that run a book sale through the Library use our program in tandem with it by sorting out what would yield the best interest and funds locally or online. Simply sort out what you know won't be of any interest locally, check our acceptance guidelines and ship. That way you are creating the best stock for your sale with less labor when it's book sale time. There are various ways to participate in the program. They are as follows:

Option 1-Library Discards & Donations: presale materials-41 boxes or more a year  
~ Follow our acceptance guidelines: <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/go/library-donation-guidelines>  
~ Minimum of 14 fully packed boxes per shipment  
~ 10% Rate of return (based the net sale of each item sold)

Option 2-Library Discards & Donations:  
~ 1 box shipping minimum per shipment, via UPS-  
~ Pre-screening of all material through RUFIS  
~ 20% Rate of return (based the net sale of each item sold)

Option 3- for After Sale Material-Remainders  
~ Follow our acceptance guidelines: <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/go/library-donation-guidelines>  
~ Minimum of 40 fully packed boxes per shipment, via freight (must be approved)  
~ No funding back to the library-Solution only

Our program is totally free. We provide everything you need from supplies and prepaid shipping arrangements to reports on the environmental impact you make with our program. We send payments out quarterly once your account has accrued \$100.00

Please view our literacy initiatives here: <http://cares.betterworldbooks.com>

Getting your account set up is easy. I will provide you with access to our password protected client portal and you can sign in and complete a brief sales agreement to set up your account.

Please let know if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to working with you!

Best,  
Christina

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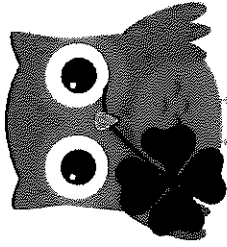
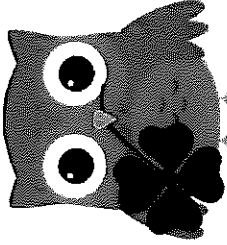
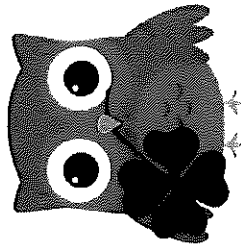
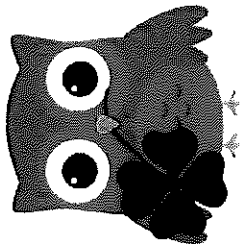
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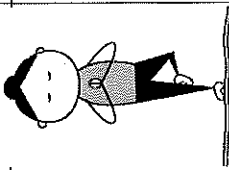


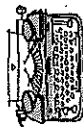




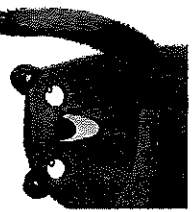
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# RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>MARCH INTO MARCH!</b> Get healthy in the month of March... help us "reach the moon" by logging your exercise. Stop by or see our website for details.</p>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 *Gentle Yoga (\$20 for 6 classes) 1:30 pm Read with Dixie 3:45 pm	*Gentle Yoga 10 am  *Felted Eggs 16 and up 6:30 pm	Family Fort Night 6:30 - 7:30 pm 	Preschool Storytime 10 am  Come Write In 2pm	Romp & Read 10 am The Magic Years Stress Management Parent Education 10:30 am	Interactive Princess Bride movie (PG) 2 pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	*Gentle Yoga 1:30 pm Board Meeting 7 pm	Romp & Read 10 am Tuesday Matinee The Favourite 2 pm	1-Up Gaming Night 17 and up 6 - 8 pm	14 Preschool Storytime 10 am Come Write In 2pm Thursday Night Movie The Favourite 5:30 pm	Romp & Read 10 am The Magic Years Setting Routines Parent Education 10:30 am	Pi Baking Contest 1 pm 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	*Gentle Yoga 1:30 pm  *Felted Eggs 16 and up 6:30 pm	Romp and Read 10 am 	Lunch Time Books My Sister the Serial Killer 12 noon Juice and Jammies Spring 6:30 pm	21 Preschool Storytime 10 am Come Write In 2pm *Cooking with Honest Weight Co-Op Mexico! 6:30 pm	Romp & Read 10 am The Magic Years Discipline Tools Parent Education 10:30 am	Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 2pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	*Gentle Yoga 1:30 pm	Romp & Read 10 am Non Fiction Book Discussion How Do We Look? 10 am Tuesday Matinee Green Book 2 pm Last Tuesday Books The Great Alone 6 pm	GROSSOLOGY Year Journal 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and older 4:30 pm 	28 Preschool Storytime 10 am Come Write In 2pm Thursday Night Movie Green Book 5:30 pm	Romp & Read 10 am 	*Registration required



# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## FAMILY FORT NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Bring blankets and pillows to build a family fort in the Library! Stick around for the end when we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a sweet treat!

## COME WRITE IN

THURSDAYS AT 2:00 PM

Bring your writing, or desire to write to these drop-in, informal gatherings of creative minds. Facilitated by local writer Kate Gleason. No need to register.

## 1-UP GAMING NIGHT FOR 17 AND UP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Play Super Smash Brothers with your friends on our big screen while snacking on classic pizza bagels.

## PI BAKING CONTEST

SATURDAY, MARCH 16: JUDGING AT 1:00 PM

Prizes for the best Adult and Kid entries will follow the judging.

## JUICE AND JAMMIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 6:30 PM

Join us for spring stories, craft, and a snack

## COOKING WITH HONEST WEIGHT CO-OP: MEXICO!

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 6:30 PM

Mexican Rice and Hot Chocolate with a Mexican twist. Kids are welcome with adult assistance. Registration required.

## GROSSOLOGY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 AT 4:30 PM

Learn the chemistry behind farts! Find out why some farts smell really bad and is it possible to outrun the stench. For 2nd grade and up - no need to register!

## OSCAR NOMINATED MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY



MARCH 12 AT 2 PM  
MARCH 14 AT 5:30 PM



MARCH 26 AT 2 PM  
MARCH 28 AT 5:30 PM

## GET MOVING IN MARCH

## MARCH INTO MARCH



Log your miles and steps.

@librarymoonwalk.sals.edu

Help us reach the moon!

## GENTLE YOGA MONDAYS 1:30 PM

Stretch away stress and regain energy. Focus and calm your mind. Mat and chair variations will be offered.

Registration required. The class will run for 6 weeks. \$20 fee due by the first class.



Find us on



## Playful Learners



Tuesdays:  
Romp and Read  
10:00 am

Thursdays:  
Preschool Storytime  
10:00 am

Fridays:  
Romp and Read  
10:00 am

Our storytimes help children develop school readiness through stories, songs, and activities.