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Announcements & Reminders

Anyone wanting to apply for a NYS Public Library Construction Grant for the 2019-2021 grant cycle should contact Kristi Downham at kdownham@flls.org or 607-273-4074 ext. 228 to set up a site visit as soon as possible. Applications will not be accepted without a site visit. For more information contact Kristi or go to: www.flls.org/grants/construction/. Applications are due Friday August 30th, 2019.

Links to Make You Think

[NYLA Council Endorses the ALA Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity](#)



[ALA Statement on SCOTUS Census Ruling](#)

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From The Director



I spent the end of last week and the beginning of this week attending the American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C. I spent last Friday, June 21, on a day-long tour of various Washington libraries and wanted to share with you what our tour group learned. For our next newsletter, I'll focus on the sessions I attended while at ALA.

Laurel Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System

– We started the tour from the convention center and drove 45 minutes into Laurel, Maryland. This branch is located in a suburb of Washington that has a historic African American district, including a beloved church and local park adjacent to the library. When the library renovated in 2017, the church across the street from the library became a focal point, and the park grounds became part of the library. The library has an outside amphitheater, a splash water park for kids, and a playground. Inside, the use of natural light, light wood, and a live wall of fresh plants makes the library open and spacious. Their Whisper room is a glass-enclosed quiet space that houses the live wall and is available for study space. The kids space is the highlight of the library, with dinosaur bones (not real bones, but of historic purpose due to the Laurel area having dinosaur bones found during excavations) under a glass floor. Check out our pictures of the library on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Woodridge Branch – Located in an impoverished area of D.C., this newly renovated branch was designed by architect Bing Thom and was the first library he designed for the city. The three-level library has a grand staircase that curves up to a top floor open roof terrace that overlooks a park next door. Full of light and open spaces, this building is designed more like a modern museum, and gets extremely high usage. Area residents who never used to use the library now attend programs and use their public computers, as well as checking out materials.

Cleveland Park Branch – The D.C. Public Library's nineteenth major modernization project, the Cleveland Park Branch was the first time the system took the task of building a new structure within the confines of a historic district. Their most busy branch, this was a favorite on the tour due to the natural light, open porches on the second floor for reading, and a private garden on the first floor outside of the kids area. Until the Central Library, the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, re-opens next year from their renovation project, the Cleveland Park Branch is now the largest neighborhood library in the system.

West End Branch – This branch was our last stop on our tour and was unique in that the library branch occupies space on the bottom floor of an upscale condo building. It also houses an upscale coffee shop, Bluestone Lane, which is located inside the library. Opening at the end of 2017, this branch was the most modern in design and is famous for their mural by Adrienne Gaither that features the names of famous people connected to the West End neighborhood, including Duke Ellington and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

D.C. Public Library Executive Director, Richard Reyes-Gavilan accompanied us on all of the stops, and while we were on the bus, gave us an overview of the new Central Library project, which will re-open next year. It will feature a slide for children going from the top floor to the bottom and will serve as the largest library to date in Washington. All D.C. libraries offer free printing and a free kids book program similar to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

Have a great weekend and upcoming 4th of July!

Sarah



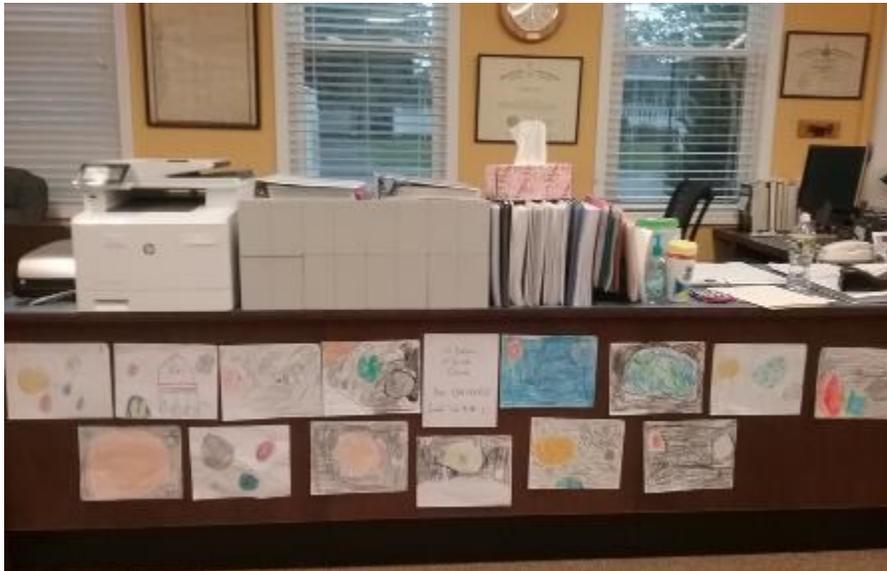
Member Library News

Tompkins County Public Library



From *Library wants to be stronger resource for formerly incarcerated*, article in **Tompkins Weekly**: “With recently awarded grant funding from the Finger Lakes Library System, the Tompkins County Public Library will be pulling together its resources to be able to better help incarcerated and formerly incarcerated community members.” [CONTINUE READING](#)

Fair Haven Public Library



From Nancy Reed, who is coordinating Summer Reading programs for Fair Haven Public Library: “I felt the library NEEDED some HAPPY ART. So I called the principal of our local school last week. He made arrangements for me to visit one of his 1st grade classes who have been studying the universe & this is the result! Our library front desk.”

Have something to share?

Please send submissions to Jenny by 9am on July 12 to be featured in the Bulletin!



Scam Alert!

Social Security imposter scam on the rise

We need your help to spread the word about a new scam preying on consumers trying to protect their SSNs

One of the most sensitive pieces of personal information is a consumer's Social Security number (SSN), used by companies, the government, and other institutions to identify individuals--and highly sought-after by identity thieves.

In our era of data breaches, electronic transactions, and privacy concerns, scammers are aware of how concerned consumers are about guarding their SSNs, and that is why we are seeing an increase in the "Social Security imposter scam."

The Federal Trade Commission received more than 76,000 reports about the Social Security imposter scam in the past 12 months alone. With average losses of \$1,500, this new scam is quickly becoming one of fraudsters' favorite tricks.

The scam usually begins with a consumer receiving a call from someone claiming to be with the Social Security Administration. The caller informs the victim that their SSN has been suspended because it was stolen or has been involved in a crime.

In a variation on this scam, the caller may also reach out to tell a victim that they qualify for an increase in benefits. All they need to do is provide the scammer with some information. Typically, these callers will ask their victims several questions to get personal information that they can then use to steal their identity or drain their bank accounts.

Because of the numerous data breaches, these scammers may have access to accurate personal information—such as an individual's real SSN—that they can use to build trust and appear legitimate. Regardless, before concluding the scam, fraudsters will almost always request payment to "unfreeze" the SSN or to process the increase in benefits. The scammer may request that they be paid via an unusual payment method such as by gift card, or some form of cryptocurrency like Bitcoin.

CONTINUE READING!

Full Article: https://www.fraud.org/ssn_imposter_alert





Webinars, Workshops, & Events

FLLS Events

Sign up here for all FLLS Workshops unless otherwise noted: www.flls.org/calendar-2/

FALCONS Meeting

Thursday, August 15
9:30am-11:30am

Learning About Learning Circles

Thursday, August 22
9:00am-11:00am
To be held at FLLS.

Youth Services Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, September 12
1:00pm-3:00pm
To be held at Weedsport Free Library!

Conferences & Outside Trainings

PLA Social Justice and Public Libraries: Equity Starts with Us

**August 12–13, 2019 in Charleston, SC OR
October 28–29, 2019 in Chicago, IL**

Libraries across the country are making stronger commitments to equitable library services for all. Librarians, library administrators, library staff, and other stakeholders are encouraged to join us to grow the collective capacity and connections we will need to do this work. During this one-and-a-half day symposium we will explore how power and privilege operate interpersonally and institutionally; identify how oppression shows up in our communities and libraries; and learn about historical and contemporary social justice movements. Participants will hear from libraries putting equity into practice, develop regional connections, and create local action plans to advance equity and social justice in our organizations and communities. Day one will focus on building shared language, self-awareness and historical understanding. Day two will give us the chance to learn about successful racial equity initiatives and develop action plans to catalyze or strengthen equity work in our organizations and communities.

Webinars

Hooray for Freedom! Part One: Privacy, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Freedom in the Library

Thursday, July 11, 3:00pm

Part one in a two-part series, this webinar explores intellectual freedom, privacy, and confidentiality in practical, actionable ways.

Privacy, confidentiality, and intellectual freedom are core values of librarianship that are easy to agree with, but difficult to implement. Hooray for Freedom! will help you assess your professional practice, give you the legal and ethical context to support democracy in your library, and help you identify practical ways to implement improvements.

Hooray for Freedom! Part Two: Developing Policies in Support of Ethical Practice

Thursday, August 8, 3:00pm

Part two in a two-part series, this webinar explores library policies and procedures related to intellectual freedom, privacy, and confidentiality.

Building on part one, Hooray for Freedom! Privacy, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Freedom in the Library, this webinar will help you assess your library's current policies and procedures within a legal context, and help you draft specific policy language. We'll explore considerations for libraries of all sizes in order to codify the library profession's values for our institutions.

B&T Title Source 360 Webinar

Thursday, September 5, 9:30am

Welcome to Title Source 360. As you begin familiarizing yourself with Baker & Taylor's enhanced acquisition and selection tool, we would like to extend an offer for you to join us for one of our interactive webinars. These webinars will provide an orientation to the features and functions of the site and answer any questions you may have. Join our interactive training to learn about: searching and finding content, streamlining your workflow, and personalized preferences.



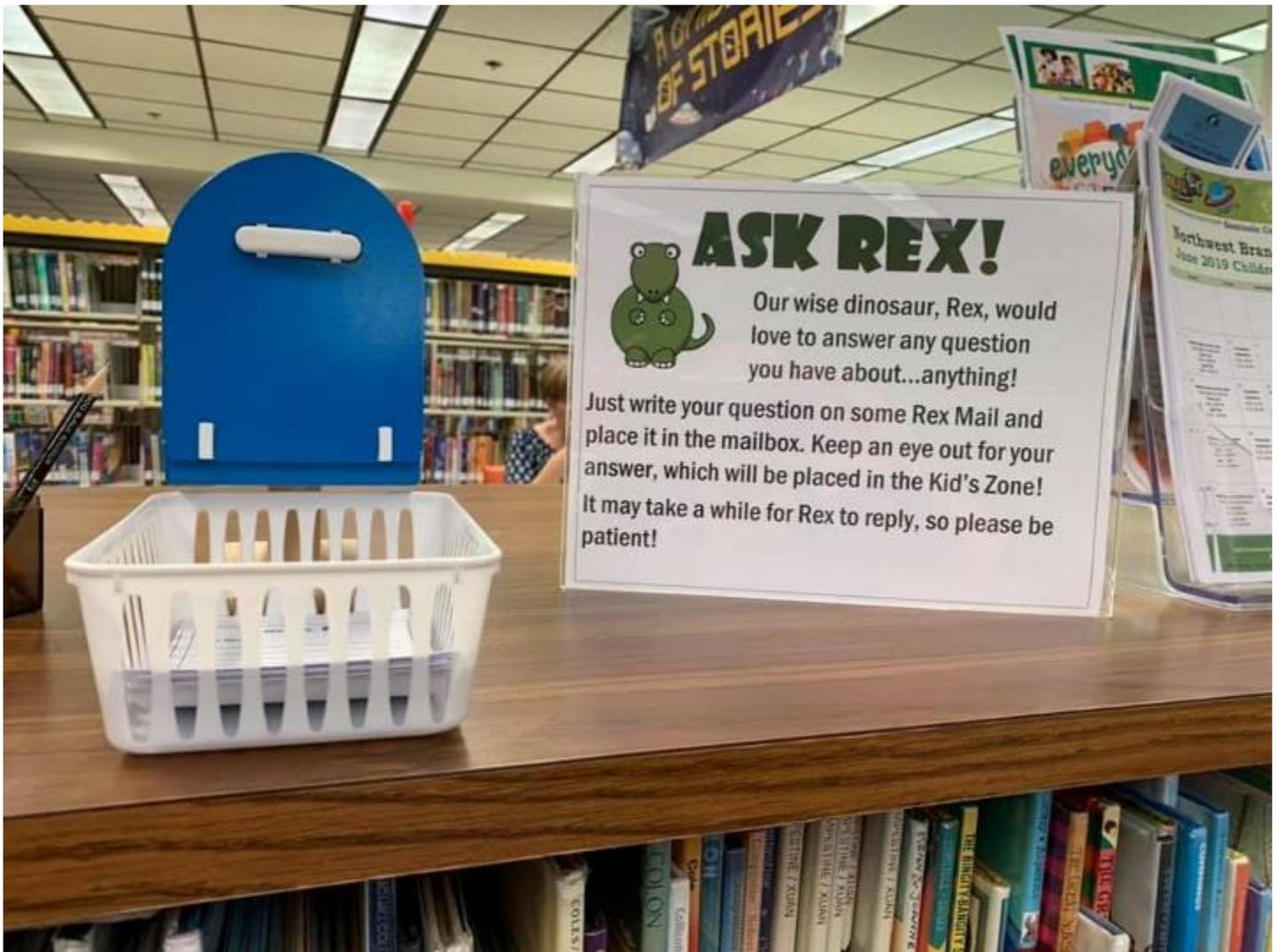
Programming Ideas



In each bulletin, we will now be showcasing Adult and Youth programming ideas with resources & more! Enjoy!

Passive Program Idea!

Erin Plummer shared on Facebook: “Introducing our newest passive program: Ask Rex! Rex is our branch “mascot” of sorts. Now kids can send him questions via “Rex Mail” and have the answers posted on a board in the Kid’s Zone so they can read it when they visit again!”



Source: *Programming Librarian Interest Group*, www.facebook.com/groups/ProgrammingLibrarianInterestGroup/permalink/2246950765382811/.

Note: You will probably need to be a member of the group to see the posts.

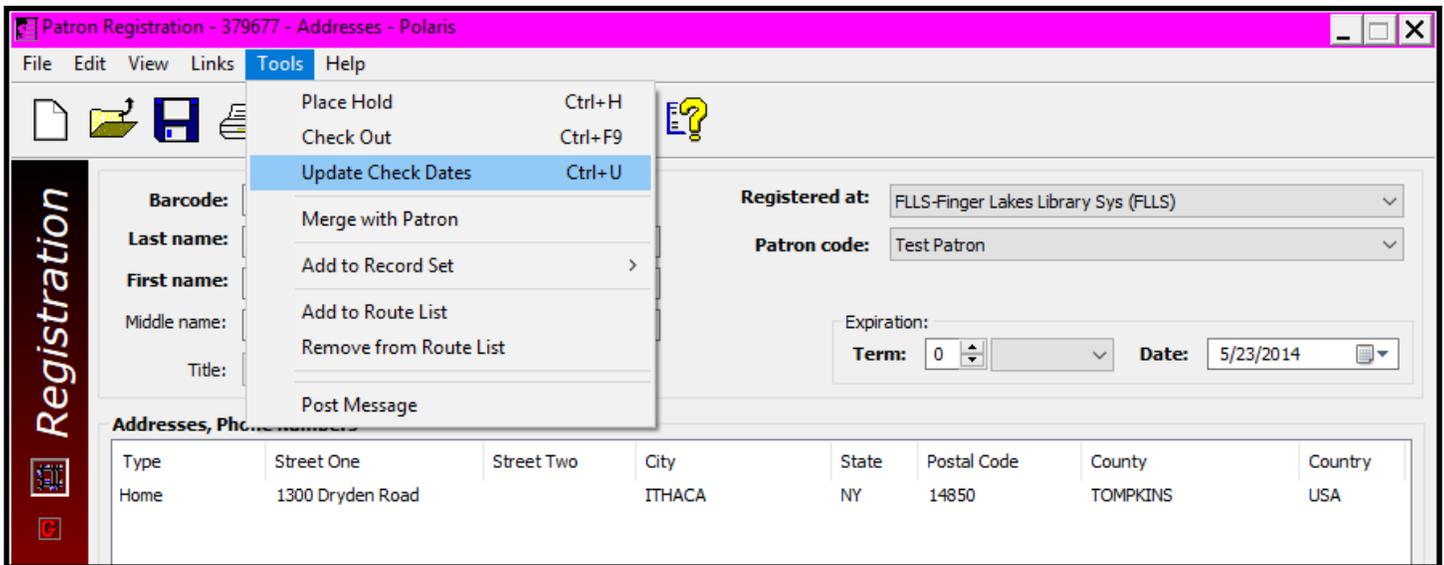


Polaris FAQ

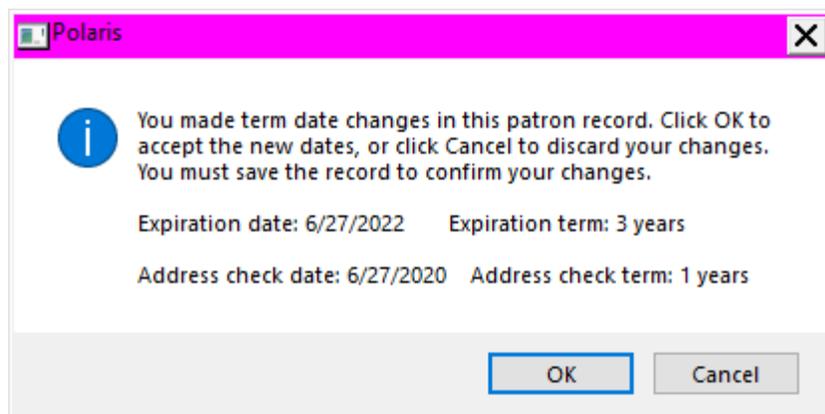
Updating Patron Registrations

There is now a quicker way to update patron registration check dates!

1. On the Polaris Toolbar, go to **Patron Services** → **Patron Records**. Or use **F7** on your keyboard to bring up the Patron Record Find Tool. Search for your patron by last name, first name. Double click on the correct patron in the search results.
2. Once the patron record is open, go to **Tools** → **Update Check Dates**.



3. A pop up will appear, informing you that you are making term date changes in the record. It will show you the new expiration date (3 year) and new address check date (1 year). Click **OK**.



4. Don't forget to save the record so that the changes will be implemented.

Thanks to the staff at Edith B. Ford Memorial Library in Ovid for this tip!



Awards, Contests, & Grants

NYLA Leadership Management Section (LAMS) Scholarships

Deadline: June 30

The Library & Leadership Management Section (LAMS) of the New York Library Association is seeking candidates for two scholarships to attend NYLA's 2019 Conference in Saratoga for first time attendees. One award will be given to Directors/Branch Managers; the second is for Library Assistants/support staff. This award covers the full conference registration fee; hotel room; LAMS luncheon and \$100.00 towards travel.

All applicants must submit a letter from a professional reference and an application in the form of a letter which includes: why you wish to attend conference, how the experience will benefit your work, how you will share what you learn with co-workers and/or colleagues, your professional goals, and how attending conference will help you achieve those goals.

To apply for these scholarships, submit the application and letter of reference via email to Julie Dempsey at jkelsall@highlandlibrary.org by June 30, 2019. All applicants will be reviewed by the LAMS' Scholarship Committee. The winners of these scholarships will be selected by July 31, 2019.

Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library Grants

Deadline: July 31

Since 1946, Friends of the Library has given substantial funding to the Tompkins County Public Library and the Finger Lakes Library System, providing much needed assistance to both organizations in meeting their service goals. In recent years we have increased our scope of giving to include other public libraries in the area as well. Funding is now available from the Friends in the form of small grants to help public libraries and reading rooms in the Finger Lakes region that serve Tompkins County residents.

Eligible libraries are invited to apply for a grant from the Friends according to the following guidelines:

- We expect most awards will be in the \$500 to \$1,000 range. Funding is limited and we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored. If grant requests exceed available fund, preference will be given to public libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System within 30 miles of Ithaca.
- Grants should be requested for projects that will make a significant difference to the library.
- Grant funding may be used to purchase books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, equipment and furniture, and to implement programs for library patrons.
- Grants will not be made for operating costs or salaries.
- If an award is given, the Friends Library Grants Committee requires a copy of any paid invoices for which grant funds were used.
- Libraries receiving grants should publicly recognize that the project was funded in whole or in part by "The Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library."
- We would also appreciate feedback as to how the grant has helped the library, which may include photographs and/or a public announcement.

Application can be found here: www.friendsoftcpl.org/grants/library-grants/.

Please email completed applications with supporting documentation (if any to librgrants@booksale.org and cc: NF11@cornell.edu or mail them to: Friends of the Library Booksale, 509 Esty St, Ithaca, NY 14850, Attn: Library Grants Committee.