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Reminders

If you would like to use the **Telescope**, **Coding Kit** (with Stargazing & NASA apps), or any of the **Giant Board Games** for your summer reading program, you will have to contact Nora or Jenny to reserve them!

We have several events coming up! Don't forget to **register**: www.flls.org/calendar-2/. Jenny is also available for one-on-one or small group trainings at your library!

Links to Make You Think

[Dutch Artists Paint Giant Bookcase on an Apartment Building](#)

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From The Director



We have had an extremely busy last two weeks at FLLS. It is nearing the end of preparation for school ballot referendums, and both Nora and I are finishing up work for many of our libraries to help them with their referendums. I've also presented to two member library boards within the past few weeks to help them prepare for referendums in 2020, in addition to giving a presentation about the tax cap for one of our libraries. Our three other

librarians have been equally busy. Nora has worked with a board that just went fine free and Jenny has been out doing Polaris training regionally. Both Jenny and Nora successfully submitted new three-year rounds of the Adult Literacy Grant and Family Literacy Grant through the NY State Library. Deb is preparing for a large scale catalog cleanup that will take place this summer. Deb is also helping me with an ergonomic study of our sorting room at the end of the month.

Last week during our monthly conference call with the State Library staff, we learned that the State is finally getting closer to hiring a new State Librarian. Phone interviews have been conducted with prospective candidates and in-person interviews of at least three candidates will take place during the first full week of May. Carol Desch of the State Library is hopeful that the new State Librarian will be in place during early summer.

Public library systems were also asked by the State Library early this week to write a statement how the loss of \$20 million in library construction aid will impact our systems. We had to explain if we felt we would be awarding less money to projects, if we're going to have to decline projects, or if multi-year projects would be impacted. All three of these will be the case for our system, as we were only awarded a little over \$380,000 total. I also submitted an explanation of what types of projects were already hearing about from our member libraries.

During the FLLS monthly board meeting this past Wednesday, Kristi gave a brief presentation about the impact of reduced construction aid to our board. The board also formed a construction aid committee during the meeting, which is earlier than past years, but vital because of our reduced funds. The committee will be made up of FLLS trustees Deb Lewis, Marty Toombs, and Steve Moolin. If your library is thinking of going for construction aid this summer, please contact Kristi Downham to let her know.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Sarah



Member Library News

Edith B. Ford Memorial Library



Save the date for our biggest event of the year, the moment you've all been waiting for: the Plant Sale & Ribbon Cutting (soft opening) of our newly expanded and spectacular Ford Memorial Library. This event is sponsored by Tillinghast Manor Bed & Brunch.

Find plants, hanging baskets and more with our Annual Plant Sale - just in time for Mother's Day. Also, take a sneak peek inside the Library as the finishing touches come together.

Sign up to win a lovely hanging basket! You can also buy a raffle ticket for \$2.00 for your chance at winning a beautiful, handmade quilt, or for just \$5.00 enter to win a night's stay at the newly remodeled Tillinghast Manor Bed & Brunch!

Seneca Coffee House will have Coffee, Decaf, Juice and breakfast sweets to kick off the day and Silo Food Truck will be on site for lunch starting at 11 am!

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will commence at 11 am with cake & refreshments following. The cake will be provided by local famed pastry chef, Candice Crowthers.

The building is almost done, and we can't wait to let you take a peek to see what all the excitement is about. See you there!

Have something to share? Please send submissions to Jenny by 9am on May 3 to be featured in the Bulletin!



Scam Alert!

AV-Test compares 19 Antivirus Tools: Windows Defender Reaches Maximum Detection Score

The German AV-Test lab compared 19 antivirus products, including the free Windows Defender which comes with the Win10 OS. Defender reached the max detection score, which was better than a slew of commercial products. As we all know, AV home and commercial products use the same engines but enterprise tools come with a management layer.

The upshot of this test: Ultimately, 3 packages score the maximum 18 points: F-Secure, McAfee, and Symantec. Windows Defender gets 17, and does better than 8 other commercial packages.

AV-Test said: "During January and February 2019 we continuously evaluated 19 home user products using settings as provided by the vendor. We always used the most current publicly-available version of all products for the testing. They were allowed to update themselves at any time and query their in-the-cloud services. We focused on realistic test scenarios and challenged the products against real-world threats. Products had to demonstrate their capabilities using all components and protection layers."

[Click here for the Full Story with links and screenshot!](#)

Microsoft Takes Control of 99 Phishing Domains Operated by Iranian State Hackers

The domains had been used as part of spear phishing campaigns aimed at users in the US and across the world. Court documents unsealed today revealed that Microsoft has been waging a secret battle against a group of Iranian government-sponsored hackers.

The OS maker sued and won a restraining order that allowed it to take control of 99 web domains that had been previously owned and operated by a group of Iranian hackers known in cyber-security circles as APT35, Phosphorus, Charming Kitten, and the Ajax Security Team.

APT35 hackers had registered these domains to incorporate the names of well-known brands, such as Microsoft, Yahoo, and others. The domains were then used to collect login credentials for users the group had tricked into accessing their sites. The tactic is decades old but is still extremely successful at tricking users into unwittingly disclosing usernames and passwords, even today.

Microsoft said it received substantial support from the domain registrars, which transferred the domains over to Microsoft as soon as the company obtained a court order.

This isn't the first time Microsoft has used a court order to take over domains that were previously under the control of government-backed cyber-espionage groups.

[Click here for the Full Story!](#)



Webinars, Workshops, & Events

FLLS Events

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

Polaris Item Maintenance Refresher

4/24 @ WEED 5/7 @ MCGR

5/20 @ WAV

All Polaris sessions will run from 9am-12pm

Inspiring Sensory Play

Thursday, May 2

10:00am-12:00pm

REGISTER TODAY!

Falcons Meeting

Thursday, May 16

9:30am-11:30am

Sexual Harassment Training

Tuesday, May 28 for Supervisors

Thursday, May 30 for Employees

Both sessions will be held @ FLLS

Conferences & Outside Trainings

Association for Rural and Small Libraries:

ARSL Conference

September 4-7, 2019

Burlington, VT

ALA Annual

June 21-25, 2019

Washington, DC

Check out: [Making Your Case to Attend.](#)

Materials and Programs for All! Workshops on Enhancing Inclusion

Friday, April 26, All Day

Ithaca College Campus

Ithaca College is proud to host a series of workshops designed to help librarians and educators better serve patrons of different identities and needs. Our hour-long workshops provide a local alternative to expensive Continuing Education training, and seek to foster community among regional teachers and library staff. Select workshops will be led by librarians from the Tompkins County Public Library!

Webinars

The Library as Social Connector: Forging Community Connection

Thursday, April 25, 3:00pm

Strong social cohesion is a crucial factor in a community's resilience in times of stress and disruption. Unfortunately, studies show that our communities are experiencing a steady erosion of social cohesion, pointing to an increase in loneliness, depression, and separation because of too much time spent online and too little time spent in community. Libraries have the position and the power to rebuild social bonds, offering that sense of community and shared place that humans crave. Join us as we explore library programs through the lens of social possibilities and devise strategies to be more intentional about forging stronger community bonds.

Ending the Mental Illness Stigma

Tuesday, April 30, 1:00pm

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. In preparation for this important time, Jean Poland from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Finger Lakes (NAMI-FL) will present information for library staff and others in regard to this important and timely issue. Beginning with an overview of the prevalence of mental health issues among the general population, this webinar will cover is the stigma and discrimination people with such illnesses face. We will discuss how illnesses are defined, medications, and the effect of stress and trauma. We will cover safety issues and provide resources to support individuals affected by mental illness and their communities.

Accessibility and Online Multimedia Content

Thursday, May 16, 2:00pm

As information providers, we increasingly use video and audio to disseminate information. This poses challenges but also unique opportunities for reaching people with disabilities. Providing transcriptions, captions and audio descriptions with the media is not a simple task. But with a focus on inclusivity and accessibility, we can produce content that is conducive to achieving our professional mission of lifelong learning while working to eliminate the disparities between persons with and without disabilities.





Highlights from the Collection

FLLS Library System Board Games *Come play with us!!*



Each kit includes: rules or instructions, assembly instructions, and a plastic storage box for easy transport

The games can be sent to any of our 33 member libraries.

To request one of these games, simply search Polaris by **Call Number** for “**Board Game.**” You can also search for the items using the barcodes below!

Title	Barcode
Backgammon	A20518100176
Bananagrams	A20517083915
Battleship	A20518100215
Bingo cage set	A20517493097
Cribbage	A20518100257
Dominoes double six, jumbo color dot	A20519094857
Game show buzzers	A20517876300
Mancala	A20517083800
The original game of Connect 4	A20517492936
Rainbow jumbling tower	A20517493013
The settlers of Catan	A20517084393
The Settlers of Catan	A20518030020
The very hungry caterpillar game	A20517083923



Polaris FAQ

Special Procedures for DVDs, Audiobooks, & Music CDs

Filling out the 028 field (publisher number) is a required field for Music CDs, Audiobook CDs, and DVDs. For audiobook CDs, the publisher number is often found near the ISBN and/or UPC code and occasionally on the disc surface. Transcribe the number exactly as seen on the item, including letters, numbers, spaces and hyphens. An example is “RHCD 538” for a Random House audiobook. For music CDs, the publisher number is often found on the spine of the case and on the disc surface as well. An example is “UAE 34732” for a music CD published by United Audio Entertainment. Again, if a publisher number cannot be found, please add “none” to the field. An example for the DVD would be the “N6929” on the spine of the case and on the actual disc.



Music CD



Audiobook CD



DVD

If you can't locate the publisher number, just type “none” in the 028 field.

If a DVD set has multiple publisher numbers (one on each disc and possibly the container) just enter one of the disc numbers into the 028 field and scan the UPC into the 024 field. That is satisfactory to the FLLS cataloging department.



Awards, Contests, & Grants

ARSL Scholarships

Deadline: May 24

Criteria for these scholarships has changed slightly so be sure to read and apply for the one(s) that fit you! These scholarships are for first time attendees so anyone who has **NOT** previously attended an ARSL conference is invited to apply.

This year, four scholarships will be awarded by ARSL. The Dr. Bernard Vavrek scholarship is for current library school students. The Founders scholarship is for current ARSL members who have been working in the library profession for 5 years or less. The Ken Davenport Scholarship is for current ARSL members who have been working in the library profession for 6 to 10 years, and the Angel scholarship is open to current ARSL members who have been working in the library profession for any length of time.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm Central Time (6pm EST) on May 24, 2019 to be considered. If you have any questions about the process or have any trouble with the application form, please do not hesitate to contact scholarship@arsl.info.

NYLA Friends of Libraries Scholarship

Deadline: June 15

NYLA's Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) Executive Board is proud to announce a brand new scholarship named for its President Emeritus Randall Enos. The scholarship will provide \$500 each for two FLS members to attend the NYLA Annual Conference in odd-numbered years.

Applications are now being accepted for 2019. The Enos Scholarship will be given to two members of FLS to attend the NYLA Annual Conference this year. Applicants must be active in a local Friends of the Library group. One scholarship will be awarded to a first-time attendee at the conference and the second award will go to someone who may, or may not, have previously attended.

See the complete coverage of this exciting new scholarship opportunity in the March 2019 issue of [Friends News and Notes](#). The centerfold of the newsletter contains the entire scholarship packet. The deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. Please direct questions to anne.andrianos@gmail.com.

EBSCO Solar

Deadline: June 21

EBSCO Solar is back for 2019. This year, EBSCO is making \$200,000 in grants available for applicants looking to fund a library solar project to offset electricity costs. Solar power is the cleanest and most abundant renewable energy source available. EBSCO now has more than 500 solar panels offsetting the amount of "brown power" we buy and generating clean energy to reduce EBSCO's environmental footprint. We believe we can help make a critical impact on improving the environment and we want to help a library make the same transition to green power.

EBSCO Solar is a grant program that funds solar installations at libraries.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2019, with the winners announced online and at ALA-Annual on June 21st. Contact ebcosolar@ebSCO.com for questions.