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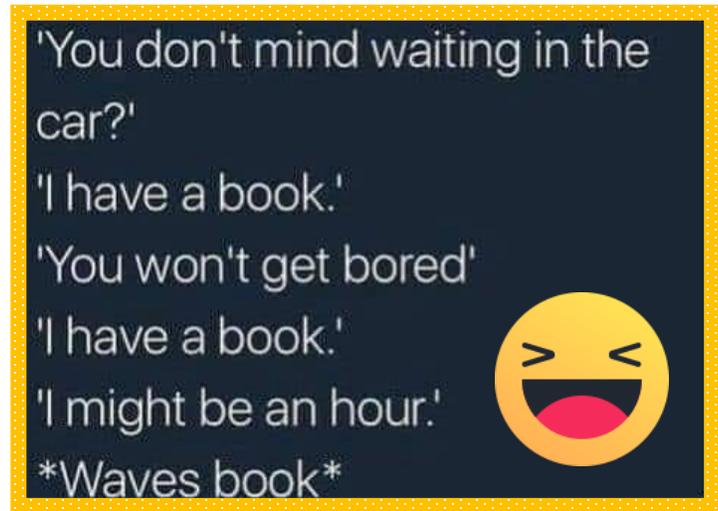
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Reminders

For those of who can't make the in person Sexual Harassment Prevention trainings, there will be an online version coming in late June/early July that you will be able to take and still be in compliance with the New York State law. If you have any more questions please contact Kristi Downham at kdownham@flls.org.

We will be purchasing new professional collection books very soon. Is there something on your wish list you would like the system to purchase? Send your suggestions to Jenny at jshonk@flls.org.

Links to Make You Think



[How reading rewires your brain for greater intelligence and empathy](#)

[B&T to Close Its Retail Wholesale Business](#)

[Making Changes as a New Library Employee](#)

[Malawian Teen Taught Himself How To Build A Windmill From Junk, Brought Power To His Village, ALL Learned From Library Books!](#)

From The Director



I hope everyone is having a happy May and enjoying the slightly warmer weather. We have been working on a variety of projects over the last few weeks and I thought I would update you on some of them.

Referendums – Our libraries are going for a record number of school ballot referendums this spring and we are wrapping up our system work on them. From help with marketing, social media strategies, and creation of Infographics and flyers to attending library board meetings, local meetings and school board meetings, we feel all of our libraries are on track for successful referendum votes on May 21.

SCRLC – On the morning of Friday, May 3, I attended the South Central Regional Library Council Board meeting. FLLS, Southern Tier Library System, and Four County Library System (under education law) must sit on the SCRLC board and I currently hold the position of Treasurer for the board. At Friday's meeting, we voted on the 2019 – 2020 budget for SCRLC, reviewed membership expectations, studied the cash balance history of SCRLC to help determine what amount the board should be committed to setting aside each year, and had a presentation on the Communities and Libraries partnership project.

DAC – On Wednesday, May 1, we held one of our quarterly DAC meetings at FLLS. DAC stands for the Directors Advisory Council of FLLS. Our three largest libraries (TCPL, Auburn, Cortland) hold an automatic seat, and each county sends two library representatives to our meetings. Discussions at the meeting include an overview of the State Budget and ramifications for both member libraries and FLLS, and an update on state level advocacy efforts and preparation for Advocacy Day 2020. Jen Schlossberg from TCPL gave the group a presentation on bed bug remediation procedures and the group discussed how to create a pest management manual for their libraries.

Bed Bug Remediation Boxes – Due to discussions at FALCONS and at DAC, FLLS has determined that we will be purchasing bed bug remediation boxes for all of our member libraries to keep at their libraries for treatment of library materials. I will be sending out more information to our members next week about this.

Targeted Aid (aka Bullet Aid) Letters – NYLA released a sample form letter for libraries to use when requesting targeted aid money this week. This money is replacing the traditional bullet aid funds. This year, \$5 million of aid is allocated for the Senate, \$5 million for the Assembly, and \$5 million for the Governor. I urge all of our libraries to write request letters to their local assembly members and Senators. Please have a specific project and a specific dollar amount in mind. Examples could be \$3,000 for collection help, \$5,000 for summer reading programs and books, or \$7,000 for new carpeting. If you need help for project ideas or dollar amounts, please reach out to Nora, Jenny, or me for help. Your letters should go out as soon as possible, with NYLA suggesting a deadline of May 10.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Sarah



Member Library News



Have something to share?

Please feel free to shout it out loud...
but also let us know!

Please send submissions to Jenny by 9am
on May 17 to be featured in the Bulletin!



Scam Alert!

COPPA: A few tips to keep your child safe online

Online games and websites for kids are everywhere these days – to the point where it's commonplace to see toddlers playing with them, too. And while the internet often offers a positive way for children to explore and learn, privacy concerns are lurking. To help protect children's privacy, the FTC enforces the [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act \(COPPA\)](#), which requires websites and online services to obtain consent from parents before collecting personal information from kids younger than 13.

According to the FTC, [i-Dressup](#), a website allowing users to play dress-up games, and its owners violated COPPA by collecting personal information from kids – including names, email addresses, and user names – without obtaining parental consent and failing to take reasonable steps to protect this information. This led to a breach of i-Dressup's network in August 2016. As a result of the breach, a hacker accessed the personal information and account passwords of over two million i-Dressup users, including at least 245,000 children under 13.

So how can you protect your child online? Here are some tips:

- **Talk to your kids about [what they're doing online](#).** Find out which games, social networking sites, and other online activities your kids are into and make sure you are comfortable with them.
- **Talk to your children about the implications of providing personal information.**
- **Help your kids understand what information should stay private.** Tell your kids why it's important to keep information like Social Security numbers, street addresses, phone numbers, and financial information private.
- **[Learn more](#) about how to protect your child** when he's online.
- **[File a complaint with the FTC](#)** if you think a site has put your child's privacy at risk.

Taken from: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/04/coppa-few-tips-keep-your-child-safe-online>.



Webinars, Workshops, & Events

FLLS Events

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

Youth Services Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, May 9

1:00pm-3:00pm

To be held at Lansing Community Library. Come meet, network, and collaborate with other library staff who work with youth. We share program ideas, discuss problems, share resources and grant ideas, and more. Any library staff members who work with children, teens, or families are welcome!

Falcons Meeting

Thursday, May 16

9:30am-11:30am

Tarita Murray, Field Sales Consultant at Baker & Taylor, will be on hand after the meeting (~11:45AM) to discuss B&T's services. Lunch will be provided.

Conferences & Outside Trainings

BookExpo

May 29-30, 2019

Javits Center, NYC

BookExpo is carefully crafted with content and experiences for all those that play a part in the publishing industry. It's where authors, booksellers, distributors, librarians, literary agents, publishers and more unite to build relationships, learn tactics to bolster business and get the pulse of what's trending in today's shifting marketplace. If you are an Ingram customer, contact Rob Scott for some insider information!

ALA Annual

June 21-25, 2019

Washington, DC

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

Association for Rural and Small Libraries: ARSL Conference

September 4-7, 2019

Burlington, VT

Webinars

Libraries Connecting You to Coverage: Health Literacy

Tuesday, May 7, 2:00pm

As part of its ongoing work to support the public library's role in creating healthy communities, PLA is taking steps to increase consumer education around health insurance and information. How can your library help? This free webinar will help public library staff better understand the importance of health literacy, how to promote accurate health information and resources, and how to develop community partnerships to broaden the scope of a healthy community.

Preparing Libraries for the 2020 Census: Digital Security, Privacy, and Access

Tuesday, May 7, 3:00pm

Digital access to the 2020 Census at New York's public libraries will be a major factor in achieving a fair and accurate count in New York State. The 2020 Census is less than a year away, but, so far, public discussion about the Census has not been focused on preparing libraries for the digital security, privacy or access implications of a digital census. To build capacity and technical support at libraries, and to ensure that libraries are able to preserve patron privacy during the digital census, the Digital Equity Laboratory at the New School has made tools available to help libraries implement best digital security practices for the 2020 Census.

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.



**Click here to see a full list of FREE
webinars from WebJunction!**



Highlights from the Collection

Are your patrons talking about Avengers: Endgame?

Make sure to let them know that the Marvel movies were comic books first...
& we have them!



Your patrons can search the PowerPAC for “Avengers,” their favorite characters, or by specific titles. Contact Jenny for a complete list or suggestions for a display!

New Graphic Novels Pictured Above:

Title	Author	Barcode
Captain Marvel: Earth's Mightiest Hero Vol. 3	DeConnick, Kelly	A20519416538
Civil War II <i>(We also have the original Civil War set!)</i>	Bendis, Brian	A20519416570
Infinity Gauntlet	Starlin, Jim	A20519415760
Infinity War	Starlin, Jim	A20519415809
Infinity War: Aftermath	Starlin, Jim	A20519415728

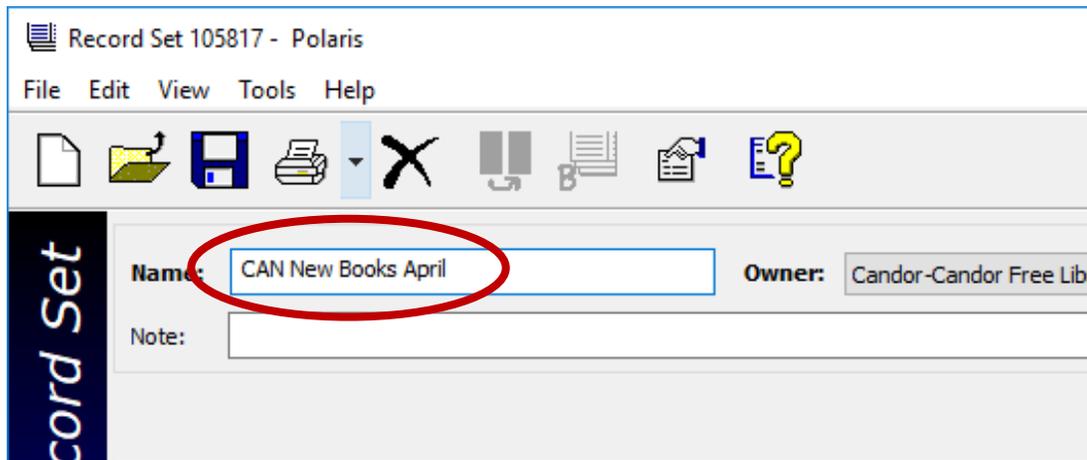


Polaris FAQ

Quick Reminders!

RECORD SET NAMING CONVENTION

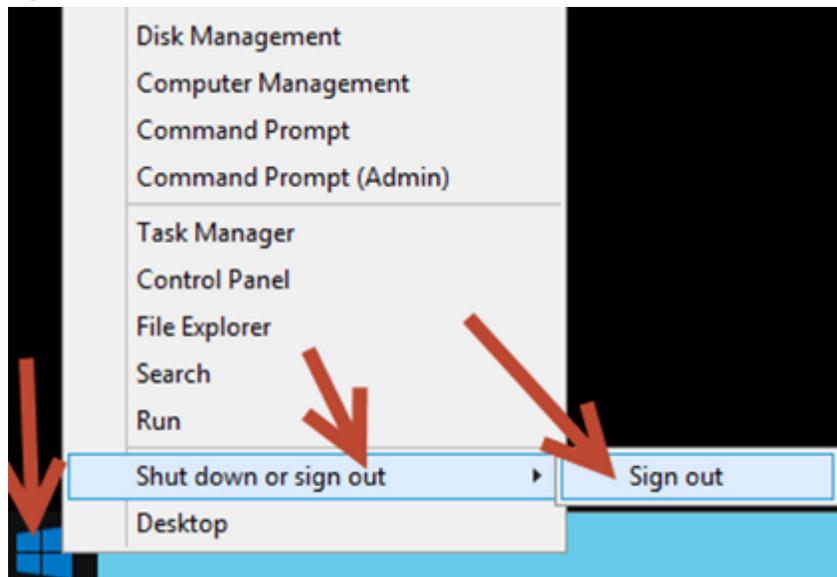
When creating a record set, enter a name to identify this set and any notes you wish to include. Follow the standard naming convention established by FLLS by entering your 3-4 digit library code and then a descriptor, ex. **CAN New Books April**. Improperly named record sets can and will be deleted without advance notification.



Additionally, make sure that you are creating ITEM or PATRON record sets. Bibliographic and Authority record sets will be rarely (or never) used by a member library.

LOGGING OFF CORRECTLY

On the toolbar, go to the **File** → **Log Off** and select **OK**. After properly logging off, click once on the X in the upper right hand corner of the Polaris toolbar to close it or go to **File** → **Exit** and select **OK**. Then, go to the Windows button in the bottom left hand corner of the screen, right click, move your mouse to **Shut down or sign out**, and left click on **Sign out**.





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 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.