FLLS will be closed Monday, March 28, 2016 for our Spring Holiday. There will be no delivery that day.

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From the Director

A huge thank you to all who came to our successful annual Summer Reading meeting we held on Thursday. This is always our largest system meeting that we hold at our building, and it was great to see so many of you in attendance. For me, the highlight was hearing about all of the different Community Foundation library grants that were awarded to our libraries. Whether it is for enhancing summer reading programs already in existence, or creating a new teen program, it was great to hear what you are planning this summer. It was also exciting to hear about all of the library collaborations happening on some of the grants and the partnerships you have developed over the years. Please check our Facebook page for photos at https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153593014177711.1073741850.87497677710&type=1&l=f6f698dbeb.

I’d also like to thank the Finger Lakes staff for helping Amanda run such a great and fun program for everyone. We hope you can join us next month on April 21st when we host Jeremy Johannesen, the Executive Director of NYLA to talk about library advocacy.

Sarah
Reminders:

NYLA Programming Survey
The NYLA Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is conducting a survey through April 15, 2016 to gather information to inform the development of upcoming programming. Please share your input and you will be entered into a drawing! One lucky respondent will be selected at random to receive a $15 Amazon gift card – it could be you!
NYLA CEC Survey
NYLA membership is not required to participate, please distribute widely.

Member News

Port Byron Library
Presents
Saturday March 26, 2016
11:00 AM
The Ladies of the Port Byron Free & Academy

Dawn Roe, former Port Byron historian, presents the history of the Port Byron Free & Academy and highlights the legacy of our female graduates.

FREE ADMISSION

Celebrating Local Women in History
National Women’s History Month

Doing something fun or innovative? Have a special announcement? Something to share? Let Amanda (aschiavulli@llls.org) know each week by 5pm on Thursday and see it here!
Upcoming FLLS Workshops and Events

“New events added weekly. In chronological order.”

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

Windows 8.1 & 10 Training
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
9am-Noon
This training session will cover the basics of the Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 operating systems. A comparison of the two systems will also be included. Registration is required and limited to 10 participants.

Minecraft Basics
Thursday, April 7, 2016
9:30am-11:30am
Learn how implement a Minecraft program in your library! Sara Knobel and Drew Montreuil from the Groton Public Library will take participants step-by-step through the process of setting up your server to conducting this inexpensive and remarkably easy program! We will have 10 laptops available to learn the software. If you want to bring your own laptop, set-up instructions will be emailed to you a week before the class so you can install it beforehand.

Advocacy Everyday
Thursday, April 21, 2016
9:30am-11:30am
A conversation on how every library, every librarian, and every patron has a role to play in speaking up for libraries. The presentation will include a discussion of NYLA’s Legislative Agenda, the state budget process, the current political landscape, and strategizing for the future.

Speaker:
Jeremy Johannesen
NYLA Executive Director
Having served a Deputy Director of NYLA from 2005 – ’08, Johannesen left to lead the NYS Alliance for Arts Education. Jeremy returned to NYLA in 2012, assuming the role of Executive Director. Johannesen holds his BS in Arts Education from the College of Saint Rose, and is an active leader in Cub Scout Pack 232.

Strategies for Successful Partnerships
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
1:30pm-4:00pm
In this third component of the Ready to Read at New York Libraries Program, participants will learn:
- Strengthen partnerships that enable public libraries to assist young families and child care providers in fostering early literacy skills for all children in New York State.
- Connect local libraries with statewide networks of childcare providers, non-profit organizations, public broadcasters and others to enhance early childhood services, including parent education.
- Provide library staff with ongoing access to research-based early literacy skills training.
- Partner with national, state, regional, and local organizations to increase family and caregiver participation in library based early literacy programs that foster a literacy-rich home environment.
Check out the Internet: Starting a Hotspot Lending Program

Thursday, June 16, 2016
9:30am-11:30am
- Does your library have a parking lot full of patrons using wifi after hours?
- Are you interested in having a hotspot lending program in your library?
- Wondering how it all works and (gulp) how much it might cost?

Join Central New York Library Resources Council (CLRC)'s Research & Development Librarian Matthew Kopel for a session reviewing all of the various ways that your library can get to the bleeding edge of access innovation. This workshop will walk you through the questions to ask vendors, and prepare you to have the answers ready for when your board is ready to fund a hotspot project.

Webinars, Conferences and Other Training

**New events added weekly. In chronological order.**

**Patron Driven Weeding**
March 30, 2016
11am-Noon
Patron-driven acquisition has become a regular part of the collections development process in many libraries. If we can trust our patrons to provide valuable input on what types of materials belong in the library’s collection, can we trust them to also provide opinions on what should no longer be on our shelves?
Register: https://www.esln.org/events/webinar-patron-driven-weeding/

**Funding Libraries in America: Increasing Your Revenue for 2016 (NEW) Webinar**
Thursday, March 31, 2016.
2:00pm
Is your library or library system bracing for yet another budget cut? Does your administration continually have to make decisions about what can be funded, and what cannot? Do great ideas go unrealized because there is no money?
Register Today!
https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=445

**S.L.U.S.H.**
Thursday, March 31
5:00pm
Karaoke at the K-House
15 Catherwood Rd
Ithaca, NY

There is a full bar, food menu, free karaoke in the lounge as well as suites available for rental. The K-HOUSE is located just off of Rt. 13, and there is free off-street parking.

**PLA Conference**
April 5-9, 2019, Denver CO.
http://www.placonference.org/
Practical Ideas for Effective Online Teaching and Learning
Thursday, April 14th
2:00-3:00pm
Description: This Webinar is a discussion of the practical uses of learning perspectives and formal instructional design strategies for effective online teaching and learning. Participants will be able to access the Design for Learning (D4L) Program MOOC after the Webinar.
REGISTER HERE

ALA Leadership Institute – 2016
The application process for the 2016 “Leading to the Future” ALA Leadership Institute (August 8-11, Eaglewood Resort, Itasca, Illinois) is now open, with applications accepted through April 15, 2016. The four-day immersive leadership development program for up to 40 mid-career librarians helps future library leaders develop and practice their leadership skills in areas critical to the future of the libraries they lead. The application form as well as details and guidelines are at http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/ala-leadership-institute. Applicants may nominate themselves or be nominated by their employer. Participation includes a free one-year membership in LLAMA (Library Leadership and Management Association). Support for the Institute is provided by Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

YSS 2016 Spring Conference
April 15, 2016
Desmond Hotel in Albany
Conference Registration is open so register today: http://bit.ly/2016YSSregistration

Getting Started: Creating and Sustaining a Friends Group for Your Library
Plattsburgh Public Library, 19 Oak Street in Plattsburgh, Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon
Open to all interested volunteers, library staff, library trustees, and community members who would like to learn more about establishing and sustaining a Friends group for their public library. Registration is required by sending an e-mail to Pat Loughan, President, Friends of the Plattsburgh Public Library friendsoflib12901@yahoo.com. Reservations should be made by Monday, April 18 and attendance is limited to 50 people. Following the workshop, the Friends are offering an optional luncheon at a cost of $10 per person with further opportunities for networking on Friends topics. Please indicate your interest in the luncheon when registering.

MSRT- STEAMing Up Summer Learning
TUESDAY, April 26
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Speakers: Susan Considine, Leah Kraus, Margaret Portier, and Stephanie Prato, Fayetteville Free Library

This webinar will focus on ideas and inspiration for integrating STEAM and making into your 2016 Summer Learning programs. Ideas will include programs that have a science, math, engineering, arts and technology focus, including many that also integrate the Health and Wellness theme. We know that libraries hold a unique position in the learning ecosystems in our communities as informal learning platforms; this is our moment to position ourselves to play a critical role in providing year-round, all-age, interest-driven access to 21st century skills-focused, STEAM-focused, participatory learning opportunities with substantial learning outcomes that are so vitally important to our communities and our nation.
Register Now!
This program is free and open to the first 90 registrants.
Please note that no CE credits will be issued for participation in this webinar
STEM Workshop Opportunity
May 4-5, 2016
9:00am-4:00pm
Waterville Public Library
206 White Street
Waterville, NY 13480
http://www.watervillepl.org/

The New York State Library has been working with staff from the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) in Houston, TX to arrange for a STEM workshop geared towards staff in rural and smaller public libraries. There is no cost to register or attend the workshop, but space is limited to 30 participants. You must submit your registration by March 31st.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon B. Phillips, Division of Library Development at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov or contact Andy Shaner at LPI at shaner@lpi.usra.edu

Annual LTA Conference
“Every Library is a Small Library”
May 6-7, 2016
Plattsburgh, New York
http://www.librarytrustees.org

2016 Library of Congress National Book Festival
Slated for Sept. 24 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. All programs will be free of charge. http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/

Youth and Outreach Corner

Teen Tech Contest
Twist Fate is a challenge for youth ages 13-17 that is running now through April 6, 2016 at two online communities of writers and artists: DeviantArt and Wattpad. The challenge is a pilot of a collaborative partnership between Wattpad and DeviantArt with YALSA and the National Writing Project as part of the Connected Learning Alliance. Youth are challenged to pick a story and character, and create an alternate scenario where a famous hero is the villain, or an infamous villain, the hero. They can work in their favorite modes and mediums, including pictures, written stories, comic panels, illustrations, etc. (note that the final submission must be in a file format accepted by DeviantArt or Wattpad, depending on where the work is submitted). Visit Teen Tech Week at: http://teentechweek.ning.com/?xg_source==msg_mes_network
Online Summer Reader Training Webinars
Information about online registration tools can be found on the following Summer Reading at New York Libraries page:
http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/smreader.htm

If you want to try out Wandoo Reader for your library, you must request the trial by going to the Wandoo Reader link listed on the above page. The trial period only extends until March 31.

You may register for Wandoo Reader Boot Camp webinar training by going to the following link to sign up: http://evancedtraining.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx?df=list&et=1034&nd=30

Storytime Rhyme of the Week

Painting
Hands are blue.                             (touch face)
(look at left hand)                            Paint on my smock.
Hands are green.                              (touch clothes)
(look at right hand)                           Paint on my shoes.
Fingers are red, in between.                 (touch feet)
(wiggle finger)                               Paint on my sock.
Paint on my face.                             (touch ankles)

Don’t forget to visit: http://daybydayny.org/ for your daily storytime rhyme and activity!

YA Book of the Week:

This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration by Linda Barrett Osborne

From School Library Journal
Gr 6-10-This exceptional work explores the history of American immigration from the early colonization of the continent to the contemporary discussions involving undocumented aliens. The so-called American melting pot has a history of exclusion, discrimination, and strife that has resulted in anti-immigration laws, segregation, and, in the case of the Japanese during World War II, unjustified internment. The author combines comprehensive history with anecdotal case studies to present the human side of the issue. Outstanding archival photographs and illustrations complement the comprehensive text and encourage thoughtful discussion. The author conveys the attitudes toward new waves of immigration. As each new ethnic or national group arrived, it faced exclusion, aversion, and hostility from those who came earlier. The author outlines the motivations for these barriers and the political circumstances behind them. She also distinctly demonstrates the benefits immigrant populations have brought to the growth of this country. An excellent time line and end notes and a thorough bibliography make this an effective research tool. VERDICT Highly recommended for general purchase.—Eva Elisabeth VonAncken, formerly at Trinity-Pawling School, Pawling, NY (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
Awards and Grants

**New opportunities added weekly. In order of due date.**

NY Council for the Humanities Vision Grants
Helps groups brainstorm, research, strategize, and design engaging public humanities programs. Apply for a maximum of $1500 at least 3 months prior to the start of your visioning process. [http://www.nyhumanities.org/grants/vision/](http://www.nyhumanities.org/grants/vision/)

Library of Congress Now Accepting Applications for the 2016 Literacy Awards
Deadline Is March 31: Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Library of Congress Literacy Awards, which are made possible through the generosity of David M. Rubenstein, co-founder and co-CEO of The Carlyle Group. The awards were first conferred in 2013 to support organizations working to promote literacy both in the United States and worldwide. The awards seek to recognize organizations doing exemplary, innovative and easily replicable work over a sustained period of time and to encourage new groups, organizations and individuals to become involved in promoting reading and literacy. The application rules and a downloadable application form may be accessed at [Read.gov/literacyawards/](http://read.gov/literacyawards/). Applications must be received no later than midnight EST on March 31, 2016.

Aetna Foundation: Cultivating Healthy Communities
The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting healthy eating and active living, strengthening health equity, and advancing innovations that make it possible for people to have more healthy days. The Foundation's Cultivating Healthy Communities grant program is intended to help local communities in the continental U. S. to become healthier places to live, with emphasis on projects that benefit underserved, low-income, and minority communities. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations and government agencies committed to improving results in up to two of the following five domains: Healthy Behaviors, Community Safety, Built Environment, Social/Economic Factors, and Environmental Exposures. Applicants can request either $50,000 or $100,000 for projects lasting between 18 and 24 months. Organizations with annual operating budgets below $250,000 are not eligible to apply. The Stage 1 application deadline is April 15, 2016; Stage 2 applications are due June 10, 2016. Visit the Foundation’s website to download the request for proposals.

MetLife Foundation: Community-Police Partnership Awards
The Community-Police Partnership Awards, sponsored by the MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), recognize, sustain, and share the work of innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. Through this awards program, MetLife Foundation and LISC honor partnerships that can exhibit tangible accomplishments in their efforts to advance the process, outcome, and evaluation of potent police-community collaborations. Awards ranging from $15,000 to $20,000 are provided in the following categories: Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Vitality; Blight Reduction; Civic Engagement; School-Based Programs; Health and Wellness; Diversity Inclusion; Drug Market Disruption; Gang Prevention and Youth Safety; and Senior Engagement. The application deadline is April 17, 2016. Visit the LISC website to download the application instructions.
NYAC 2016 Grants Available

Deadline to apply: April 27th, 2016, 5pm

The New York Archives Conference, John A. Woods, and Larry Naukam will offer multiple $100 professional development grants in order to enable archives students, archivists, librarians, and others with archives or records management responsibilities to attend the conference.

The 2016 New York Archives Conference will be held June 8 - 10th, 2016 at SUNY Plattsburgh, in Plattsburgh, NY. Funds may be applied to travel, lodging, meals, workshops, or conference registration. Each recipient is required to attend both meeting days (June 9-10) and the Friday luncheon. The full announcement and application form can be found at: http://www.nyarchivists.org/. The conference program is forthcoming. Questions and application materials should be directed to NYACPDC@gmail.com.

Gladys Brooks Foundation

The Gladys Brooks Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations located in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont. The Foundation focuses its grant making on libraries, educational institutions, and hospitals and clinics in the targeted states. Grant applications will be considered only for major expenditures, generally between $50,000 and $100,000. Funds are intended to be used for capital projects, including equipment and endowments. Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2016. Visit the Foundation’s website to request the application materials online.
Around the Interwebs

- Navy tugboat lost for a century found off California coast:
  - http://bigstory.ap.org/e2a0eb393f7d43bebd97731e961f1e7a

- NASA Observes Object Coming Out Of A Blackhole For the First Time Ever:

- Jim Henson's Family Donates Collection to The Strong Museum:

- Facebook is a growing and unstoppable digital graveyard:

- Make a Toilet Paper Easter Bunny

- Students Sweat it out and Study on Library Exercise Bikes

- LibraryTown
  - http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/03/librarytown/

- Book Reviews from the Unshelved Book Club

- Notable Children’s Books in Language Arts

- Explore the New Batcave

- Facebook Testing Impersonation Alerts
Polaris Tip of the Week

Sorting Search Results

- After the results list appears, hit **Ctrl+Shift+A** on the keyboard to load all the possible results. Then, click a column header to sort by the values in that column. For example, you can sort a results list of bibliographic records by title, author, format, publication date, call number, and control number.

- **Limiting Your Search to a Specific Branch:** Click the Branches tab to display the Branches tabbed page. By default, all branches and collections are selected. Click **Unselect All** to clear the check boxes for all branches and collections. Click in the box next to the branch you want include in your search.

- **Limiting Your Search by a Specific Collection Code:** When you are searching for bibliographic and item records, you can choose which collection code you want Polaris to search within. The Find Tool’s Collections tabbed page lists all the assigned collection codes in the system. By default, all collection codes are checked. Click **Unselect All** to clear the check boxes for all collection codes. Click in the box next to the collection code you want to include in your search.

- You can also save time by limiting your search by branch AND collection code within the same tab. Open either the Branches tab OR the Collections tab and click on the plus sign [+ ] next to each library or collection code to expand the selection. Under each library, you may select a specific collection code OR under each collection code, you may select a library. Remember to click on **Unselect All** prior to making your choices. See below for images.

Don’t forget about the training videos: [http://www.flls.org/computer-network-services/](http://www.flls.org/computer-network-services/)

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Zinio and Databases

FLLS/Zinio Landing Page  https://www.rbdigital.com/fingerlakesny
Download the Zinio Brochure; it and other system brochures can be found at www.flls.org > Resources > Brochures

Zinio Flyer from Recorded Books: Zinio Account Setup Flyer (can be customized)

Think Spring with Zinio Magazines!

DATABASE TRAINING - WEBINARS:

- Business Insights: Essentials 4/5 – 10 AM
- Gale Resources: Tips & Tricks 5/20 - 10 AM
- Grolier Online 4/14 - 3 PM
- Grolier Online 5/17 – 1 PM
- Learning Express 3/24 - 2 PM
- Learning Express 4/5 – 10 AM
- Learning Express 4/19 – 12 PM

Grolier Online Webinars

- Beyond the Intro to GO 4/7 - 3:00pm
  Event password: spring Call in number: 1-866-422-5206 Participant code: 2238180846

- Blending Scholastic GO with Common Core, etc. 4/28 - 3:30pm
  Event password: spring Call in number: 1-866-422-5206 Participant code: 6183780556

Online Tutorials


Build Your Skills: An archive of some of our NoveList's most popular webcasts and videos. Topics available include Reading Advisory makeover, Creating Engaging Book Displays, Readers Advisory for Kids, and beyond Books Displays. Link to Archive
OTHER TRAINING
WebJunction Course Catalog  Sign up for free self-paced courses and webinars in such areas as customer service, advocacy & outreach, library management, technology, marketing, social media and more. You will need to create an account:  http://learn.webjunction.org/ 

| lynda.com is available to all member library staff in the FLLS area for free. View all the courses and to reserve your ‘seat’ – contact Jessica Brooks including your phone number and library’s name. You can take as many courses as you like during your two-week access. |

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Question of the Week

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who is on the April cover of Self Magazine?

Thank you to Madelyn Lombardo of the Phillips Free Library who answered correctly using our Zinio Magazines Database:

Answer: Chrissy Teigen

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What disaster occurred on March 25, 1911 in New York City? How could this been avoided?

To answer a Question of the Week, please email Amanda (aschiavulli@flls.org) with “Question of the Week” in the Subject. Please include your source.

**Prizes are available for correct answers using one of our databases**

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