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Staff out of the Office:
Sarah: April 8-11

From the Director

NYLA released a statement on Friday morning that the Governor and the Legislature have come to an agreement on the 2016-2017 New York State budget. Thanks to advocacy efforts, State Library Aid had a $4 million increase, which represents a 4.3% increase in total library aid. This is the most library aid included in a state budget since 2008-2009. State Library Aid now stands at $95.6 million. State Library Construction Aid also had an increase of $5 million, which was lower than the estimated $10 million increase library advocates were hoping for. However, this increase in construction aid is a 35% increase and is the first increase in over ten years. State Library Construction Aid now stands at $19 million. With a record number of our libraries already indicating that they will be applying for construction aid money this summer, this extra money is desperately needed. Thank you to all who sent emails, letters, and met in person with your elected officials to let them know that library funding matters.

I will be on vacation next week (April 4-8), and on Monday, April 11th will be out of the office attending the Ithaca Conference of Women. I’ll be back in the office on Tuesday, April 12th. Have a great week!

Sarah
Reminders:

Summer Reading Resources
All the links, handouts etc. from last Thursday are now up on our website under System Meeting Resources at [http://www.flls.org/summerreadingprogram/](http://www.flls.org/summerreadingprogram/). Amanda updated the Summer Reading FAQs to include examples of Municipalities, Local Organizations and Childcare Providers. As always, Amanda is available for any and all questions! Don’t forget to invite her to some of your summer events!

Website Hosting Phase 2
Now that we've finished migrating websites for the members that were hosted on the FLLS server, we’re opening up the web hosting program to libraries with existing websites. If you would like to migrate your current website to the shared host, please send an email to Eric (efranks@flls.org) to let him know that you’d like to move. There are no deadlines for migrating existing websites and we can start the process whenever you’re interested. Keep in mind that it may take several weeks to months to migrate a website, especially if you also plan on changing layouts, graphics, or if you’re moving to WordPress from another Content Management System (CMS).

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Member News

COMING THIS APRIL TO A LIBRARY NEAR YOU!

**SUZANNE BLOOM**
beloved author of numerous award winning books. Come meet her and get your own free autographed copy of **Bear Can Dance**
from her charming Goose, Bear & Fox series.

Join Groton Public Library’s Email List:

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

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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/

Regional Trainings
Windows 8.1 & 10 training is coming to a library near you in April and May. Dates/locations and a description of the class are below. Please note that in order for the regional trainings to be held, there must be a minimum of 5 registrants. All trainings will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dates & Locations:
· Wednesday, April 6th @ CORT (7 spots available)
· Tuesday, April 12th @ OVID (10 spots available)
· Wednesday, April 27th @ WAV (10 spots available)
· Wednesday, May 11th @ WEED (8 spots available)

Description: This training session will cover the basics of the Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 operating systems. A comparison of the two systems and a discussion of the Windows 10 upgrade will also be included.

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.

How to Dress Like a Librarian
Friday, April 15, 2016
9am-11:30am
Join professional stylist Joyce Reidmoore as she shows you how to dress to impress for all your daily library needs. Learn how to perfect the flawless bun, where to buy all the great cardigans and sensible shoes and how to expertly remove cat hair from your favorite black slacks. Participants will receive an eyeglass repair kit and Joyce’s newest fashion title: “Perpetuating the Stereotype: How to be Noticed as a Librarian.” Register Today!

Advocacy Every Day
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.**

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/alaleadership-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.  
www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/lib_trainings/may2016/apply.  
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/](http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/)

What I Wish I Learned in Library School
Friday, October 14, 2016
9am-4pm
Pioneer Library System
The Rochester Early-Career Information Professionals (RECIP) and Central NY Library Resource Council (CLRC) Early Career Professionals Special Interest Group is excited to announce the return of its Leadership Summit! First held in 2014, this free conference has now been expanded as a joint collaboration between the Rochester and central NY region. This year’s theme is *What I Wish I Learned in Library School*, and is open to all levels of information professionals from all types of libraries. Join us to explore how you can develop the leadership skills you need for success as your grow in your career.

We’re also looking to you for ideas on conference topics of interest. Please fill out our survey by Friday, April 15 with what you’d like to discuss, or suggest your own topics: [http://tinyurl.com/RECIP2016Topics](http://tinyurl.com/RECIP2016Topics)

The conference will take place on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 9am-4pm at the Pioneer Library System building in Canandaigua, NY. Registration will open by early August. Further information and updates will be included on our website ([http://rrlc.org/recip](http://rrlc.org/recip)) as it becomes available.

Youth and Outreach Corner

A Look at April:
April is here! How about some special programs to celebrate one of these ideas?

- April is…
  - National Poetry Month
  - School Library Month: Great time to partner with your local schools!
    - [www.ala.org/aasl/slm](http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm)
  - Jazz Appreciation Month
  - Autism Awareness Month
  - National Card and Letter Writing Month
- April 9: National Unicorn Day
- April 10-16: National Library Week
- April 11: National Pet Day
- April 12: Beverly Cleary’s Birthday
- April 16: National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day
- April 17: Haiku Day
- April 22: Earth Day/National Jellybean Day
- April 27: Tell a Story Day
- April 28: Poem in Your Pocket Day
- April 29: Arbor Day/World Wish Day
- April 30: Sense of Smell Day

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Summer Reading and Summer Eating
Information about Hunger Solutions New York and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and how public libraries might be involved, can be found on the Summer Reading at New York Libraries site at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/#hunger. A downloadable flyer to promote Summer Reading and Summer Eating in New York is available at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/facts.htm

Storytime Rhyme of the Week

April Fool
Little bears have three feet.
(Hold up three fingers.)
Little birds have four.
(Hold up four fingers.)
Little cows have two feet.
(Hold up two fingers.)
And girls and boys have more.
(Hold up five fingers.)
Do you
(Point to children.)
believe my story?
(Point to temple.)
Do you
(Point to children.)
believe my song?
(Point to temple.)
I'll tell it only once a year
(Hold up index finger.)
When April comes along.
(Clap hands.)
APRIL FOOL!

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

YA Book of the Week:

That Selfie Girl by Linda Oatman High

"Macy Elaine Rain is killed when she swerves in front of a truck while simultaneously taking a selfie and trying to avoid hitting a squirrel...she had been heading to the police department to report that a depressed classmate was threatening to kill himself and other at their school. How can she possible stop him now? A refreshing and sweet short read in verse."
-Voya’s Poetry Picks 2016
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/

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. Applicants can request either $50,000 or $100,000 for projects lasting between 18 and 24 months. The application deadline is April 15, 2016; https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants/cultivating-healthy-communities-rfp.html

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. 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. http://programs.lisc.org/csi/news_&_multimedia/community-police_partnership_awards/index.php

NYAC 2016 Grants Available
Deadline to apply: April 27, 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 http://www.gladysbrooksfoundation.org/ request the application materials online.
Around the Interwebs

- April Fool’s Day at the Library
  - http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/03/not-an-april-fools-joke/

- Transforming Wind Turbines Into A Mesmerizing Light Show:

- Thrilling find in Borneo – a rhino species long thought gone:

- Lost Japanese satellite Hitomi shows unexpected signs of life:

- Uganda Starts to Build a Reading Culture

- Audible Celebrates April Fool’s Day with the Encyclopaedia

- Fingerprints and Forensics with First Graders
  - http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/04/fingerprintsandforensicswithfirstgraders/

- LibraryAware Community Award Winners

- Student puts 50 Million Stolen Research Articles Online
  - https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/this-student-put-50-million-stolen-research-articles-online-and-theyre-free/2016/03/30/7714ffbf4-eaf7-11e5-b0fd-073d5930a7b7_story.html

- Library Offers Homeless People Mental Health Services
  - http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/a-library-is-often-the-safest-place-for-homeless-people-thats-why-this-one-hired-a-social-worker_us_56fbf43ee4b083f5c6063b0d
Polaris Tip of the Week

Renewals

- Open the patron’s record in **Patron Status (F6)** and select the **Items Out view.**
- If you are renewing one or multiple items, select the items in the list and click **Renew.**
- If you are renewing all items, click **Renew All.**
- To choose a specific date, select the items and click **Special Renew.**
- The new due dates are displayed and a receipt prints automatically.

**Please Note:** During renewal, the following messages may appear relating to holds. “This item satisfies a hold...Do you want to hold the item?” The item satisfies a hold request for another patron. You should **NEVER** renew an item if there is a hold against it. “Transfer this item to library for hold?” The item fills a hold request for a patron at another library. You should **NEVER** renew an item if there is a hold against it, especially if that item belongs to another library. Additionally, you should **NEVER** manually renew an Out-of-System ILL. If a patron would like to renew their item, contact Deb Geier with the information and request a renewal. This must be completed at least 3 days before the due date.

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

Great Gardening Tips from Zinio Magazines!

DATABASE TRAINING - WEBINARS:

- EBSCO Training
  - https://ebscotraining.webex.com/mw3000/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=ebscotraining
    (NoveList & Learning Express)
- GALE training
- ProQuest (HeritageQuest & eLibrary
- Mango
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUt3ydkpzEA
- Grolier

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.

**Question of the Week**

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

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

Thank you to Lynn Patti, of the Waterloo Library and Historical Society who answered: The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire happened March 25, 1911. The killing the 145 workers could have been avoided if the four elevators had worked. Only one was in service and could handle only 10-12 people. One of the two stairways was locked and the other opened inward only. The actual fire escape was shoddily constructed.


THIS WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What is the origin of April Fool's Day?

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**