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MEMBER LIBRARY WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Staff Out of the Office

Amanda will be out of the office April 13-15 for the YSS Conference

Happy Birthday Reid Moore!

Yes, our Unofficial Library System Mascot HamStar is 2 years old today! He's a bit grumpy about his hat, but he does love his bananas and grapes!

Happy Birthday!

 # Reminders:

Advocacy Everyday Training Reminder!
Please share widely with your Trustees!!

Just a reminder we are hosting Jeremy Johannesen on:

Thursday, April 21, 2016
9:30am-11:30am

This session will be 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.

Please register so we have enough snacks:
http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=FLLS#4477626

Amanda also has lots of FREEBIE leftovers from Summer Reading (Shirts, games, etc) that will be available for grabs at this training ☺

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 # Member News

 ### Minecraft Training Follow-up

We had a great turnout for Thursdays Minecraft class! See some pictures at:

https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153630651792711.1073741851.87497677710&type=1&l=c7af7dbb18

Missed out and interested in learning more? Reach out to Drew Montreuil at the Groton Free Library at libraryassistant2@grotonpubliclibrary.org

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

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. Please share with all interested staff!

Dates & Locations:
- Tuesday, April 12th @ OVID (0 registrants)
- Wednesday, April 27th @ WAV (1 registrant)
- Wednesday, May 11th @ WEED (2 registrants)

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.

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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.

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Webinars, Conferences and Other Training

New events added weekly. In chronological order.

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

Simply Strategic Webinar
Wednesday, May 4
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Ron Kirsop, from the Pioneer Library system, will talk about a simple strategic planning process that any library can implement to build a meaningful strategic plan. The key elements of the process include aspiration-oriented focus groups, a simple community survey, and discussions with internal members of the library. This presentation will explain the evolution of the model, the elements applied during the planning stages, the responsibilities of all parties involved, and how this model promotes future planning.
Learning Objectives:
1. Steps involved with a simplified strategic planning process,
2. How to use data to set priorities for your library,
3. Questions to ask your community through surveys, focus groups, and interviews

Register Now!

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

The Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative: Information and Demonstration Session

**When:** Tuesday, May 11 at 10am
Where: LIVE and Online –
FREE
Register: https://www.esln.org/events/ead-demo_5-16/

Join Training Coordinator, Jen Palmentiero (SENYLRC) and Project Manager, Deirdre Joyce (CLRC) as they discuss and demonstrate the beta prototype for the forthcoming Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative (or Empire ADC) a project of the Empire State Library Network (ESLN).

Since 2013, ESLN has collaborated with archival professionals from around the state of New York to build a platform that can serve as an index and repository for finding aids created by holding institutions from around the state. In particular, it has sought to test the viability of the EADitor as both a platform for the index as well as a tool which contributors could use to create well-formed, DACS-compliant, encoded finding aids without prior EAD experience. Empire ADC is the result of these efforts.

The information session will cover the history and background of the project, discuss the workflows for potential contributors, review how interested parties will soon be able to contribute and create their own encoded finding aids, and – finally – demonstrate the EADitor tool

Online Book Discussion: *The Book Nobody Read* by Owen Gingerich
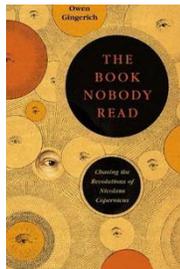
Tuesday, May 24
Noon-1:00pm

You will need an internet-connected computer & computer speakers/headset/phone for audio. From Goodreads, "Part biography of a book, part scientific exploration, part bibliographic detective story, *The Book Nobody Read* recolors the history of cosmology and offers a new appreciation of the enduring power of an extraordinary book and its ideas.

Prodded by Arthur Koestler's claim that when it was first published nobody read Copernicus's *De revolutionibus*, in which Copernicus first suggested that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the universe, renowned astro-historian Owen Gingerich embarked on a three-decade-long quest to see in person all six hundred extant copies of the first and second editions of *De revolutionibus*, including those owned and annotated by Galileo and Kepler. Tracing the ownership of individual copies through the hands of saints, heretics, scalawags, and bibliomaniacs, Gingerich proves conclusively four and a half centuries after its publication, that *De revolutionibus* was as inspirational as it was revolutionary."

REGISTER TO JOIN

ALSC National Institute 2016
September 15-17, 2016
Charlotte, NC

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/

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

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) as it becomes available.

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Youth and Outreach Corner

Summer Food Service Program
The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), administered by the US Department of Agriculture and the NYS Education Department, uses federal funds for qualified organizations, including libraries, to serve free, nutritious meals and snacks to kids and teens in low income communities during the summer months. The program depends on community organizations like libraries to serve the meals in a safe and convenient environment where learning activities can also be promoted.

How can you learn more about this program?
- Get information and ideas by viewing the USDA's Summer Food Service Program webinar on Wednesday, April 13 from 2 – 3pm (EDT) Register at: https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=n2ltg4m34c1p
- Go to www.SummerMealsNY.org for follow up and additional information.
- Go to the *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* site to download a promotional flyer on "Summer Reading and Summer Eating" at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/eating.pdf

Hunger Solutions New York (http://hungersolutionsny.org/), a partner with *Summer Reading at New York Libraries,* notes that over the past two summers, libraries serving meals across New York State have increased from 36 in 11 counties to 81 in 19 counties. Read about *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* partnerships and find out how your library can be a part of this essential child nutrition program at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/#hunger

New Documents from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

The following new or revised documents are available from NLS:

On the NLS website (www.loc.gov/nls**):**
- *Added Entries*, Vol. 41, Issue 4
- *Bibles and Other Sacred Writings in Special Media*, 2015
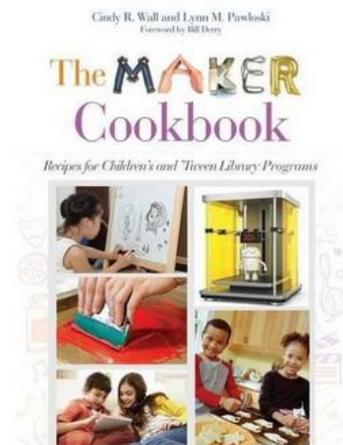
New to the Professional Collection:
Maker Cookbook: Recipes for Children's and Tween Library Programs by Cindy Wall
Barcode: A20518102673

The Maker Movement is hot, and librarians are eager to participate. Even if you feel restricted by budget, staff, or space, this step-by-step guide will help you turn your library into a creativity center.

• Makes it easy for you to host Maker programs for children and 'tweens—with "No Makerspace Required!"
• Provides clear, step-by-step directions for creating new Maker programming or adding Maker elements to an existing program
• Offers alternatives that allow you to customize programs according to the resources available
• Suggests curricular tie-ins so the programs can be used in a school setting
• Includes appendices chock full of supplemental materials such as book-discussion questions, checklists, and other reproducible participant handouts

Storytime Rhyme of the Week

Alphabet Monster

I'm the Alphabet Monster
And nothing tastes better
To the Alphabet Monster
Than eating every letter.
A "j" and an "a"
And a "c" and a "k"
And the million more letters
I munch every day.
I'm hungry now.
What shall I do?
I think I'll eat
a "y," an "o," and a "u"
. . . . . . that means YOU!

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

YA Book of the Week:
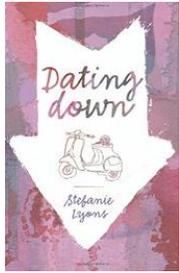
Dating Down by Stefanie Lyons

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Contemporary fiction set in a small town near Chicago, IL. Written in prose, and reminiscent of Ellen Hopkins's popular book Crank (S. & S., 2013), this story chronicles Samantha's relationship with a boy she refers to only as "X." As Samantha and X's relationship progresses, the angst escalates in her relationships with friends and family. When her friends warn her that she is dating someone whose morals and values do not match her own, Samantha chooses to ignore these words of wisdom because of her initial infatuation with X. Ironically, what each of her best friends fails to see is that they, too, are "dating down." This theme is rampant throughout the book and will speak to a wide variety of teens who have either dated a similar type of person or know someone who has. The pacing is a bit choppy at first, but as the story advances, the book becomes more fluid. The characters are well developed and rather typical of many love-struck teens today. The mood reflects the actions of the main character, Samantha. It's light and playful when she first develops feelings for a new boy, then it gradually evolves into something a bit darker when she finds out he is into drugs, and it becomes darker still when she decides to join him by taking drugs herself. Samantha finally evaluates her life and decisions and struggles to turn her life around. VERDICT The prose format and dramatic plotline make this ideal for reluctant teen readers.—Jeni Tahaney, Duncanville High School Library, TX

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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/

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 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 the Foundation's website to request the application materials online.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: Community Partners

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers throughout the United States. The Foundation's Community Partners grant program supports nonprofit organizations and local municipalities undertaking high-need projects such as building renovations and upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades, and safety improvements. Most grants range from $10,000 to $25,000. The application deadline for the spring funding cycle is May 23, 2016; the fall funding cycle will be open from July 1 to August 26, 2016. Visit the http://responsibility.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/ to take the eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

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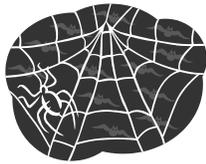
Around the Interwebs

- **Toni Morrison Wins 2016 Edward MacDowell Medal**
  - http://www.adweek.com/galleycat/toni-morrison-wins-the-2016-edward-macdowell-medal/118707

- **A Few Things I've Learned in 10 Months as a Library Director**
  - http://tametheweb.com/2016/04/08/a-few-things-ive-learned-in-ten-months-as-a-library-director-by-ttw-contributor-justin-hoenke/

- **52 Weeks of STEM at Your Library**
  - http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/04/12885/

- **Toronto Public Library Lends Musical Instruments**
  - http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/programs/metromorning/musical-library-1.3524976

- **Meet the new ransomware that knows where you live:**
  - http://www.zdnet.com/article/new-phishing-attack-knows-your-address-and-brings-ransomware

- **Scientists Have Developed Transparent Wood That Could Replace Glass In Windows:**
  - https://www.yahoo.com/news/scientists-have-developed-transparent-wood-that-092141044.html

- **7 grand hotels with deep railroad roots:**
  - http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/07/hotels/grand-railroad-hotels/index.html

- **Interactive Books for Families**
  - https://storytimekatie.com/2016/04/07/families-interactive-books/

- **Implantable Computer Chip Could Spot Seizures**
  - http://www.engadget.com/2016/04/07/implantable-computer-chip-could-spot-seizures-before-they-start/

Polaris Tip of the Week

Circulation Information on Item Records:

The Circulation page of an item record displays the current check out information. The information is updated each time an item is checked in or out. Open an item record and click on the red arrow to bring up the Circulation page.

- If the item is currently check out, you will be able to see the library where the item was checked out, checkout date, due date, and borrower's name. If the current check out was a renewal, the original due date, number of renewals, and renewal limit are displayed.
- Last location displays the library where the item was checked in, date, and the workstation where the item was checked in.
- Last use displays the barcode of the patron who last checked out the item, library where it was checked out, and checkout date. Double click on the barcode to open the record.
- If the item was transferred, the From box displays the library that transferred the item, and the Sent box displays the date sent. The To box displays the library that received the item and the Received box displays the date received.
- If there is a hold on the item, the patron's barcode appears in the Held for patron box and the library at which the item is being held appears in the Held at box. Double click on the barcode to open the record.

Due date:	4/28/2016 11:59:59 PM	Current borrower:	D2028
Check-out date:	4/7/2016 6:50:11 PM	Loaning branch:	Apalachin-Apalachin Library (APAL)
Renewals taken:	0 Limit: 2		
		Held for patron:	
Last renew date:		Held at:	
Original due date:	4/28/2016 11:59:59 PM		

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From:
Sent:
To:
Received:

Last location
Check-in at: Cortland-Cortland Free Library
Date: 2/23/2016 11:21:51 AM
Wks/User: cortstaff5/cortcirc1

Last use
Last borrower: D2014
Loaning branch: Moravia-Powers Library
Last circulated: 4/7/2016 6:50:11 PM

Don't forget about the training videos: 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)

Get fit with **Zinio Magazines!**

Health & Fitness   Men's Health   Runner's World   Yoga Journal

DATABASE TRAINING - WEBINARS:
- **EBSCO Training**
  - https://ebscotraining.webex.com/mw3000/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=ebscotraining (NoveList & Learning Express)
- **GALE training**
  - http://solutions.cengage.com/gale-training/webinars/
- **ProQuest** (HeritageQuest & eLibrary
  - http://www.proquest.com/customer-care/training-webinars/
- **Mango**
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUt3ydkpzEA
- **Grolier**
  - http://scholasticlibrary.digital.scholastic.com/digital/#go

Online Tutorials
Grolier Online Video Tutorials for America the Beautiful, Animals of the World, Lands and Peoples, La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre, and New Book of Popular Science.
http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/grolier/tutorials.htm

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:

What is the origin of April Fool's Day?

The first day of April, known as both April Fools' Day and All Fools' Day, is recognized in many countries as a time for practical jokes. Modern April Fools jokes range from having the dupe call the zoo to ask for a Mr. Fox, to newspaper articles about soundproof paint or offering a reward to the person who saves the most daylight during Daylight Saving Time. In France, where the day is called *poisson d'avril* ("April fish," a reference to spawning fish that are easily caught), schoolchildren try to surreptitiously attach cutouts of fish to each other's backs, making that person the April fool. In Scotland the April fool is known as the "April gowk" (cuckoo). "Hunting the April gowk" extends over a 48-hour period, the last 24 of which—"Taily Day"—are marked by practical jokes involving buttocks, such as pinning a tail on someone or tacking on a sign saying "Kick Me." In Portugal, where the practice is to toss flour at one another, April Fools' Day is celebrated on the Sunday and Monday before Lent.

Although the origins of a day on which to play practical jokes are obscure and are thought to have been part of the rituals of spring, it is believed that the concept of the modern April Fools' Day began in France, where, before the advent of the Gregorian calendar in 1582, the new year started on the first day of April. People celebrated the event as they mark New Year's today, with parties and dancing, some exchanging gifts. With the new calendar introduced by Pope Gregory XIII, the year began on the first of January. Due to primitive communications, it took time before everyone heard about the change, and some people refused to accept the new calendar and continued celebrating the new year during the week ending April 1. They became the butt of jokes: people played tricks on them, gave them nonsensical gifts, and sent them on foolish errands. The *poissons d'avril* were most likely the first April fools.

From: "April Fools' Day." *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia.* Grolier Online
http://gme.grolier.com/article?assetid=0014711-0 (accessed April 8, 2016).

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What was the April Fool's Joke FLLS included in last week's Bulletin?

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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