MEMBER LIBRARY WEEKLY BULLETIN: FAREWELL 2016

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Staff IN the Office:

Some FLLS staff will be taking off for the holidays. If you need to get in touch with someone over the next two weeks, here are the names and dates of who will be here:

- Rex: 19-21
- Eric & Deb: 19-29
- Amanda: 19-21, 27-29
- Sam: 19-22, 27-29
- Jenny: 19-23
- Sarah: 19-23
- Diana: 27-29

Our Offices are CLOSED:

Monday, December 26
Friday, December 30
Monday, January 2

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I would like to thank the nine Cayuga County libraries for their advocacy efforts and their fantastic success in getting back into the Cayuga County budget for 2017. We originally asked the County to consider a $60,000 funding request to help offset Polaris costs for the libraries. While we didn’t get the full amount, the libraries did receive $31,500 which means each library will receive $3,500. Having the extra money can mean so many things for our libraries, from increased collection budgets to more programs or even new technology. Receiving funding from Cayuga County also highlighted to the elected officials the importance of their libraries in their communities. Some of the Cayuga County libraries reported to me that the press coverage made their patrons aware of the lack of funding and that they wanted to help the libraries in their advocacy efforts. Our fight for fair funding in that County is just beginning, and I look forward to working with all nine libraries to develop our next advocacy efforts.

As this is our last bulletin of 2016, I would like thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to all of our libraries. The past year has been a busy time for us at FLLS. We have undergone staff changes and a re-organization of our librarians and some of our departments. We undertook a new Plan of Service and held in-depth focus groups in all five of our counties. Our libraries started a One Card program that has been successful and we were able to offer the new streaming service, hoopla. The staff of FLLS and I are committed to providing the best possible resources and help for all thirty-three of our members and look forward to working with you next year on new projects.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year!
Sarah

Reminders:

**Final Reminder: Time to Update you Polaris Dates Closed Table**
Earlier today, Rex resent an IMPORTANT to-do item to the FALCONs list. This is very important and will only take your library 5 minutes to update this and avoid patron confusion.

**Community Foundation Library Grants 2017 Portal OPEN**
The Community Foundation has opened the 2017 Application Portal. The website is: [http://www.cftompkins.org/granting/grant-opportunities/](http://www.cftompkins.org/granting/grant-opportunities/) Please let Janet (jcotraccia@cftompkins.org) know if you have any trouble. They are due **Tuesday, January 17**. Amanda is more than happy to come visit and help you brainstorm, read your proposals, help with research, etc. We would love to see everyone funded! Please let Janet know if you have any questions with due dates and the interface. Feel free to ask them both questions about your application.
Scam of the Week

Close down any Yahoo accounts you have NOW and check if your email can be spoofed...

Yahoo just announced another hack where a whopping billion accounts were hacked. What a Massive Epic Fail.

At this point, Yahoo has fallen down on security in so many ways I have to recommend that if you have an active Yahoo email account, either direct with Yahoo or via a partner like AT&T, get rid of it.

And in case you have employees who check their Yahoo account on lunch breaks... it's time to put Yahoo on the block list of your firewall and all filtering software & devices.

Hints And Tips For Yahoo Account Owners
1. Before you delete the account, get rid of all the folders and only then delete the account and open a gmail account instead.
2. Check if you have used your Yahoo password in other sites, and change the password and security questions for those accounts. And remember, never reuse your email password (or any other password tied to an account that holds sensitive data about you) at any other site.
If you used a mobile phone number in association with your Yahoo account, and you still use that mobile phone number, then SMS phishing (a.k.a. Smishing) is now a distinct possibility, so be very wary of smishes.
The forensic investigation is still going on, but it is highly likely that the bad guys initially got in through a spear phishing attack with a spoofed 'From' address. These types of attacks are hard to spot and employees tend to fall for them.

Can Your Domain Be Spoofed?

Can hackers spoof an email address of your own domain and get away with millions?? Are you aware that one of the first things hackers try is to see if they can spoof the email address of your CEO? If they are able to commit "CEO Fraud", penetrating your network is like taking candy from a baby. Would you like to know if hackers can spoof your domain? KnowBe4 can help you find out if this is the case with our free Domain Spoof Test. It's quick, easy, and often a shocking discovery. Find out now if your email server is configured correctly, our tests over the last 2 years show that 82% of servers fail to handle spoofed emails correctly: https://info.knowbe4.com/domain-spoof-test-chn

Make it a New Year’s resolution to do your part in being Cyber Safe and protect yourself, your family, friends and Patrons.

Here is link to the NYS Office of Information Technology Services Monthly Cyber Security Tips Newsletter: https://its.ny.gov/eiso/awareness-training-events/news
Cyber Security is everyone’s responsibility. As major data breaches and network intrusions demonstrate, it is usually a person that opens the door and unwittingly lets the intruder in. The Holiday Season will bring us new gadgets and devices given and received. Almost all of which will need access to your library or home network. Please take the time to go to the following link and read some of the security articles and bookmark the page in your browser.
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 at (jphilippe@scrlc.org). Please include your phone number and library's name. You can take as many courses as you like during your two-week access.

The Hoopla website: www.hoopladigital.com

Hoopla Facebook https://www.facebook.com/hoopladigital/

Advertising Materials: http://library.hoopladigital.com/helpful-links

Training: www.youtube.com/user/hoopladigital

For up to date statistics for digital resources, check out:

http://www.flls.org/computer-network-services/web-stats/
**Webinars Workshops and Events**

**FLLS Events**

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

**Grant Writing Workshop**  
*Thursday, January 5, 2017*  
1pm

**FALCONs Meeting**  
*Thursday, February 16, 2017*  
9:30am-11:30am

**Advocacy Day**  
*Wednesday, March 1, 2017*  
6am-6pm

**Annual Summer Reading Workshop**  
*Thursday, March 16, 2017*  
9am-Noon

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**Conferences and Other Trainings**

**Trustee Essentials**  
*Tuesday, January 24, 2017 @ 5:30pm*  
*Tully Free Library*  
12 State Street, Tully, NY  
This workshop is geared especially for new board members, but open to all. Library board members looking for essential, baseline information to increase their effectiveness in serving on a library board will benefit from attending this session. Attendees will learn effective ways to carry out the nine essential library trustee duties and responsibilities. Register in advance to Amanda Travis at OCPL by email: atravis@onlib.org or by phone: 315-435-1825

**Computers in Libraries 2017**  
*March 28-30, Hyatt Regency, Arlington, VA*  
Register here for a discounted rate

**2017 YSS Spring Conference**  
*Friday, April 28, 2017*  
*State Theater of Ithaca*  
FLLS Scholarship: [http://www.flls.org/grants](http://www.flls.org/grants)

**National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)**  
*May 1-2, 2017*  
*Washington, DC*

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**Webinars**

Click on the titles for the links to the training pages.

**ALA Offering Free Trainings:**  
ALA and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD) today announced a new initiative that will train library professionals in dialogue facilitation and deliberation techniques. [www.ala.org/LTC-models](http://www.ala.org/LTC-models).

**Striving for Accessibility in Library Services**  
*Monday, January 9 @ 2pm*  
Information sharing needs to be accessible to all patrons, including users with disabilities. Attendees will learn about legal and moral obligations related to accessibility, barriers that impact accessing information, best practices for accessibility in regards to library services, digital scholarship considerations, and how organizations can proactively ensure equal access to information.

**Service Excellence in Challenging Times**  
*Wednesday, January 11 @ 3:00 pm*  
In turbulent times, many Americans turn to their libraries. While this is a true affirmation of the value our country places on its libraries, it increases the responsibility for library staff to meet the public with the best customer service.

**Online Book Discussion: Strangers in Their Own Land By Arlie Russell Hochschild**  
*Wednesday, January 25 @ Noon*  
This isn't a book talk or a webinar. It's a low-key book discussion for those of us who like to talk about compelling fiction and non-fiction selections.

**Toward Tech Savvy Trustees**  
*Thursday, January 26 @ 3:00 pm*  
Library staff are expected to embrace technology advancements and keep their skills sharp and their libraries relevant. But what about library boards—how tech savvy are your trustees?
Around the Interwebs

- Congratulations Cayuga County!

- Creating the Future Hearing Footage Avaliable

- New Digitized Newspapers Available
  - [http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/](http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/)

- Top Science Books of 2016

- New Library At Sandy Hook

- Turning Outward at Your Library: Re-Envisioning
  - [http://publiclibrariesonline.org/2016/12/turning-outward-at-your-library-re-envisioning/](http://publiclibrariesonline.org/2016/12/turning-outward-at-your-library-re-envisioning/)

- Great Teen Librarian Blogger You Might Not Have Seen
  - [https://zen-teen.com/](https://zen-teen.com/)

- Recommended Books for Each Decade of Your Life

- Inspired by Serving Others: The rewards are unrelated to the bottom line:

- Time to Change Everything Again…For Generation Z | From the Bell Tower:

- Deliberate Resistance | Sustainability:

- Broward libraries graduate first online high school class:

- The ‘Performance’ Driving Presidential Libraries:

Like this section? These links and more can be found on our Twitter page @FingerLakesLibs
Storytime Rhyme of the Week

Hello New Year
(Sung to “Are You Sleeping?”)
Hello New Year
Hello New Year
Good bye old
Good bye old
Hello New Year
Hello New Year
We’re glad you’re here
We’re glad you’re here

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

Collections, Kits and Fun Stuff

Start the first week of the New Year off with our Counting and Numbers Storytime Box. Place a hold in Polaris today: A20517873946.

- 2016 YSS Winter Newsletter is Available
- CSLP 2017 Teen Video Challenge Information

We have a board for that! Check out our Pinterest Page with more ideas! Let Amanda know if you want to contribute to any of our boards or have an idea for a new board!

YA Book of the Week:

The Drawing Lesson: A Graphic Novel That Teaches You How To Draw by Mark Crilley

From School Library Journal

Gr 4 Up—David is awed by an older student who can draw cars, and he wants to be able to do the same. When he asks Becky, an artist drawing in the park, for a quick lesson, the small request turns into an entire summer of progressive tutorials that readers are encouraged to emulate and practice. What could have been a series of instructions enhanced with dialogue and humor instead features a full story that's heartfelt and quite moving. The book contains illustrations rendered in shaded, sepia-tone pencil overlaid with crisp, computer-created dialogue balloons, and as Becky talks about framing and realism, negative space, and lighting, readers start to notice the intriguing choices Crilley has made in his storytelling. The focus is on drawing, not graphic narrative, but as readers see and analyze the way Becky—and, by extension, Crilley—is encouraging them, the balance between cartooning and realism begins to leap out. The dynamic between David's impetuous enthusiasm and Becky's caustic reserve pays off in a way that might be surprising, considering Crilley's frequent use of caricature. This title supports rereading and careful examination of the author's impeccable technique and the implied storytelling lessons he doesn't make explicit. VERDICT An artful balance of character and technique, of observed human moments and carefully pitched instruction, that will appeal to students with artistic aspirations.—Benjamin Russell, Belmont High School, NH
Polaris Tip of the Week

Updating Expired Registrations:

It is important to renew patron registrations when they expire. When checking out items to an expired patron, a block will pop up notifying you that the registration has expired. *Please do not ignore this block!*

- When renewing, verify that all information is still accurate.
- Each library has different policies regarding the number of years to extend a patron registration. Check with your supervisor.
- Change the Expiration date by selecting a number and a term (exact date, months, years). You may also have to update the Address Check date.
- Visit the patron’s status (F9), go to the General page, and remove the “Registration has expired” block.

**DON'T FORGET!**
Polaris documentation and One Card info is available on the protected portion of the FLLS website! Click [here](#) to log in and view!
Contact Jenny or Eric if you need the login information.
Awards, Contests and Grants

Click on the titles for the links to the grant pages.

**YALSA Summer Learning Grants**
**Deadline: January 1, 2017**
Awards of $1,000 to each of 20 libraries in need with the purpose of helping them purchase resources to bolster their teen summer reading program.

**FLLS-YSS Conference Scholarship**
**Deadline: January 13, 2017**
5 Awards are available to attend the YSS Spring Conference that will be held in Ithaca on Friday, April 28.

**NEA Big Read Grant**
**Deadline: January 26, 2017**
An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, NEA Big Read expands our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

**National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards**
**Deadline: February 8, 2017**
Programs that receive the award exemplify how arts and humanities programs outside of the regular school day enrich the lives of young people throughout the country by teaching new skills, nurturing creativity, and building self-confidence.

**Outreach Mini-Grants**
**Deadline: March 17, 2017**
Do you have an idea for an outreach project but lack funding? Member libraries in our service area can apply for an Outreach Mini-Grant. Have a question? Stuck on an idea? Read our FAQs or email Jenny Shonk at jshonk@flls.org.

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**Question of the Week**

**LAST WEEK’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

In the holiday classic song, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, the other reindeer are listed by name. Two of the reindeers are named after weather phenomena. Name the reindeer and what type of weather each is associated with.

Both of German origin, Donner means thunder, and Blitzen comes from the German word for lightning flash.

**Database:** Mango Languages Translation Tool

**THIS WEEK’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What historic event occurred on this day (December 16) in 1773?

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 or a credible source**

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Missed an issue? Check [www.flls.org/bulletin](http://www.flls.org/bulletin) for archived 2016 Weekly Bulletins