GOOD LUCK LINDA!
Linda’s last day is Friday, March 4th. It has been a pleasure working with her and we wish her the best of luck as she “Marches Fourth” on to her new adventure into retirement! Congratulations!!

From the Director
I will be heading to Albany on Monday night next week to take part in pre-Advocacy Day training and a PULISDO (Public Library Systems Directors Organization) Board meeting. On Tuesday, the twenty-three public library system directors will be talking about a variety of topics, including broadband, Civil Service updates, trustee training, and minimum standards for public libraries. On Wednesday I will be joining staff, trustees, and patrons of the Finger Lakes Library System to meet with a variety of elected officials to explain why library funding is vital during Advocacy Day. I’m also excited that FLLS will be hosting NYLA Executive Director, Jeremy Johannsen, on Thursday, April 21st to talk about the importance of library advocacy every day for your libraries. If you can’t make it to Albany next Wednesday, please plan on joining us at FLLS on April 21st to learn why advocacy is crucial for our libraries.

Sarah
Reminders:

CBA Request Form
We have added a CBA request for to our website that will be available to all member libraries. The form is on the protected section of our website and we will be sending out a second email with login information. The form is for use by member libraries and not for patrons so please don’t share the password. Submissions will be sent to Larry Carey and Amy Humber at TCPL as well as staff at FLLS.

Ask Us 24/7 Librarians Needed
Interested in learning about Virtual Reference and participating in Ask Us 24/7? The interface is very easy to learn and training can be done at your convenience. Amanda (aschiavulli@flls.org) will be the point person for trainings so please let her know if you are interested in learning about this valuable and important 21st Century Library tool.

Barcodes and Labels
If you are requesting barcodes or labels, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Diana Leigh. Diana can be reached by email at dleigh@flls.org or by phone at 607 273 4074 ext. 221. Please keep in mind that Diana works Monday – Thursday when placing your requests.

New ILL email
In order to make sure that none of your email correspondence about out-of-system ILLs falls through the cracks while Linda prepares for and after her retirement on 03/04/2016, Rex created the ill@flls.org email account that will go to all of the ILL staff [Deb Geier, Sam Norton, and Linda]. Please use ill@flls.org to request renewals for, ask questions relating to, and report problems about out-of-system ILLs.

Important information for Public Librarian Certificate Holders

New Applications
All new applications for public librarian certification must be made through the portal at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cert/index.html. The application in the online portal provides instructions for mailing the application fee ($5) and providing an official transcript with degree conferral date to the State Library. Upon receipt of all materials, and final approval of the application, a Public Librarian Certificate issued by the State Education Department will be emailed to applicants.

Renewals
Certificates must be actively renewed prior to their five year expiration date in order to remain ACTIVE. The status and expiration dates of Public Librarian Certificates may be verified by using the “Search for Certified Public Librarians in New York State since 1970” link on the Public Librarian Certification webpage at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cert/search.htm.

If you have not updated your contact information in the online portal please create an account at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cert/index.html and update your information so that you will receive reminders via e-mail about upcoming certificate expiration dates. Questions about the online portal or about New York State public librarian certification requirements may be sent to NYSLPUBLIB@nysed.gov.
Member News

Free Basic Computer Training For Adults
@ your pace FLEXIBLE schedules

Want to improve your computer skills for a job or personal use?

Beginners welcome! One-on-One Tutoring!

Spring 2016
Introduction Sessions:
Wednesday, April 6
5:00pm – 7:00pm
or
Thursday April 7
11:00am – 1:00pm

Space is Limited

CONTACT: Southworth Library, 607-844-4782
LOCATION: 24 W, Main St, Dryden
www.southworthlibrary.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

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

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

**Annual Summer Reading Meeting 2016**
*Thursday, March 24th*
9am-Noon
On your mark….get set…READ! Come hangout all morning at the Finger Lakes Library System where you will connect with colleagues from around the system, share ideas, and have fun! Special guests George and Janet from the Community Foundation of Tompkins County will present this year’s Library Grant Cycle Recipients. Amanda has some great new performers lined up along with crafts, exclusive new programming materials and door prizes to make your 2016 Summer Reading Season run effortlessly!

**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
More details to come!

**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.**

**Referring Patrons to Reliable Immigration Services and Information**

*March 4th*

*10:30 AM*

Will offer suggestions about how to refer library patrons who may need immigration information or services to qualified immigration service providers and will cover pervasive immigration scams that regularly victimize immigrants. [Register](#)

**Computers in Libraries 2016**

*March 8-10 in Washington, D.C.*


**Successful Agency Fundraising from A to Z with Mary Beth Bunge**

*Friday, March 11, 2016*

*9:00 am - 4:00 pm*

*Fee $120*

*Borg Warner Conference Room, Tompkins County Public Library*

As a board or staff member, you’re charged with raising funds for your organization. But where do you start? Grants? Corporate sponsors? Individual Gifts? Events???

This introduction to philanthropy, development and fundraising strategies combines philosophy, real-world examples and hands-on practice that will build your confidence, vocabulary and

**Hard Conversations: Interrupting Biased Bigoted Remarks, Stereotypes, and Negative Assumptions at Work** with Kirby Edmonds and Laura Branca

*Tuesday March 15, 2016*

*8:45 am - 12:45 pm.*

*Fee $80. [More Information](#)*

**Book Repair Workshop / Kapco Book Protection**

*Wednesday March 16th, 2016*

*Registration 8:30 - 9:00 am*

*Workshop 9:00 - 12:00 pm*

*Lunch Provided*

*Location:*

*TST BOCES*

*555 Warren Road*

*Ithaca, NY 14853*

*Dexheimer Building A*

While prevention is key, Kary Barth will demonstrate quick and easy book repair and preservation techniques for extending the shelf life of general circulating materials.

Kary has authored a basic book repair guide and has presented book protection/repair workshops throughout the U.S.

This workshop is designed to demonstrate quick and easy techniques. The workshop will address specific, common repairs: re-inserting loose pages, broken spines, torn header caps, ripped and torn pages.

Each participant will be provided with a free sample pack of materials and participate in a drawing for a deluxe paperback protection kit valued at $105.

Sign up on [TST BOCES My Learning Plan](#).
**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/](https://www.esln.org/events/webinar-patron-driven-weeding/)

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**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!**  

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**PLA Conference**

*April 5-9, 2019, Denver CO.*  

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**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](http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/ala-leadership-institute). 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](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.

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**YSS 2016 Spring Conference**

*April 15, 2016*  
Desmond Hotel in Albany


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**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 [friendsolib12901@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsolib12901@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.
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

CSLP Manual Survey
Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey on the Summer Reading Manual:

We estimate the survey will take approximately 15 minutes for Member Librarians. Please respond by Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

You can find the survey by visiting https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSLPSurvey2016. If you have any questions about the content of the survey or experience any problems with the survey, please contact Matt McLain, mmclain@slcolibrary.org.

2016 Teen Video Challenge!

New York State, as part of Summer Reading at New York Libraries, is participating in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) 2016 Teen Video Challenge for the sixth year. Teens are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video interpreting the 2016 Teen slogan. Please encourage teens or groups of teens ages 13 to 18 to create and submit an entry promoting summer reading and libraries. This year’s slogan for the Teen Video Challenge is “Get in the Game – Read!”

Please distribute this information and remind your libraries that TVC entries are due soon. Teens are directed to submit entry forms to their local library by March 4, 2016.

All information and forms for the TVC competition are available on the Summer Reading at New York Libraries website at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/teens/teens-video-challenge/.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Sharon B. Phillips, coordinator of Summer Reading at New York Libraries, at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov or at (518) 486-4863.
Storytime Rhyme of the Week

The Life of a Butterfly

Here’s a song you can sing about a butterfly. Tune: *Skip To My Lou*

I’m a caterpillar, wiggle with me, I’m a caterpillar, wiggle with me, I’m a caterpillar, wiggle with me, What’ll I be, my darlin’?

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A butterfly, come fly with me, A butterfly, come fly with me, A butterfly, come fly with me, What’ll I be, my darlin’?

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Z Z Z Z Z

A chrysalis, now sleep like me, A chrysalis, now sleep like me, A chrysalis, now sleep like me, What’ll I be, my darlin’?

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Now all together, let’s do all 3 three. 

A caterpillar, a chrysalis, A butterfly – three. Move your body like this with me. The life of a butterfly, darlin’.

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

YA Book of the Week:

*Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original “Girl” Reporter, Nellie Bly* by Deborah Noyes

From School Library Journal
Gr 6 Up—Daring? Turbulent? Madwoman? When a book’s title includes those words, readers are bound to be inspired to open it. When the book is as well done as this one is, readers will stay through the last page. About half of the narrative is devoted to the 10 days that journalist Nellie Bly spent undercover in an asylum for mentally ill women (and women who were put there unjustly by their families). Given the high drama of these real-life events, the author’s matter-of-fact writing style keeps the narrative from veering toward sensationalism. Passages from Bly’s newspaper article about the experience are threaded into the narrative, thereby keeping her vibrant viewpoint as the dramatic center. The rest of the volume covers Bly’s other exploits, personal and professional: her venture around the world in a record-breaking 72 days, her interview with imprisoned anarchist Emma Goldman, and her own marriage at 31 to septuagenarian millionaire Robert Seaman. The illustrations are a mix of straightforward archival photos and surreal retouched photos à la Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children (Quirk, 2011). Because the former are captioned with historical facts and the latter are not captioned at all, it is easy to tell the difference between the actual images and the fanciful. Noyes makes history accessible and irresistible in this thrilling account of women’s lives, flagrant abuse, scandal, courage, and tenacity. The source notes are extensive, and the research is impeccable. VERDICT This excellent work is a natural fit for units on history, biography, and social studies.—Jennifer Prince, Buncombe County Public Libraries, NC
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/

Documentary Heritage Program
The New York State Archives is pleased to announce its Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) grants for 2016-2017. The new DHP Grant Guidelines and Application are now available on the NYS Archives website http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_dhp.shtml

Postmark deadline is Tuesday, March 1, 2016 for projects to be carried out from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

2016-2017 Outreach Mini Grants
It’s that time of year again! Applications are due March 16, 2016 for the 2016-2017 Outreach Mini Grant Cycle! All the information is on our website at http://www.flls.org/outreach/

2016-2017 Outreach Mini Grant Application
2016-2017 Outreach Mini Grant Application Survey Monkey Link

Have a question? Stuck on an idea? Email Amanda at aschiavulli@flls.org

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/. Applications must be received no later than midnight EST on March 31, 2016.

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Around the Interwebs

- **12 Powerful Google Hacks to Make You a Power Searcher:**
  - [https://mng.lincolnwdaniel.com/12-powerful-google-hacks-to-make-you-a-power-searcher-d2faf1cb9796#.thhpardt](https://mng.lincolnwdaniel.com/12-powerful-google-hacks-to-make-you-a-power-searcher-d2faf1cb9796#.thhpardt)

- **Action Guide for Re-Envisioning Your Public Library** leads you through a variety of strategic activities and provides worksheets that evaluate the current level of support for your library and the resources needed to plan and convene your own community dialogue. When you download the Action Guide, you become a member of The Community where you will have access to information, resources, videos and a discussion group. Through the discussion group, you are encouraged to ask questions and share your processes as you work through the Action Guide as well as ideas and outcomes.
  - [http://www.libraryvision.org/download_action_guide](http://www.libraryvision.org/download_action_guide)

- **Advances in Sleep Studies**

- **Carla Hayden**: President Obama’s Nominee to be the Next Librarian of Congress has been affiliated with both the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore and the Chicago Public Library.
  - [https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/02/24/meet-president-obamas-nominee-librarian-congress](https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/02/24/meet-president-obamas-nominee-librarian-congress)

- **Carpal Tunnel in the Workplace Prevention Tips**
  - [Read More](#)

- **Hospice Directory** (Hospice Foundation of America)
  - [http://hospicefoundation.org/Hospice-Directory](http://hospicefoundation.org/Hospice-Directory)

- **Insect Repellents: Reducing Insect Bites**
  - [http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents)

- **MEDLINE/PubMed Search and Health Literacy Information Resources**

- **National Poetry Month:** [Get Your Free Poster for 2016](#) Award-winning graphic design artist Debbie Millman has created this year’s official [National Poetry Month poster](#), featuring lines of poetry by some of our greatest poets. Get the 2016 poster for free at
  - [Poets.org](#)
• Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Celebrates 90th Anniversary
  o http://www.nypl.org/locations/schomburg

• Rosa Parks Collection contains approximately 7,500 items in the Manuscript Division, as well as 2,500 photographs in the Prints and Photographs Division. The collection documents many aspects of Parks’ private life and public activism on behalf of civil rights for African Americans.
  o https://www.loc.gov/collections/rosa-parks-papers/about-this-collection

• Sleep and Your Preschoolers
  o http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/sleep-preschool.html

• Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month: February 2016
  o More information

• Veteran's History Project: The Library of Congress announced it has archived its 100,000th veteran’s collection. "There are more than 22 million veterans still living in the U.S., and it is our hope that even more volunteers will come forward to interview the veterans in their lives and communities and also submit original photographs, letters and other correspondence to be preserved for researchers now and to inspire future generations."
  o http://www.loc.gov/vets/

Zika Virus
Non-English Resources
Polaris Tip of the Week

Polaris Leap Logging In and Navigation:

Visit [https://fllsleap.flls.org/LeapWebApp/](https://fllsleap.flls.org/LeapWebApp/) and enter the user name and password for one of your Polaris clients. Include the FLLS domain in your user name. Ex. flls\homcirc. Type the regular password for your Polaris client and click **SIGN IN** or hit enter on the keyboard.

Next, select a branch and workstation and click **Continue**.

Once you have logged in, you will be presented with the Polaris Leap toolbar.

Looking for more? Contact Jenny ([jclark@flls.org](mailto:jclark@flls.org)) for a copy of the **Polaris Leap Quick Start Guide**. Also, check out the links below for two new Polaris Leap videos. **Please note:** To access the videos, enter the password you use to log into Polaris at your circulation desk.

- [Polaris Leap Overview](#)
- [Polaris Leap: Checking In & Out](#)

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)

To date, 669 patrons have “checked out” 6535 Zinio magazines… but we can do better:
Have you shared information about these Zinio digital magazines with the Youth and Families You Serve?
Remember: You can be notified when the next issue of your favorite Zinio magazine is available. Once you check out the issue – just Email me when the next issue is available.
DATABASE UPDATES

How To Promote Mango Any Day Of The Year:
Tue, March 15, at 2 PM

DATABASE TRAINING - WEBINARS:
Business Insights: Essentials 4/5 – 10 AM
EBSCOhost Advanced 3/9 – 1 PM
EBSCOhost Basics 3/10 – 1 PM
EBSCOhost Basics 3/21 – 5 PM
Gale Resources: Tips & Tricks 5/20 - 10 AM
Gear Up for Research Papers & Projects 3/10 – 3 PM
Grolier Online 3/15 - 12 PM
Grolier Online 4/14 - 3 PM
Grolier Online 5/17 – 1 PM
Learning Express 3/8 – 12 PM
Learning Express 3/24 - 2 PM
Learning Express 4/5 – 10 AM
Learning Express 4/19 – 12 PM
My EBSCOhost Folder 3/10 – 3 PM
NOVEList for Readers' Advisory 3/24 – 11 AM
NOVEList: Tools for Librarians 3/25 – 11 AM
Opposing Viewpoints in Context 3/22 – 1 PM

Grolier Online Webinars

Beyond the Intro to GO 3/3 - 3:00pm
Event password: snow Call in number: 1-866-422-5206 Participant code: 6183780556

Blending Scholastic GO with Common Core, etc. 3/24 - 3:30pm
Event password: snow Call in number: 1-866-422-5206 Participant code: 6183780556

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
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.
**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/](http://learn.webjunction.org/)

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*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](mailto:jessica.brooks@flsls.org) 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:**

**When was the song “Happy Birthday to You” first published?**

"Happy Birthday." was published by Clayton Sunny on March 4 1924. It's been translated into more than 140 different languages. In 1998, the Guinness Book of World Records named "Happy Birthday" the most recognized song in the English language.


**THIS WEEK’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

**What waterfall was used as the backdrop for the silent film entitled *The Right of Way*?**

The “biggest highlight of the picture was the audience reaction to a car plunging 150 feet.”

To answer a Question of the Week, please email Amanda ([aschiavulli@flls.org](mailto: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**