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Reminders:

Member Library Visits
Amanda is all done with conference planning ::insert sigh of relief that the weather cooperated:: and she is ready to get back on the road visiting member libraries! Book an appointment today so she can come hang out and work at your library. Ideally she would like to have some time to chat, but she’s fine hanging out at one of your tables to work on related FLLS items and answer your questions as they come up. Common questions have included space planning, weeding and social media.

Construction Grant News
We are excited that the State has increased Construction Grant Funding by $10M this year. We know that there are a lot of members looking into construction projects this year. If you are even thinking about applying for a grant this summer, please contact Kristi Downham at kdownham@flls.org or 607-273-4074 ext. 228.
From the Director

Thank you to all who either planned and organized or attended the hugely successful Youth Services Section (YSS) NYLA Conference on Friday, April 28. After being away from Ithaca for over 30 years, and the conference planning committee having to be creative due to a lack of conference space in Ithaca, we couldn’t have asked for a better day.

The morning started with a fantastic and hilarious advocacy talk from Sue Kowalski, school librarian at the Pine Grove Middle School in East Syracuse. Sue spoke about having her middle school library close for two years of renovations, and how she creatively bought an RV and started a roving school book mobile for her students. Sue was not only a captivating speaker, but was named a 2016 Library Journal Mover and Shaker.

The luncheon speakers were Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri, authors of the newly released Dragons Love Tacos 2: the Sequel. YSS Conference goers were given a first look and reading of their newest picture book. Adam and Daniel walked the crowd through how they met each other, how their collaboration between writing a picture book and illustrating it takes place, and shared upcoming plans for each of them.

I was able to attend sessions on community partnerships for libraries, sensory programming ideas, and retailing your library space. Many of our member libraries were not only in attendance on Friday, but were also speakers, room monitors, and conference planning committee members. There were also great display tables in the halls of Cinemapolis featuring the Library Trustee Association, the Family Reading Partnership, NYLA’s Sustainability committee, book publishers and more.

The conference planning committee was made up of a variety of our member libraries and having attended some of their meetings over the past year and a half, we couldn’t have asked for a harder working group. I can’t begin to tell you the amount of people who approached me during the day offering nothing but compliments for their hard work and praise for the conference. A special thank you to FLLS staff Eric and Chuck who provided IT support, photo taking, transportation, and running errands to keep the day running smoothly. The conference couldn’t have happened without the hard work, dedication, and skillful planning of our Amanda Schiavulli. Thanks to all of her work, I truly believe Ithaca hosted the best YSS conference to date.

Sarah
Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Have you tried Mango Languages yet? It’s easier than ever to learn a new language or brush up on an old one!

Mango is free for all library patrons and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.
May 11 @ 9:30 AM

Finger Lakes Library System Conference Room

Fake news is running rampant on the internet and social media. Do you know how to spot it? Jenny will show you how to recognize fake news and evaluate sources with CRAAP (Currency, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy, and Purpose). Also learn how to amp up your research & reference skills to help your patrons locate factual information.

Reference tips for every day library life will be included.

Registration is required, visit [www.flls.org/calendar-2](http://www.flls.org/calendar-2)

Questions? Comments?

Contact Jenny Shonk

Call 607-319-5613 or Email [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org)
Webinars Workshops and Events

**FLLS Events**

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

**How to Spot Fake News & Combat it with CRAAP**
**Thursday, May 11, 2017**
**9:30am-11am**

**FALCONS Meeting**
**Thursday, May 18, 2017**
**9:30am-11:30am**

**Polaris Reporting**
**Thursday, May 25, 2017**
**9:00am-12:00pm**

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**Conferences, Outside Trainings and Fun Stuff**

**Community Foundation of Tompkins County Annual Meeting**
**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**
**6:00pm-7:30pm**
Boynton Middle School Cafeteria

**Regional Meet-up of Friends of Libraries Section**
**Monday, May 15, 2017**
Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library, Clifton Park NY

**SLUSH at Argos**
**Tuesday, May 16 @ 5pm**
Join librarians from around the region at this month’s SLUSH (Savvy Librarians Unite for Social Hour) at Bar Argos! They offer a great atmosphere and an exciting, unusual [cocktail menu](http://www.flls.org/calendar-2/).

**New York Archives Conference**
**June 7-9, 2017**
Utica College

**Save the Date for ARSL**
**September 7-9th**
This year we are heading to gorgeous St. George, Utah.

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**Webinars**

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

**Preventing the Summer Slide with Audiobooks**
**Monday, May 8, 2017 @4:00pm**
In this edWebinar, Mary Ann Scheuer, Teacher Librarian at Berkeley USD, CA, will present research findings from a 2016 study looking at the effect of adding a listening component to literacy instruction—in school and at home. She will specifically address its impact on student vocabulary, reading comprehension and motivation to read.

**Design for Learning: Foundation (Instructional Design) Webinar**
**Wednesday, May 10**
**2:00-3:00pm**
Dr. Marilyn Arnone, lead developer for the Foundation Module, will lead program alumni in a discussion about the instructional design practices they have incorporated into their own online teaching as a result of their experience with this module.

**Designing Interactive Library Spaces**
**Thursday, May 11 @ 2:00pm**
Ideas for your library, from programming for all ages to display tips to makerspaces, that will help you engage your community without spending thousands of dollars. You'll learn about furniture and design concepts, which maker technology to include and how to find additional funding to make your dream into reality. This is a jam-packed session full of ideas, data, and of course, cats.

**Mindfulness for Librarians**
**Friday, May 12 @ 2:00pm**
This webinar will provide concrete steps for coping with workplace stress, especially through the adoption of mindfulness. Dr. Richard Moniz, co-author of *The Mindful Librarian*, will offer some data on mindfulness in general, how it relates to library staff in all types of libraries, and how it can be used to enhance our focus and improve our outlook on our jobs and lives in general.

**Scholastic GO! Summer Reading Ideas and Activities**
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017 @ 11:30am**
Grab a few ideas to share with your students and patrons for interesting digital reading this summer.
**Event Password:** Spring

**Visual Storytelling from Manga to Anime Webinar**
**Wednesday, May 17**
**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

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Google Docs Scam

This week there was an attack on Google Docs...

If someone invites you to edit a file in Google Docs, don’t open it — it may be spam from a phishing scheme that was spreading earlier this week. The attack sends targets an emailed invitation from someone they may know, takes them to a real Google sign-in screen, then asks them to “continue to Google Docs.” But this grants permissions to a (malicious) third-party web app that’s simply been named “Google Docs,” which gives phishers access to your email and address book.

The key difference between this and a very simple email phishing scheme is that this doesn’t just take you to a bogus Google page and collect your password — something you could detect by checking the page URL. It works within Google’s system, but takes advantage of the fact that you can create a non-Google web app with a misleading name.

For more information, check out these links:

- https://www.wired.com/2017/05/dont-open-google-doc-unless-youre-positive-legit/
- http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2017/05/04/google-shuts-down-sophisticated-google-docs-phishing-scam.html

Let’s stay safe out there.

Think Before You Click!
Around the Interwebs

- Declaration of Independence discovery stuns experts
- US Mint to launch design contest for moon landing 50th anniversary coins
- NYPL Has Digital Time Travel Service
- Trump Attacks Libraries
- Points to Consider When Offering Privacy Advice
- Fining Children Who Can’t Afford to be Without Books
- Social Justice and Librarianship
- 8 Books to Read Before They Hit Theaters
- Common Sense Has Nothing to do With Censorship
- Top Library Tech Trends
- Libraries Against Little Free Libraries

Coupons, Deals and Steals

Findaway YSS Show Specials

Findaway offers Show specials on ALL products! They offer opening collection programs and some additional programs for smaller libraries. Reach out to Donna Destefano for details at ddestefano@findaway.com.

The website is: https://shop.playaway.com

- Submit a Playaway Audio order that reaches $2500 or more and receive 30% off the complete order.
  - This includes Recorded Books titles!
  - Code: PWSHOW30
- Submit a Playaway Launchpad order that reaches $2500 or more and receive 15% off the complete order.
  - Can be combined with all age groups! CODE: LPSHOW15
  - You can submit a separate Kickstart for Adult and or Graphic novel/comic order for Launchpad to utilize our give it a try guarantee!
  - Smaller minimums are offered!
- Submit a Bookpack order that reaches $2500 or more and receive 25% off the complete order.
  - Code: BPSHOW25
- Submit a View order that reaches $1500 or more and receive 15% off the complete order.
  - Code: VWSHOW15

Ask Donna about LOCK: Our e-reader built for public libraries! No internet needed, created for your patrons!
**Youth Corner**

**Storytime Rhyme of the Week**

**Red Is Rojo**
*(to the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)*

Red is rojo,
Green is verde,
Blue, azul,
Purple, morado
Yellow, amarillo,
Orange, anaranjado,
White is blanco,
Pink, rosado

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

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**Collections, Kits and Fun Stuff**

Spring is here (well sort of…)
Check out our **Picnic Storytime Box** for an easy storytime you will love to do outdoors! Place a hold today!
**Barcode:** A20517494027

- [ALSC Summer Reading List](#)
- [June Activity Calendar from Demco](#)
- [Make Your Own Summer Reading Scratch Offs](#)

**Free Toys for your Library!**

Don’t forget to look at [www.flls.org/earlyliteracy](http://www.flls.org/earlyliteracy) to find out how you can get some great items for your library!

Contact Amanda for more information.

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**YA Book of the Week:**

**Alexander Hamilton: The making of America** by Teri Kanefield

The America that Alexander Hamilton knew was largely agricultural and built on slave labor. He envisioned something else: a multi-racial, urbanized, capitalistic America with a strong central government. He believed that such an America would be a land of opportunity for the poor and the newcomers. But Hamilton’s vision put him at odds with his archrivals who envisioned a pastoral America of small towns, where governments were local, states would control their own destiny, and the federal government would remain small and weak.

**Reviews:**

"The strength of the book is the generous use of Hamilton's own words...A solid introduction to a charismatic founding father." (Kirkus)

"A great addition to upper elementary and middle school libraries...students will crave this title." (School Library Journal)

"Thoroughly researched and cited, this book is accessibly written and full of valuable information...Hamilton’s intelligence, ceaseless drive, and penchant for speaking his mind come across, giving readers a clear view of Hamilton’s character and his role in creating America." (Booklist)
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 library card number. 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.
Win a Trip to ALA
Deadline: May 10, 2017
Up to three (3) Prize packages will be awarded to selected contest winners, each prize package consisting of: Registration to attend the American Library Association 2017 Annual Conference in Chicago, June 22-27, 2017 and a prepaid credit card in the amount of $1,500.00.

2017 Banned Books Grants
Deadline: May 12, 2017
Each year FTRF distributes grants to non-profits to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Weeks celebration (Sept. 24 - 30, 2017). Libraries, schools, universities and community organizations are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded at two levels: $1,000 and $2,500.

Student Research Award
Deadline: July 1, 2017
The award consists of a cash prize and certificate. It encourages students to explore the wealth of historical records found in archives, libraries, and other community organizations throughout New York State.

Best Small Library in America
Deadline: July 17, 2017
Library Journal’s annual award for the Best Small Library in America is returning, with the support of sustaining sponsor Junior Library Guild. The award, founded to encourage and showcase the exemplary work of these libraries, is now in its 11th round. It honors the U.S. public library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to populations of 25,000 or less.

Question of the Week

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What historic, local venue was once a auto garage?

“The State Theatre is the last remaining cinema and vaudeville palace in downtown Ithaca. According to the History Center of Tompkins County, downtown Ithaca once boasted seven grand theaters, including the Lyceum, the Crescent, and the Strand. With its 1,609 seat capacity, it is also one of the area’s most significant arts venues. The building dates back to 1915. Designed by local architect Henry N. Hinckley, it was originally an auto garage and dealership, specializing in Studebakers.”

From: http://www.stateofithaca.com/about/

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What is the significance of Cinco de Mayo?

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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