

# MEMBER LIBRARY WEEKLY BULLETIN

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# **Reminders**



### When in Doubt, Check it In

Ever get an item in the delivery bag with a barcode but no slip? Unless it is visibly damaged, the item(s) should ALWAYS be scanned in.

### InMotion Maintenance on Monday, January 29

InMotion Hosting, where our websites and email are hosted, will be doing maintenance on their servers starting next Monday. The maintenance is scheduled over three nights, January 29, 30, and 31<sup>st</sup>. They will start at 11:00PM EST each night and run until approximately 4:00AM the next morning. During that time your websites may be unavailable and you may not be able to log in to make changes. You may also be unable to check email.

### <u>Annual Reports Due February 9</u>

The portal for the Annual Reports is now open. Please note that your completed reports are due to Kristi by February 9th. Please let Kristi know if you have any questions at kdownham@fils.org or 607-273-4074 ext. 228.

# **From The Director**



Last week, the New York State Library released resident inmate populations for state correctional facilities and county jails as of July 1, 2017. These figures are provided to the State Library by the New York State Commission of Corrections and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. The July 1, 2017 population figures will be used to calculate the FY 2018/2019 State Aid allocations for the Public Library System Services for State Correctional Facility Libraries Program and the Public Library System Services for County Jails Program.

FLLS has the fourth largest correctional facility resident population in New York State. We provide library services to four state correctional facilities in our service area: Auburn, Cayuga, Five Points, and

Willard Drug Treatment Campus. We currently provide library services to 4,682 state facility residents. Out of twenty-three library system in New York, our county jail population is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the State in terms of population served. Our service area currently has 627 inmates in five county jails with Cayuga County having the highest number of inmates (214) and Cortland having the lowest (93).

Our public library system receives State Aid to help supplement library services and resources for inmates in State correctional facilities by providing inmates with broader access to library materials, services, and the statewide library network. One of the most important services we use this funding for is to provide interlibrary loan and reference services to correctional facilities. Correctional facility library staff oftentimes do not have access to online searching tools and system catalogs, so FLLS provides help with ILL and reference services. We make regular delivery stops to all our correctional facilities we serve.

FLLS also provides collection development help and assists correctional facility librarians with purchasing all types of library materials. We offer readers' advisory help, consultation services, and cataloging help if needed also. FLLS staff help by providing reading lists, lists of vendors, programming help, workshops for inmates, and advice on space planning and library management in general.

Continuing education and specialized programs offered to system member libraries may also be useful to correctional facility librarians, and with our State Aid, our correctional facility librarians have been attending NYLA on a more regular basis. Jenny Shonk, our Outreach Librarian at FLLS, attended a regional correctional facility workshop held at Pioneer Library System in October and she is working with library systems near us to plan more workshops.

Our goal in providing library services to both county jails and correctional facilities is that inmates will have access to normal library services that we provide to all our member libraries. We frequently hear from our correctional facility librarians that we provide vital help to them with ILL, collections, continuing education and even just networking opportunities.

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# OUESTIONS?

Kristi Downham FLLS State Programs Coordinator kdownham@flls.org FINGER LAKES



- On Demand Summer Reading Webinars
- Books to Inspire Young Inventors
- FREE Activity Guides from DEMCO
- <u>These Kids Started a Book Club for</u> <u>Minority Boys</u>
- <u>A Look at Policing in Children's Books</u>
- <u>9 New LGBT Children's Books Every Kid</u>
  <u>Should Read</u>

### YA Book of the Week:



### An Empty Chair by Haf Llewelyn

A historical novel based on the life of Hedd Wyn, the famous Welsh poet. A farmer's son from Trawsfynydd, he fought in the trenches in the First World War and was killed at Passchendaele, and is famous in Wales for being awarded the 1917 National Eisteddfod Chair shortly after his death. We see the huge impact of the war on village life through the eyes of his 14-year-old sister Anni. With a liberal helping of humor to offset the tragedy.

VOYA Star Reviewed 12/2017



### Microsoft Windows Performance After Malware Protection Updates

On January 9, 2018, Microsoft posted Windows updates to help protect computers from the Spectre and Meltdown flaws. This update is known to cause some performance issues with all computers but it may be more noticeable on computers released prior to 2015.

We've seen three instances this week of Dell computers purchased in 2013 that may be experiencing side effects of this Windows update. The computers were all bought as part of the 2013 Bulk Buy and are model OptiPlex 7010 with Service Tags that start with "B8" and end in "X1." They all have Window 7 installed on them.

There have been a couple of symptoms that we think are linked to this update. The first may be after powering up the computer, or rebooting, you log into Windows and see a blue "Welcome" screen with a rotating status bar. That screen will stay longer than normal, possibly 5 minutes, but in one case it took over 25 minutes for Windows to finish logging in to the desktop.

The second symptom is that after getting to the desktop, the computer may not be able to connect to the Internet or the mouse cursor may show as an hourglass either on its own or when hovering over programs that you're try to start. We don't have an estimate for how long this may last but on one computer we let it run for 10 minutes and it hadn't connected to the network so we finally rebooted the computer. It came up correctly on reboot.

All three of the computers that had these similar problems were circulation computers and also had the LibData Control Center software installed on them. We're uncertain if LibData being installed adds to the slower performance on the computers but in all three cases the LibData service failed to start correctly when the computer took longer than usual to boot up.

One other thing that at least two of the three computers had in common is that they showed slower than normal boot times if they were installing a software update. In two of the three cases, new Windows Updates had applied the night before they exhibited the slower performance. In one case, we upgraded Symantec AntiVirus and experienced slow performance on the reboot after installation. Once the installations of Windows Updates and Symantec had been applied, subsequent reboots didn't show the extreme performance impacts. It only happened on the first reboot as Windows finalized the installs.

Windows 8.1 and 10 are also receiving updates to protect against Meltdown and Spectre but we haven't yet seen as obvious of a problem with them as with Windows 7.

Although all three examples this week were circulation computers, the same symptoms may be seen on other staff and public computers with Windows 7.

If you are booting up a Windows 7 computer and experience a longer than normal login time, whether you see the blue "Welcome" screen or an hourglass mouse cursor, try to let the computer finish on its own. If your computer hasn't finished logging in after 30 minutes, please call the CNS department. DO NOT force a power off of the computer by holding the power button unless we've told you to do so. Powering the computer down could possibly cause other problems, up to and including needing to have Windows reloaded which could take your computer out of service for a day or longer.

Even though the January 9<sup>th</sup> security update may introduce slower performance on some computers, we still recommend applying all high priority Windows updates. We believe the security updates and other patches and upgrades are important enough that they shouldn't be skipped.

The last round of computers we purchased with Windows 7 were in 2013. Those computers are coming due for replacement in 2018 and we highly recommend they be replaced on schedule. That's especially true for circulation and staff computers which should have priority over public computers.

# Webinars Workshops and Events



### FLLS Events

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

#### SPACES STILL AVALIABLE: Regional

#### Training: Social Media

Weedsport Library Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:30am-11:30am

#### **FALCONs**

Thursday, February 15, 2018 9:30am - 11:30am

#### <u>Advocacy Day Bus Trip</u>

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

#### Annual Summer Reading Workshop

Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:00am - 12:00pm

### Conferences, Outside Trainings and Fun Stuff

#### SLUSH @ The WaterShed

Thursday, February 1, 2018 5:00-7:00pm Join some Savvy Librarians for Social Hour at this cozy bar what provides "a bookish social space" ideal for library folk. In addition to eclectic drinks, they offer snack food, teas and drinks.



Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, February 3, 2018 YOUR LIBRARY

#### 2018 NYLA-YSS Conference

Friday, April 13, 2018 Syracuse, NY

#### **Computers in Libraries**

April 17-19 Arlington, VA Special Discount Code from SCRLC: ESLN18

Register Now for Library Legislative Day May 7-8 2018

### <u>Webinars</u>

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

#### Fighting Back Against Tax Identity Theft and IRS Imposter Scams

#### Monday, January 29, 2018, 2:00 PM

Learn about tax-related identity theft and IRS imposter scams, their impact, how to protect yourself, and how to recover if you become a victim.

#### **Discovering Primary Documents in In Context**

#### Monday, January 29, 2018, 3:00 PM

This webinar is designed to help you discover them! We'll share the best search practices for finding what you need and how to browse what's available.

#### From Facilities to Trauma: Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency at Your Library

#### Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 3:00pm

Recent catastrophes have highlighted the important role public libraries play in enhancing their community's resiliency and post-disaster recovery efforts. Learn what you need to do to prepare before disaster strikes.

#### Straight From the Horse's Mouth: Explore Past Events with Firsthand Accounts

#### Thursday, February 1, 2018, 3:00 PM

Learn how primary sources make history come alive for K-12 students and help them to make connections to past figures, events, and time periods.

# Lunch at the Library: Nourishing Bodies and Minds

#### Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 3:00 PM

For too many children and teens, summer is a time of hunger and learning loss. Libraries offer the perfect environment to combat childhood hunger and obesity while preventing summer learning loss by offering free, healthy lunch to kids through the USDA Summer Food Service Program

#### Kids InfoBits as a Teacher Tool

**Thursday, February 8, 2018, 3:00 PM** Kids InfoBits has always been a great tool for elementary age students and their research needs but it can be a great tool for educators as well.

#### Where Do You Find Data Describing Your

#### Community?

#### Wednesday, February 14, 2018 10:30am-11:30am

The participants will be able to:

Find their county data and click on their county report. Identify 3 new features on KWIC for displaying and sharing data.

Use the map builder to find their community (& library system) and examine the well-being indicators.



## **Around the Interwebs**

- Submissions are Open for the 2018
  Library Design Showcase
- <u>TCPL's Makerspace Article in Ithaca</u> <u>Voice</u>
- Ideas to Reset Your Library for the New Year
- <u>8 Ways to Build a More Inclusive</u>
  <u>Makerspace</u>
- English Majors are Desired Employees
- WEIRD STUFF PEOPLE SAY TO LIBRARIANS (AND THE THINGS I DO NOT SAY IN RESPONSE)
- HOW I SLOWED THE FLOOD OF LIBRARY HOLDS
- Weeding Challenge: Cookbooks and Craft Books

- <u>Everything You Wanted to Know</u> <u>about Books in One Infographic</u>
- Selection and Reconsideration
  Policy Toolkit
- What do Librarians Have that Journalists Don't?
- Decorate Your Bathroom Like a
  Library
- Hiking Backpacks for Patrons
- <u>ALA Archives: Illustrations of</u> <u>Librarian Humor</u>
- Using Infographics to Enhance Reader's Advisory
- <u>Survey on Toxic Behaviors in</u> <u>Libraries</u>
- <u>Library of Congress Opening</u>
  <u>Major Exhibition on Baseball in</u>
  <u>Summer 2018</u>

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# **Professional Collection Highlight**



# Poetry Aloud Here!: Sharing Poetry with Children in the Library by Sylvia M. Vardell

Poetry is enjoying a surge of popularity, with a new talented generation of children's poets leading the pack. Poetry reading for children has come a long way since the dry recitation of the classics from yesteryear. Today, thanks to poetry jams and slams, interactive poetry web sites, and engaging National Poetry Month activities, children think of poetry as lively and fun. Today's poetry presentations are geared to make children laugh, think, interact with their world...even put a new spin on their classwork. Poetry expert Vardell shows how librarians, teachers, and others can introduce children, ages 5 to 12, to the world of poetry in a way that's meaningful, participatory, and fun.

### Place a Hold TODAY: A20512920065

# Polaris Tip of the Week

#### **Using Patron Record Sets to Place Holds**

• First, create and save a patron record set of specific individuals. These may be patrons from a book club or those who like to place holds on bestsellers as soon as they come out. After saving, write down the number for your record set, a.k.a. Record set ID. It is always a 5-digit number.

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# Awards, Contests and Grants

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

#### 2018 Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants

#### Deadline: January 31, 2018

Underfunded libraries, schools and non-traditional organizations that provide educational services to children are invited to apply to receive one of three Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants. Every year, in the process of choosing the Coretta Scott King Book Award winners and honor books, the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of the American Library Association receives multiple copies of approximately 60-100 titles by African American authors and illustrators.

#### YSS 2018 Spring Conference Scholarship

#### Deadline: February 1, 2018.

Apply today for one of the scholarships to attend the 2018 YSS Spring Conference on Friday April 13, 2018 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center in Syracuse, NY! There are two scholarships available. Each of the scholarships is designed to cover registration fees and up to \$250 reimbursement for hotel charges, meals, and transportation costs for attending the conference.

#### Community Foundation of Tompkins County Library Grants (Rosen)

**Deadline: February 1, 2018** Amanda is ready to read your grants! Don't delay!

#### **OMG Outreach Mini Grants**

#### Deadline: March 23, 2018

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! Applications are NOW OPEN for the 2018-2019 grant cycle!

## **Question of the Week**

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

# Why is "A.1094-A Galef / S.3023-A Ritchie" important to New York Libraries?

Affectionately known as the "tax check-off bill", this law amends NYS Tax Law to permit taxpayers to make contributions to the state "Love Your Library Fund" when completing their annual tax filings.

#### Learn More At:

https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/a1094/amendment/a

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK: The first person convicted under the 1986 Computer Fraud and Abuse Act released a "worm" onto the Internet from MIT while a guest on campus. Who was he? At what university was he actually a student? Bonus: He was a technical advisor for which company that FLLS has purchased technology from?

To answer a Question of the Week, please email Amanda (<u>aschiavulli@flls.org</u>) 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\*\*

