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Reading Resources for Children with Special Needs

Reading is for everyone—including kids who have a learning disability or difficulty with seeing, hearing or holding objects. There are many resources available from FLLS, your local library, and other organizations:



1) THE TALKING BOOKS LIBRARY

This state program lends audiobooks for free to anyone who can't use printed materials, including people with learning disabilities. They have an enormous library of materials, including textbooks and children's books.

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Read-Along Songs for Baby Performance Dates Announced:

Read-Along Love Songs for Baby features stories and songs with John Simon and Cal Walker. The FREE performances are geared to babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and is fun for the whole family. John and Cal will be performing at the following locations:



Seneca Falls Library: May 18, 10:00 am

Lodi Whittier Library: May 18, 1:00 pm

Ulysses Philomathic Library,
Trumansburg: May 20, 3:30 pm

Aurora Free Library: May 22, 10:00 am

Weedsport Free Library: May 22, 6:00 pm

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FLLS Jobseeker Resources

FLLS recently updated our free online jobseeker resource guide at www.flls.org/outreach/jobs.

This comprehensive guide is tailored to the needs of residents in Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga and Tompkins Counties.



This guide includes resource lists for the following categories:

1. **Job Posting Sites** – online job postings
2. **Career Planning Resources** – plan your career and education goals
3. **Jobseeking Tools** - write effective resumes and cover letters
4. **Job Transition Resources** - financial assistance resources and more
5. **Local Resources** – locate resources in your community

In addition, the guide contains information and resources for the specific needs of many specialized groups, including:

- Individuals with criminal records
- Individuals with disabilities
- LGBT individuals
- Minority groups and immigrants
- 55+ individuals
- Teens
- Veterans
- Women

FLLS also provides free online databases to help jobseekers at www.flls.org/databases:

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Jobseeker Resources (cont.)

Learning Express provides test preparation for career aptitude and certification tests.

Business Insights: Essentials provides detailed company and industry news/info.

These databases can be accessed from any computer with internet access if you have a local library card.

Your local library is also a wonderful resource for all jobseekers! All FLLS member libraries provide free access to computers with internet access for applying online to jobs, as well as Microsoft Office and printers for writing and printing resumes.

The library's print collection also contains thousands of materials to help people find and prepare for their careers, including resume/cover letter guides, interview tips, career certification test prep books, and more. If your local library doesn't have the book you need, you can receive it from another library for free through interlibrary loan. Place a hold through the catalog at catalog.flls.org to have the item you want delivered from a neighboring library — or you can also place a free out-of-system request for any item.

Recommended Subject Search Terms:

- Career changes
- Career development
- Civil Service—Examinations
- Cover letters
- Employment interviewing
- Job hunting
- Job skills
- Occupations—United States
- Resumes
- Vocational guidance

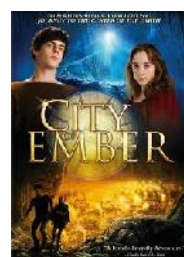
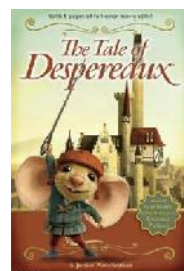
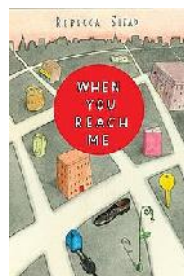
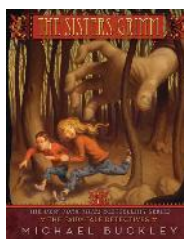
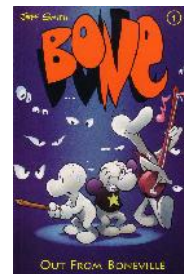
Tween Book Club Kits

We've recently added a tween book kit collection for the whole family to enjoy! Studies show that one of the best ways to promote literacy is for the entire family to read together, and these titles have been picked to appeal to all ages. The kits are likewise a wonderful activity for a group of tweens to read together, either as part of a library or school program or on their own.

Each kit focuses on a book that tweens (ages 8-12) can read comfortably on their own. Each kit contains multiple copies of the book, discussion questions and activity guides.

To browse the title list, search "Tween Book Club Kit" at catalog.flls.org. We currently have 16 titles (and plan to add more soon!), including:

The Book of Time
 The Name of this Book is Secret
 City of Ember
 A Tale Dark and Grim
 The 100-year-old Secret
 Among the Hidden
 The Fairy-tale Detectives
 Tunnels
 When You Reach Me
 Bat 6
 Savvy
 Bone: Outt of Boneville
 Esperanza Rising
 Stargirl
 Peter and the Starcatchers
 The Tale of Despereaux





Resources for Children with Special Needs (cont.)

These audiobooks are sent through the mail on special cartridges (shipping is free both ways), or they can be downloaded online instantly to a blank cartridge. To sign up, call FLLS for an application at 607-273-4074, x228. You can also contact TBBL directly at (800) 342-3688, or visit www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/.

2) MATERIALS IN SPECIAL FORMATS:

Check out thousands of titles for children, tweens and teens in special formats at your local library:

- **Audiobooks on CD**
- **Playaways**— each handheld, all-in-one player holds an entire book. Just plug in headphones and press play!
- A **Baby Sign Kit** and **Baby Read-to-Me Braille Kit** are also available for checkout by placing a hold.

3) OTHER ACCESSIBLE BOOK/MEDIA LIBRARIES INCLUDE:

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

The nation's largest accessible audiobook library of textbooks and literature titles. Membership is free to students with print disabilities. Visit www.rfbd.org for details.

The Described and Captioned Media Program - This program loans captioned and described K-12 educational media to people who are visually impaired or deaf. Members can watch videos online, or request DVDs by mail. Membership is free to many qualified groups, including students. Visit www.dcmp.org.

Note: Please check out our full ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE LIST at www.flls.org/outreach/

Read-Along Songs for Baby (cont.)

Southworth Library Association, Dryden:
May 25, 10:00 am

Cortland Free Library: May 25, 12 pm

Kellogg Free Library: TBA

Waverly Free Library: TBA

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and the families who come with them, will love the rhyme, rhythm and fun of the *Read-Along Love Songs for Baby* performance, as well as the beautiful illustrations of the 5 books that serve as the back drop for the performance.

This program is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Family Literacy Library Services grant program, and is coordinated by the Finger Lakes Library System and the Family Reading Partnership.

FLLS Welcomes New Executive Director Amy Starr Zuch

FLLS recently welcomed a new Executive Director! A Dryden native, Amy Starr Zuch earned her MLS at SUNY-Buffalo and served as Consultant at the North Country Library System for the past nine years. During her tenure there, she worked directly with the member library directors and trustees at sixty-five local libraries, which were chartered to serve populations ranging from 300 to 32,000. She provided a wide range of assistance, guidance and support to member libraries and their trustees at NCLS, and is excited to build similarly strong relationships here. Amy can be reached at azuch@flls.org or 607-273-4074, x222.



"Google can bring you back a hundred thousand answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one." - Neil Gaiman

Did you know that a librarian is available via online chat *right now* to help you find the answer to any question, large or small?

Our reference librarians can help you find the information you need, often by using specialized databases and resources that aren't available via Google. We can also help you with information about your local library.

Ask your questions anytime - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Try it today at www.flls.org.



The FLLS Outreach Department works to help our member libraries meet the library and information needs of underserved individuals within Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga, and Tompkins counties.

*Questions? Comments?
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