



**FINGER LAKES**  
**LIBRARY SYSTEM**

# Trustee Newsletter

## Summer 2019

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## Sarah at ALA

*By Sarah Glogowski, from the June 28, 2019 FLLS Bulletin*

I spent June 20-24 attending the American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C. I spent Friday, June 21, on a day-long tour of various Washington libraries and wanted to share with you what our tour group learned. I'll focus on the sessions I attended while at ALA in the next FLLS Bi-Weekly Bulletin.

**Laurel Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System** – We started the tour from the convention center and drove 45 minutes into Laurel, Maryland.

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## NYLA endorses ALA stance on fines

The New York Library Association recently endorsed the American Library Association's Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity. The resolution states that fines are barriers to access and are discriminatory and that there is evidence that eliminating fines increases library usage and saves staff time. The resolution encourages libraries to "move towards eliminating" fines and urges governing bodies of libraries to "strengthen funding support" so that libraries are not dependent on fines as a source of revenue. (<http://bit.ly/NYLA-ALA-finefree>)

Many libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System have gone or are working on going fine free. Going fine free refers to the elimination of overdue fines; other fees and charges, such as replacement costs for damaged items or the cost of sending a fax, still apply. If your library is considering going fine free or if you would like additional resources on the topic, please contact Nora at [nburrows@flls.org](mailto:nburrows@flls.org).

**FLLS will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th.**

## Sarah at ALA (cont'd from page 1)

This branch is located in a suburb of Washington that has a historic African American district, including a beloved church and local park adjacent to the library. When the library renovated in 2017, the church across the street from the library became a focal point, and the park grounds became part of the library. The library has an outside amphitheater, a splash water park for kids, and a playground. Inside, the use of natural light, light wood, and a live wall of fresh plants makes the library open and spacious. Their Whisper room is a glass-enclosed quiet space that houses the live wall and is available for study space. The kids space is the highlight of the library, with dinosaur bones (not real bones, but of historic purpose due to the Laurel area having dinosaur bones found during excavations) under a glass floor. Check out our pictures of the library on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.



Woodridge Branch

**Woodridge Branch** – Located in an impoverished area of D.C., this newly renovated branch was designed by architect Bing Thom and was the first library he designed for the city. The three-level library has a grand staircase that curves up to a top floor open roof terrace that overlooks a park next door. Full of light and open spaces, this building is designed more like a modern museum, and gets extremely high usage. Area residents who never used to use the library now attend programs and use their public computers, as well as checking out materials.

**Cleveland Park Branch** – The D.C. Public Library's nineteenth major modernization project, the Cleveland Park Branch was the first time the system took the task of building a new structure within the confines of a historic district. Their busiest branch, this was a favorite on the tour due to the natural light, open porches on the second floor for reading, and a private garden on the first floor outside of the kids area. The Cleveland Park Branch is now the largest neighborhood library in the system until the central library, the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, re-opens next year after their renovation project. Pictures of this library are on our [Instagram](#) page.

**West End Branch** – This branch was the last stop on our tour and was unique in that the library branch occupies space on the bottom floor of an upscale condo building. It also houses an upscale coffee shop, Bluestone Lane, which is located inside the library. Opening at the end of 2017, this branch was the most modern in design and is famous for their mural by Adrienne Gaither that features the names of famous people connected to the West End neighborhood, including Duke Ellington and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



West End Branch

D.C. Public Library Executive Director, Richard Reyes-Gavilan accompanied us on all of the stops, and while we were on the bus, gave us an overview of the new Central Library project, which will re-open next year. It will feature a slide for children going from the top floor to the bottom and will serve as the largest library to date in Washington. All D.C. libraries offer free printing and a free kids book program similar to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

Have a great 4th of July!

## Archival Planning & Assessment

*From the NYLINE announcement*

If you have an archival collection, the DHPSNY (Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York) is currently offering free Planning & Assessment Services designed to support New York State collecting institutions in improving and advancing program efforts while forming strategies for future growth and development. In each instance, DHPSNY services aim to improve adherence to best practices and are tailored to an organization's unique circumstances.

To be considered for the Summer 2019 Planning & Assessment round, applications must be received by Friday, July 12, 2019.

DHPSNY offers New York State collecting institutions free services in four categories:

- ◇ Strategic Planning Assistance helps organizations think proactively about their future and shape a three-year plan to serve as a road map for future decision making under a trained facilitator. <http://bit.ly/2WBJMhS>
- ◇ Archival Needs Assessments are an excellent way to examine your archival program holistically through an external lens. <http://bit.ly/2FcjSLE>
- ◇ Preservation Surveys consist of a general evaluation of your institution's preservation needs, pinpointing areas of concern and recommendations for improvement. <http://bit.ly/2Rg4fl5>
- ◇ Condition Surveys are a valuable tool for institutions that have received a Preservation Survey (through DHPSNY or another program) and are looking to evaluate the conditions of collection materials on a more granular level. <http://bit.ly/2N8cPGx>

For assistance, questions about eligibility, or additional information, contact DHPSNY Program Manager Anastasia Matijkiw at (215) 545-0613 extension 338

or [amatijkiw@dhpsny.org](mailto:amatijkiw@dhpsny.org). DHPSNY's Planning & Assessment page (<https://dhpsny.org/planning-assessment>) also features helpful tools for navigating the application process, including frequently asked questions and sample applications.

Learn more and Apply at <https://dhpsny.org/planning-assessment>.

## State Librarian

*By Sarah Glogowski*

During the June 4 Board of Regents meeting, Lauren Moore was selected as the next NY State Librarian. Many of you might know Lauren as the Executive Director of the Pioneer Library System, and from her work with the Finger Lakes Digital Inclusion project the 2020 Census. Lauren has over 12 years of experience with public library work both in New York and Pennsylvania. I believe Lauren is a champion for public libraries, whether they are large or small, and will hopefully bring change to the State Library. I have had the privilege of working closely with Lauren on the Executive Committee of PULISDO for the past two years, and have seen first-hand her love of helping libraries grow. She will be leaving the Pioneer Library System on July 17 and starting her new role as State Librarian on August 1.



Lauren Moore, incoming  
New York State Librarian

## Upcoming Events

Hooray for Freed! Part 1:  
Privacy, Confidentiality, &  
Intellectual Freedom in the  
Library

- ◇ **Thursday, July 11 @ 3pm**
- ◇ Webinar from WebJunction
- ◇ <http://bit.ly/HfFpt1>

Hooray for Freed! Part 2:  
Developing Policies in Support  
of Ethical Practice

- ◇ **Thursday, August 8 @ 3pm**
- ◇ Webinar from WebJunction
- ◇ <http://bit.ly/HfFpt2>

Library Technology Planning for  
Today and Tomorrow

- ◇ **Tuesday, August 27 @ 3pm**
- ◇ Webinar from WebJunction
- ◇ <http://bit.ly/WJtechTT>

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## Guidance on Library Smoking Ban

In December 2018, Governor Cuomo signed legislation that prohibits smoking “within one hundred feet of the entrances, exits or outdoor areas of any public or association library”. This prohibition went into effect on June 19, 2019.

The New York Library Association released informal guidance on staying compliant with the new law (<http://bit.ly/libssmokefree>). Libraries should have signage that indicates that there is no smoking within 100 feet of the library and they should also make sure that employees who smoke are compliant with the law.

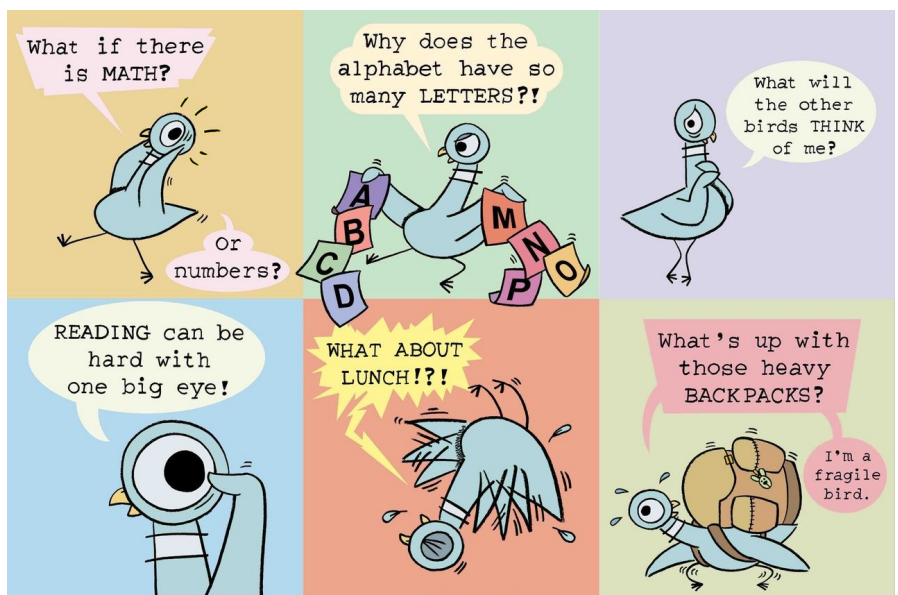
For additional information and resources, please refer to the guidance from NYLA: <http://bit.ly/libssmokefree>.

## Fun!

Emilio Estevez Talks Public Libraries with Urban Libraries Council <http://bit.ly/31ZssqW>

The Best Books of 2019 So Far <http://bit.ly/BBsofar2019>

Kids' Author Mo Willems Has A New Creative Challenge (And So Should You) <https://n.pr/2Fvp1P5>



From Mo Willems upcoming Pigeon book, *The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!*