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Upcoming FLLS Staff Out-of-Office

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Not sure who to direct your question to? Check out the **FLLS Services Contacts Cheat Sheet!**

Announcements & Reminders

Register now for **Learning About Learning Circles!** Interested in fostering lifelong learning within your community? This interactive presentation will introduce individuals to learning circles (peer learning groups for taking online courses) as developed by Peer to Peer University ([P2PU](#)). Questions? Contact jshonk@flls.org.

There has been an increase of \$20M in **Construction Aid Funding** for the current 2019-2020 cycle. If you are interested in applying please contact Kristi Downham immediately to set up a site visit at 607-273-4074 ext. 228 or kdownham@flls.org.

Links to Make You Think

[This Tiny Traveling Bookstore Wanders the French Countryside](#)



[Next Steps on the Census](#)

[Books and the Perfect Coffee Mugs to Go With Them](#)

[Local libraries beef up smoking, vaping policy](#)

[Literary World, Fans, and Friends Mourn the Death of Toni Morrison](#)

[Teen Advisory Boards Work to Impact Libraries—and Communities](#)

From The Director



I hope everyone is enjoying their August and end of summer. I will be on vacation Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16th. There are two events coming up within the next month that we think you will be interested in:

New Yorkers for Better Libraries Ithaca Event – This is the first time our area is hosting a NY4BL event and we hope that you can join area library supporters for a fun trivia night. On Tuesday, August 27 at The Haunt (702 Willow Ave, Ithaca), there will be a Quiz for Libraries Night. This fun-filled evening of trivia and games will support the best cause of all – better funding for our New York State libraries and library systems. There will be a 90-minute professionally hosted quiz by Geeks Who Drink and some interactive games. Admission cost is \$15 online and \$20 at the door. Start time is 6:30 p.m. and the doors open at 5:30 to join a trivia team, plan your strategy, enjoy a drink and refreshments, and to participate in some pre-quiz games. All admissions and other proceeds will go directly to New Yorkers for Better Libraries, an organization that supports the State’s libraries and library systems. Please consider registering today at: <https://act.myngp.com/Forms/8021982953439693568>

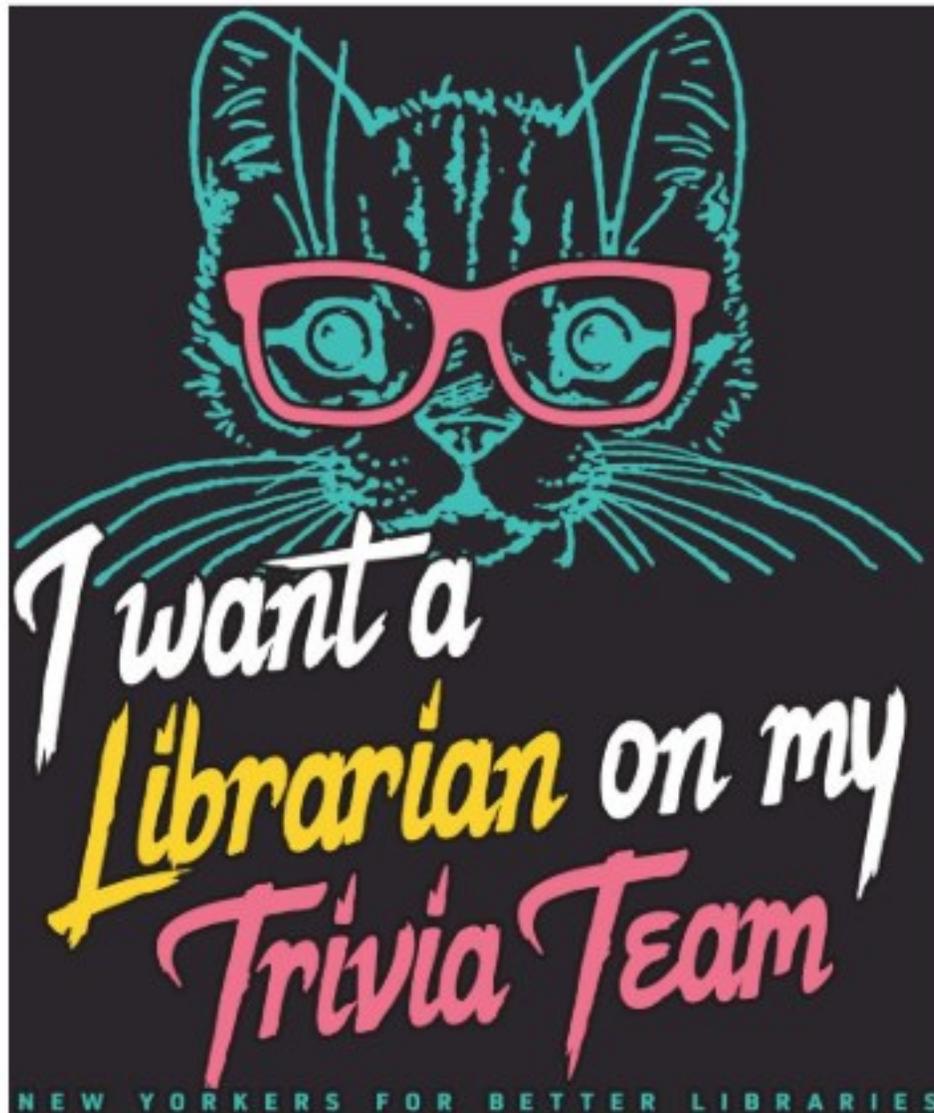
New York State Legislative Appreciation Reception – Our first legislative breakfast was so well received last September, we are bringing it back! Held on Friday, September 13 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Tompkins County Public Library (BorgWarner Community Room), this reception is a way to celebrate library services in the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, and Catskill library regions. It is the perfect opportunity for library staff, trustees, and supporters to thank our Senate and Assembly representatives for their support of libraries. Legislative representatives will also have an opportunity to speak about libraries and their reasons for supporting them. After the program, tours of the Tompkins County Public Library will be available for those interested. Please sign up for this free event at: <https://scrlc.org/events/view/6126>.

Also, please save the date for the following events:

FLLS Annual Meeting – Please save the date for the 61st Annual Finger Lakes Library System Annual Meeting on Friday, October 18. This year we are moving the meeting to Tioga County at the Shepard Hills Golf Club in Waverly. Please expect more information about the meeting in the coming weeks. A reminder that our annual meeting is for trustees, directors, library staff and library supporters.

NYLA Advocacy Day – It’s never too early to think about library advocacy. Please note, the day of Advocacy Day in 2020 has moved to a Tuesday. NYLA currently has a “save the date” for Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

Enjoy your weekend!
Sarah



Quiz for Libraries Night

at The Haunt, 702 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY

Hosted by Geeks Who Drink

Tuesday, August 27

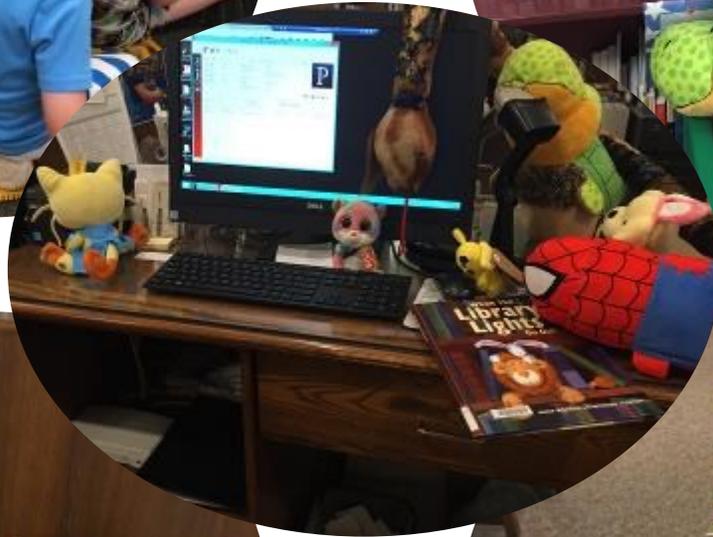
Doors open at 5:30 pm; Quiz starts at 6:30 pm

TICKETS ARE \$15 ONLINE; \$20 AT THE DOOR

Proceeds from this event benefit
New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC



Member Library News



Weedspport Free Library

“On July 31st, Weedspport Library held a Stuffed Animal Sleepover! When the kids came (in their pajamas), they filled out name tags and permission slips for their animals. The permission slip questions told us what foods their animals liked, what they disliked and bedtimes. We had a bedtime themed story time and then tucked the animals in for the night. The next morning, the kids picked up their animals and watched a slide show of their antics from the night before. We had 7 kids attend. It was a lot of fun!” - *Linda Quinn, Assistant Director at Weedspport Free Library*



Webinars, Workshops, & Events

FLLS Events

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

FALCONS Meeting

Thursday, August 15
9:30am-11:30am

Learning About Learning Circles

Thursday, August 22
9:00am-11:00am
To be held at FLLS.

Youth Services Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, September 12
1:00pm-3:00pm
To be held at Weedsport Free Library!

Conferences & Outside Trainings

YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy (EALA)

October 2019-May 2020

In-Person & Online

This 7 month program is specifically designed for YS Providers who are interested in developing their leadership skills for personal and professional advancement.

- 3 Full Day in-person Workshops
 - 4 Live 90 minute Webinars
 - 24 Hours of Continuing Education
- Tuition: \$349 (travel & lodging not included) for members or \$439 for non-members.
Deadline to apply is September 30, 2019.



NYLA Conference 2019

November 13-16

Saratoga Springs, NY

All Libraries are Powerful: What's Your Story?
Registration is now open!

Webinars

Introduction to Project Budgets

Wednesday, August 14, 2:00pm

Are you ready to start fundraising for your project or idea, but don't know what and how much to ask for? If preparing a budget for your foundation grant is holding you back, come learn the basic elements of how to draft a project budget with confidence. This class will provide you with step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. We will discuss:

- The basic components of a project budget including income and expenses
- How to estimate the realistic cost of a project
- What other financial documents you may also need to submit with your proposal

Classroom attendees: Get started on your own project budget! Join us for an optional 30-minute exercise after class.

Email marketing and consumer expectations

Tuesday, August 20, 2:00pm

Explore ways to improve the results of your library's email marketing efforts. What goes into a successful email marketing and communications strategy? Does your library have one? Where are you in the process? If you don't have one, what does your library need to get started? Join OCLC Digital Marketing Specialist, Lindsey Casto as she shares key marketing trends and explores what today's customers expect from marketer.

B&T Title Source 360 Webinar

Thursday, September 5, 9:30am

Welcome to Title Source 360. As you begin familiarizing yourself with Baker & Taylor's enhanced acquisition and selection tool, we would like to extend an offer for you to join us for one of our interactive webinars. These webinars will provide an orientation to the features and functions of the site and answer any questions you may have. Join our interactive training to learn about: searching and finding content, streamlining your workflow, and personalized preferences.



Programming Ideas

Balloon Towers



“Tonight our Teen Advisory Board members practiced team building (with a little engineering thrown in) by working together to create the tallest free-standing balloon tower structure. They could only use balloons, scotch tape, and their minds!”

- Homewood Public Library, Alabama

Encourage creativity and team building with balloon towers. All you need are balloons and tape. Challenge your older kids and/or teens to design the highest, free-standing balloon tower structure.

Source: Teen Service Underground, www.facebook.com/groups/407834692712782/permalink/1465418780287696/

Note: You may need to be a member of the group to see the posts.

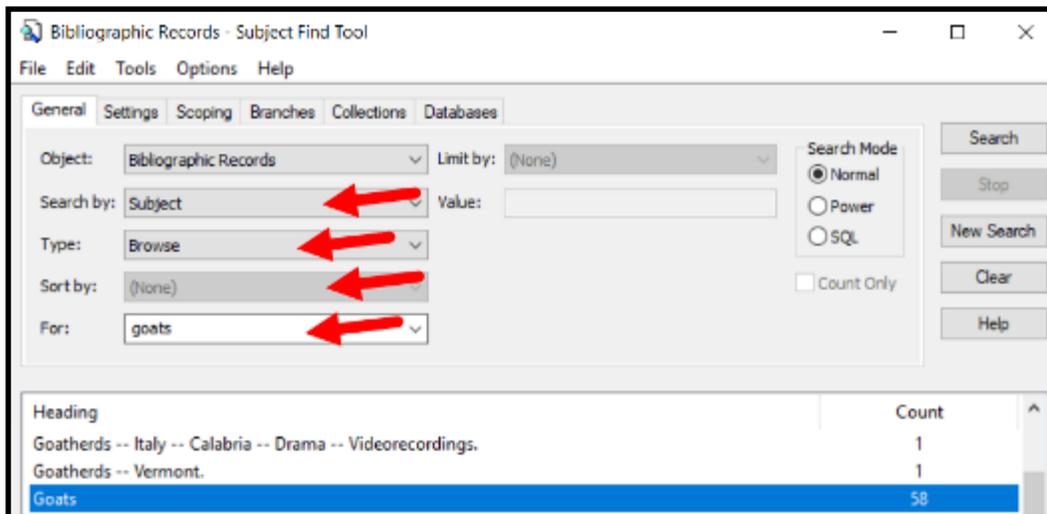


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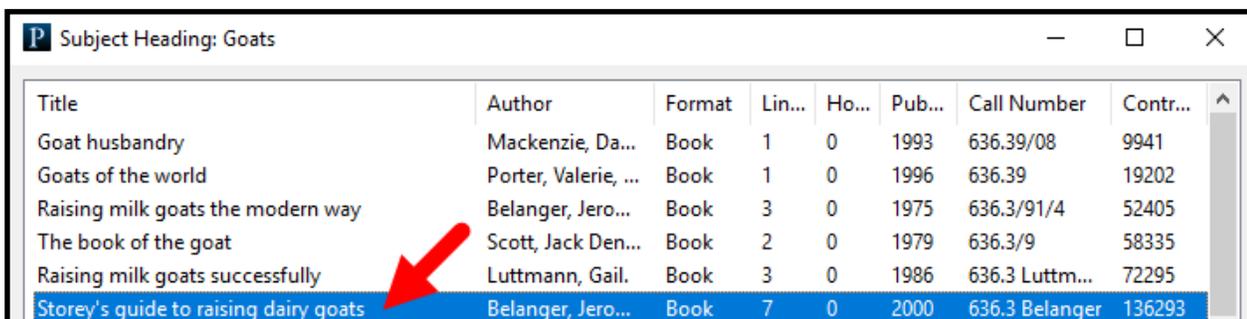
Subject Searching

When searching for a specific subject, try a Bibliographic Browse search. For example, a patron wants to start raising goats and has no idea where to start.

1. Open the Find Tool, go to **Cataloging** → **Bibliographic Records (F12)**. Change **By** to Subject, **Type** to Browse, and enter your general subject term (ex. “goats”) in the **For** field.



2. Click on **Search** or hit the **Enter** key on your keyboard. Several subject headings will populate the results window.
3. Double click on a heading to see the records associated with that subject heading.



4. Double click on a title to view the BIB record for that item.
5. Click on the **Linked Item Records** icon to view item records attached to this BIB record.



Note: Change the **By:** field to **Series** to browse titles from your favorite series!



Awards, Contests, & Grants

National Leadership Grants for Libraries

Deadline: September 27

National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-L) support projects that enhance the quality of library and archive services nationwide by advancing theory and practice. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that will be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment. This work may be achieved through proposals at various stages of maturity (exploring, piloting, enhancing, or scaling).

All applications must designate one of the following project categories: Lifelong Learning, Community Catalysts, & National Digital Infrastructures and Initiatives.

The application process for the NLG-L program has two phases. In the first phase (Preliminary Proposal phase), all applicants must submit a two-page preliminary proposal by the deadline listed above. Selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals in the second phase (Invited Full Proposal phase) of the process. Only invited full proposals will be considered for funding. Invited full proposals will be due March 30, 2020.

Grant Amount: Planning Grants: up to \$100,000. National Forum Grants: up to \$150,000. Project and Research Grants: up to \$1,000,000.

The Conservation Preservation Discretionary Grant Program

Deadline: November 8

The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials provides \$500,000 each year for preserving materials in the collections of libraries, archives, historical societies and similar agencies. The grant awards for 2020-2021 will be limited to a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$40,000.

The Conservation Preservation Discretionary Grant Program guidelines and online grant application for 2020-2021 are now available at <https://eservices.nysed.gov/ldgrants>. If you do not currently have a user name and password to access the online application please go to www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/index.html and submit the account registration form.

Patron-friendly handouts and how-to brochures for HeritageQuest, Hoopla, rbDigital, Novelist, OverDrive (& more!) can be found here:

www.flis.org/brochures

Have something to share?

Please send submissions to Jenny by 9am on August 23 to be featured in the Bulletin!